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# President's Report

by Chris Carlton



I assumed my duties as your chapter president during June with the expectation of having a nice quiet term. I planned to focus most of my attention on improvements at the newly acquired sanctuary house at Peveto Woods. Hurricane Rita changed all that, so this first report to you is not the one I initially had in mind. Many of you are rightfully concerned about the effect Hurricane Rita had on our sanctuary and some of you may also be concerned about the house, but it is gone now so you can quit worrying....more about that later. The sanctuary itself did suffer extensive damage that Ron and Victoria have documented first hand. (see the website for the not so pretty pictures) All the structures are gone, our beautiful sign has vanished, but they found the new interpretive panel, scratched but intact. Vegetation at the sanctuary has changed dramatically with some obvious loss of trees, particularly hackberries and honey locusts. The extent of damage to the live oaks and other trees will not be known until spring. In addition to the effects of the winds the storm surge left standing salt water throughout the sanctuary and we are not sure of the long term effects. Optimistically, it will kill a lot of the non-native weedy vines and our coastal flora will recover quickly. In addition, the whole landscape has been dramatically altered. One of our more immediate concerns is the need for a massive cleanup of what we estimate to be three houses that were washed onto sanctuary property from the coastal side in addition to what's left of the sanctuary house. We are currently processing insurance claims that we expect will cover the original cost of the house, allowing us to pay off our loan from the bank and recover the amount generated by our recent fundraiser. This is the good news! The challenge that lies ahead will be rebuilding infrastructure that will make Peveto Woods Sanctuary the bird watcher friendly place that it was prior to Rita. We are currently exploring the best methods to rapidly restore the habitat for our migratory birds. We are not alone in this. Refuges across the central Gulf coast were dramatically affected by either Katrina or Rita and various Audubon chapters are cooperating to expedite some of the more immediate challenges. Finally, we suddenly have some added flexibility in how we approach development at Peveto, and we invite your participation in planning for the

## Calendar

**Saturday, December 3, 2005:** LSU Museum Tour & Birding around the Lakes with Dr. Van Remsen. Register by December 1 by calling or emailing Harriett Pooler (225.291.0077 or [hapooler@bellsouth.net](mailto:hapooler@bellsouth.net))

**Wednesday, December 14, 2005:** Baton Rouge Audubon's "pot luck" Christmas party/meeting (open to all members). Call Cathy Coates at 767-9074 for directions and/or information.

**Saturday, January 14, 2006:** Winter hummingbirds in Bator Rouge. Pre-register by calling or emailing Robert McLaughlin (225.926.2223 or [rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com](mailto:rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com))

**Saturday, February 18, 2006:** Travel to Richfield Riversilt with Winston Caillouet. To pre-register, call or email Robert McLaughlin (225.753.3872 or [rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com](mailto:rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com)).

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## National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count

Baton Rouge Audubon is once again sponsoring the Baton Rouge Christmas Bird Count. The count will be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in learning more check out the National Audubon Website at [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org) under "birds & science" then "citizen science." If you are interested in participating in this years count please contact Victoria Bayless at [vmosele@lsu.edu](mailto:vmosele@lsu.edu)

**Donation Acknowledgements for our Fundraiser** As of October, 2005, we have received donations from the following individuals. *Thanks for your support!*

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# Field Trip Information

**Saturday, December 3, 2005 - LSU Museum Tour & Birding around the Lakes** Join Dr. Van Remsen, renowned LSU ornithologist, for a tour of the LSU museum of natural history. He will give us a behind the scenes tour of LSU's extensive collection of birds and bird skins. LSU's collection is the fourth largest university based collection in the world behind Harvard, Berkeley, and Michigan. Before the museum tour, we'll head to the LSU lakes to see wintering ducks. Some species we may see are ruddy ducks, greater scaup, ring-necked ducks, and hooded mergansers. We will meet at 12:30 pm at the LSU museum of natural history and then carpool to the lakes. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. The tour of the museum will start at 2 pm. Please pre-register by Thursday, December 1st by e-mailing Harriett Pooler at [hapooler@bellsouth.net](mailto:hapooler@bellsouth.net) or by calling her at 225.291.0077.

**Saturday, January 14, 2005 - Winter Hummingbirds in Baton Rouge** Join us for a leisurely half-day outing to three or four Baton Rouge homes to observe wintering hummingbirds. The trip will be two weeks after the Baton Rouge Christmas bird count, so we will have a reasonably good idea where the best birds are. We expect to see three to five species, such as rufous, calliope, and buff bellied. The trip will focus on homes with hummingbirds that have a high probability of being easily seen. Meet at coffee call on College Dr. The trip usually ends at noon, but can be extended until 1 pm if we have good luck observing hummers. Please pre-register by calling Robert McLaughlin at 225.926.2223 during business hours or by e-mail at [rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com](mailto:rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com)

**Saturday, Feb. 18, 2005 - Richfield Riversilt** Join Winston Caillouet on a field trip to Richfield Riversilt. The group will visit the Richfield Riversilt property, which is adjacent to the Mississippi river a few miles southeast of Baton Rouge. The trip should last no longer than four hours. We will meet at coffee call on College Dr. for a 7am departure to the birding site. Please pre-register by Thursday, February 16th by calling Robert McLaughlin at 225.926.2223 during business hours or by e-mail at [rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com](mailto:rmclaughlin@sterneagee.com).

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## **GCBO Workshop** by Victoria Bayless

The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) is an independent, membership-based nonprofit organization whose mission is the study and conservation of birds and their habitat around the Gulf of Mexico. The Observatory especially values partnerships with individuals and other organizations, both public and private, to conduct research and facilitate habitat conservation in areas critical for neotropical migrants. The shared goal of all partners is to preserve and restore essential migratory bird habitat. GCBO is active in citizen science projects, and is the focal point in a Network of Site Partners ranging from Florida to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Peveto Woods Sanctuary is one of 54 Gulf-wide Site Partners in their network.

On Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Ron and I attended the GCBO Site Partner Workshop at La Mancha near Veracruz Mexico. The workshop had two main focuses this year. The first being



*GCBO Research Coordinator John Arvin discusses the use of radar in tracking bird migrations*

development of ecotourism at Site Partner reserves and sanctuaries.

The second focus of the workshop was on site monitoring. We had been introduced to the monitoring program last year and had been working on a way to set up a monitoring trail in Peveto Woods for migrants. Topics included the Avian International Monitoring Network. This network uses eBird, [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org), a project developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, to provide a simple way for birders to keep track of the birds seen anywhere in North America. This centralized database is a secure and public repository, which will allow scientists from any country to select datasets for analysis. Ebird is now available in Spanish. There is a special version of ebird that is to be used by the Site Partners for entering data on migrants. We also heard reports on some monitoring programs underway in the Yucatan.

*GCBO Site Partner Workshop meeting facility at LaMancha Research Station, Veracruz, Mexico*

By the time you have this issue of The Barred Owl, the Senate may have already voted on the Water Resources Development Act of 2005. It is in this legislation that Louisiana is asking for \$2B in funding to protect the Louisiana coast. It is also in this bill that Senator David Vitter of Louisiana has inserted a provision which would reduce the oversight authority of the Corps of Engineers over cypress wetland forests. Our forests are under tremendous pressure now due to a demand for cypress mulch. The greater need for land and housing after Hurricane Katrina has increased the risk they are under, with logging operations and residential developers clamoring to clear cut the forests. This provision would be harmful to the coast because the trees shore up the land which is being threatened by the encroaching Gulf, and it would be harmful to the forests which cannot regenerate due to the increased flooding they experience as the Gulf takes over the wetland.

The most important piece of this puzzle is how to satisfy private land owners whose property holds the majority of the cypress wetland forests. Whether the bill passes the Senate with the provision, or not, we must find a way to offer incentives to protect the land permanently. Current easements are recognized to be unsatisfactory. A subgroup of the Governor's Advisory Panel is studying state and federal programs which might be applicable.

At the same time, another group is working to update Louisiana's inadequate Best Management Practices manual which was written in 1988. Existing BMP's are voluntary, do not take into consideration the conversion of wetland forests to open water, and are modeled after states which do not have Louisiana's unique environment.

In the meantime, logging activities continue, many of which are unauthorized and do not have the required Corps permitting. The Governor's Science Working Group report which was issued in April of this year, clearly states that many of these forests will not regenerate. It also observes that we are still woefully lacking maps and exact designation of forest classifications. This issue was covered in the Sept/Oct issue of the Audubon Magazine on pg. 11.

Until the mapping and the incentives and the BMP's are completed, there should be a moratorium on logging in cypress wetland forests. Reminder: the Baldcypress is the Louisiana State Tree.

Local and state conservation issues which BRAS members may want to learn more about and/or become involved:

1) Offshore Wind Energy—It's a challenge and an opportunity. Many birders remain concerned about the possible significant negative impacts on neotropical migratory birds and other bird species, of a planned platform-based offshore wind energy project. With as many as 500 of these tall, lighted, moving structures dotting the northern Gulf of Mexico, it's not inconceivable that entire bird species could be negatively impacted in a few spectacular "last straw" mortality events during regularly occurring spring cold fronts. That's the challenge part.

Now for the opportunity. In its initial planning stages, the project has passed several state hurdles, is supported by several state leaders and entrepreneurs, and is on track for construction of testing structures within the next few months. The project's backers have said they are taking measures to ensure that bird populations are not significantly harmed by the huge turbines, and have even said they would be able and willing to include Doppler radar on each installation, and would turn the turbines off during peak migration periods. In an effort coordinated by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, birders continue to work with the Louisiana Legislature and project representatives on building in adequate science-based assessment, monitoring, and mitigation of the project's impacts on bird populations. The LWF recently arranged expert testimony by LSU School of Renewable Natural Resources ornithologist to the Louisiana Legislature on the dynamics of neotropical trans-gulf migration and the nature and significance of excessive mortality events. Finding substantial federal funding within the recently passed national energy bill to help underwrite this ongoing "solid science" peer-reviewed project built-in is a possibility. The results of such a basic science study would help guide design alterations of these and similar structures to avoid excessive bird mortality.

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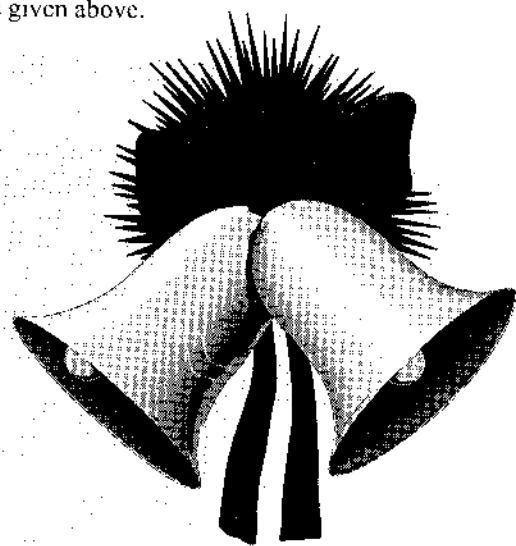


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The hope is that with this unique government/private/science partnership heavily relying on our own inimitable Louisiana intellectual resources, Louisiana would move into a position to lead the world in environmentally responsible, truly "green" alternative wind energy design and production. The opportunity exists for capfeathers for all involved. For more information, contact the Louisiana Wildlife Federation ([www.lawildlifefed.org](http://www.lawildlifefed.org)), (225) 344-6707.

2) The Louisiana McMansion Reservoir Movement - Within the last few years, more than a dozen Louisiana reservoir/dam projects have been proposed and feasibility studies funded by the state. One of these lakes, the Poverty Point Reservoir, has actually been constructed. The idea is to dam up a stream, river, or bayou, flooding a broad area to create a shallow lake. The lake can then be used for multiple purposes, including community drinking water, fishing, wildlife habitat, watersports, and waterfront development. The only problem is that reservoirs are not needed for drinking water in most of Louisiana, damming of waterways and streams destroys much more valuable and sensitive ecosystems than it creates, and the lakes are thinly veiled vehicles for land development schemes, which the state then has responsibility to maintain. Poverty Point Reservoir in the northeastern corner of the state is a good example, though it flooded mostly already environmentally degraded agricultural lands rather than woodland, swamp, and riparian ecosystems. In the few short years since its inception, however, its banks are extensively lined not with newly planted forest and natural vegetative communities supporting wildlife and birds, but with expensive homes and recreational development projects. The Louisiana legislator who championed this lake is now promoting creation of similar projects to be built across the state. These projects would have the power to utilize seizure of private property from unwilling sellers through the state's power of "imminent domain", as is the case with a project proposed for the Bogalusa area. Some of these reservoirs even propose to destroy streams already legally designated "Wild and Scenic" by state law. Included in the to-be-dammed list are the state's last free-flowing, un-snagged & channellized sizeable waterway, the cypress/tupelo/buttonbush-lined Bayou D'Loutre above West Monroe near the Arkansas line, Southwest Louisiana's coastal cypress-lined Vermillion River, and the rare mountain-laurel covered, white sandy-bottomed Pushapatawpa Creek. While other state governments are busy removing such environmentally irresponsible dam/reservoirs and restoring lost riparian ecosystems, ours is just now discovering this brand of boondoggle. For more information, contact the Louisiana Wildlife Federation at the addresses given above.

3) Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission (BREC) Controversy - The Baton Rouge Business Report's August issue featured a cartoon with BREC Superintendent Mark Thornton at the throttle of a runaway train about to wreck. At least that's more attractive than my circling sharks metaphor. For the last few months, BREC's administrative staff has been under fire by a majority of their newly appointed commission members for...well...I'm not exactly sure what. It changes every few weeks, but BREC's main transgressions have included declining (in which I participated as a committee member) at least two ill-concieved, irresponsible, and obviously self-serving partnership propositions by a local developer/builder. One proposal was to move the Baton Rouge zoo onto a several hundred acre wooded Amite River wetland the developer intended to drain and convert to a giant tourist theme park, and then after criticism from local environmentalists and opinion columnists, it morphed into an "eco-park" which would provide plenty of habitat for squirrels and raccoons. His idea, not mine. The real issue OF COURSE is who gets to help spend that 70 million dollars worth of tax money BREC worked hard getting the public to support, through their award-winning public outreach/inclusiveness campaign, "Imagine Your Parks". Seeing what's next would be entertainment except this affects the quality of our daily lives, and whether we're going to get a bigger dose of nature via our parks system, or whether "Green Spaces; Fun Places" gets left completely out while the local yoke! smalltime politico sharks smell blood in the water and begin their feeding frenzy. That's my analysis of the situation, but check it out for yourself. Call me, BREC Planning and Engineering Advisory Committee member Miriam Davey, at 291-4867, read the Baton Rouge Business Report ([www.brbusinesreport.com](http://www.brbusinesreport.com)) and The Advocate ([www.theadvocate.com](http://www.theadvocate.com)) which have both featured numerous stories and opinion pieces. Movie producers out there, are you taking notes? Great material, though a bit stereotypical.



**Don't Forget to Help With  
The Christmas Bird Count**

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## Sanctuary Report by Victoria Bayless

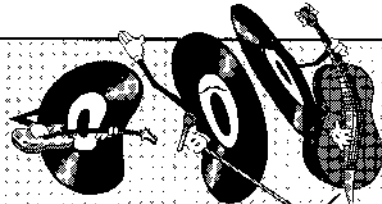
I know that each of you is very aware of the changes that have occurred all around us, to our state and to our friends and family. My heart goes out to all those who have lost so much. In the coming months as we discuss the devastation at our sanctuary, the board members are all acutely aware that it is a minor tragedy compared to

what some others have suffered. I do worry about the migrating birds that typically feed in south Louisiana and how far they will have to go to find food and fresh water before they begin their long journey south. I have been reminded that this must have occurred in the past, that hurricanes have been through this area before. But it is little consolation to me when I think of all the creatures that lost their lives during these hurricanes.

If you read the president's report then you know what we know about the situation. These are a few other observations I made on October 1st to add to Chris's report: the dune area that separated the beach from the chenier is gone, many of the smaller oak trees (10-15 ft tall) that we planted in the early 90's still had leaves and were not uprooted, the fences are all gone, the honeysuckle may be dead but the vines were not washed away, the benches around the pond are still there, and I could see many large live oaks standing without any leaves, although when Ron returned on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> to work on some clearing so we can start thinking about debris removal, he reported that many trees were already leafing out. Peveto House is just a pile of rubble that must be removed. This makes me very sad, I had such great visions for the future of that house.

We were not able to visit the Hollister Woods tract to see what damage had occurred there but we will report on that as soon as we have information. This is my report for now. I do hope to have some good news in the near future.

## Potluck Cocktail Party!



To all members, please join the BRAS board for a post-hurricane, post-travels, post-holiday cocktail party on Friday, January 20 at 7pm. It will be held at the home of Cathy Coates, 665 Ursuline Dr. Board members Ron and Victoria Bayless have taken many photos of our heavily damaged Peveto Woods Sanctuary and recently purchased home in Cameron Parish which will be running in the background. President Chris Carlton may also show some shots of his trip to Darwin, Australia. We encourage all members to attend and we look forward to hearing your input on reconstruction priorities for our sanctuary. Also, BRAS is in the process of hiring a new Important Bird

Area Coordinator, the first full time employee for National Audubon in Baton Rouge. If you're planning to attend, please contact Cathy (225.767.9074) for potluck contributions, directions, and so we can have an accurate head count of attendees. Hope to see you then!



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