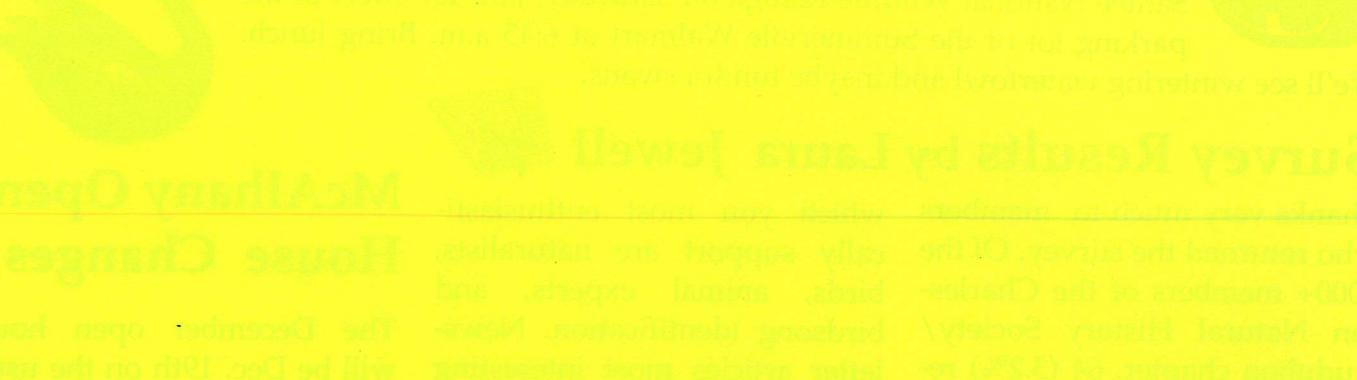


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Sightings by Bob Chinn

and N. Edisto River. However, on Nov. 4, he observed two wood storks feeding in the pond at the municipal golf course on Maybank Hwy, with all of the traffic passing within a few feet! Report rare or unusual sightings in the Charleston area to Bob Chinn, Tel. 552-7884 or e-mail rchinn@cchat.com

Mark Your Calendars

Here is a schedule of upcoming events:
Feb. 8 - Jim Elliott, SC Center for Birds of Prey, will be our speaker.
Feb. 26 - Burton Moore will lead an outing to Medway Plantation.
March 14 - Dr. Richard Porcher will speak on flora of Native American shell deposits.
March 18 - Moonlight Walk at Beidler Forest.
April 10 - Daniel Edelstein will teach us about the songs and habits of wood warblers. **Note change in date: second Monday instead of Tuesday.**

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Come to Green Holiday Party Dec. 11th

Join us on Dec. 11 when the Charleston Natural History Society will be one of nine environmental groups celebrating the holidays with a potluck supper at the Fish Fry Shack on Sullivan's Island.

Last year's party was a huge success, and this year's should be even better. The family party begins at 6 pm. Enjoy free beer, wine, soft drinks, music and drawings for all

sorts of donated items. Children are welcome.

All you need to do is bring a



dish of some kind plus your own plate, glass and fork. Last year there was a varied feast of delicious dishes. Here are the directions: Take the Ben Sawyer bridge to the island; turn right onto Middle Street at the Stop sign, and

drive about a mile. The Fish Fry Shack is on the left before you get to Ft. Moultrie.

Other participating groups are the Charleston Bicycle Advocacy Group, Earth Force, Lowcountry Open Land Trust, Sierra Club, Native Plant Society, Sewee Center, SC Center for Birds of Prey and SC Coastal Conservation League.

Participate in Christmas Bird Counts



Dec. 18 - *Charleston*, call Ed Blitch, 795-5277

Dec. 28 - *McClellanville*, call Perry Nugent, 556-3841.

Dec. 30 - *Litchfield/Pawleys Island*, call Jack Peachey, 843-347-5810 or Tonya Spires, 843-397-0384

Jan. 2 - *Ace Basin*, call David Chamberlain at 884-0019

Jan. 2 - *Santee*, call Lex Glover at 803-438-9855



Huntington Beach State Park Outing December 4th

Biologist/board member Julian Harrison will lead an all-day outing to Huntington Beach State Park, Saturday, Dec. 4. Meet at 6:15 am at the Lowe's parking lot in Mt. Pleasant. Look for gray Trooper parked near Hwy. 17. Entrance fees: adults-\$4; children (6-12)-\$2; SC Senior citizens-free. We may see Lapland longspurs. Questions? Call Julian at 795-1694.

Happy Millennium from the President

Happy Year 2000! That said, we have a lot of work to do to preserve our quality of life in the next century.

Of utmost importance is stopping construction of the proposed Daniel Island Marine Cargo Terminal.

The hearing Nov. 17 lasted well into the night. The turnout was strongly in opposition but, as you may have noticed, a majority of the letters in the Post and Courier seem to favor the project.

I urge everyone to write a letter opposing the project to the Post and Courier, 134 Columbus St, Charleston 29403-4800 or another newspaper in your area. Call radio talk shows.

SC Archeology At Jan. Meeting

Dr. Albert C. Goodyear, archeologist with the SC Institute of Archeology and Anthropology and director of the Allendale Paleoindian Expedition will speak on Jan. 11 on recent discoveries of Pre-Clovis (pre 11,500 B.P.) archeological remains on the Savannah River in Allendale County. Dr. Goodyear will show slides of the excavation, geology and artifacts. Program at 7 pm; wine reception at 6:30 pm.

Display bumper stickers we'll have available at our January meeting. Write your representatives not to appropriate any funds for the project. Send specific comments on the inadequacies of the draft environmental impact statement to the US Army Corps of Engineers and other permitting agencies. **The deadline is Jan. 14.** The

impact statement is on file in local libraries and on the corps' website: www.sac.usace.army.mil. Or contact the corps for a CD-Rom of the impact statement. If you cannot send specific comments, send general comments. All the names and addresses of officials and agencies are listed on the enclosed insert.

Backyard Birder by Van Atkins

This past month has been a slow month around my feeders. With the cooler weather I have white breasted nuthatches, yellow-throated warblers, chipping sparrows and yellow rumped warblers in my yard. My only call was from Scott Hall, who saw 29 Canadian geese on a pound at Bishop Gadsen where he has recently moved. The geese stayed two days.

My wife Wynema and I were at Donnelly WMA at Green Pound a couple of weeks ago and had the pleasure of watching and taking pictures of five Sand Hill cranes feeding in one of the agriculture fields. They were spectacular when they flew to another field.

We saw an adult golden eagle flying overhead. Through my

scope, I watched it soar around for five minutes. From



there we went to Bear Island WMA to see if the white pelicans were still there. We lucked out and found 27 of them feeding on Mary Pound. Each year we get one or two white pelicans in the Low-country. This year there have been up to 35 going between Donnelly and Bear Island. It is great to see them flying so gracefully in formation.

If you don't know, here's the difference in the feeding habits of white and brown pelicans. While the brown dives for its food, the white swims around in a group, herds bait fish together, encircles them and scoops them up.

Time to put out suet. Call with sightings: 766-7000 or e-mail vatkins@awod.com.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge Outing January 15



Joe Cockrell, biologist/board member, will lead an outing to the Santee National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Jan. 15. Meet at the parking lot of the Summerville Walmart at 6:45 a.m. Bring lunch. We'll see wintering waterfowl and maybe tundra swans.



Survey Results by Laura Jewell

Thanks very much to members who returned the survey. Of the 1000+ members of the Charleston Natural History Society/Audubon chapter, 64 (3.2%) returned the surveys enclosed in the newsletter. Although this is a very low percentage of all members, these individuals represent, by and large, a core group of interested nature-lovers.

The vast majority of you want no change in the current day and time of meetings. Many of you generously volunteered for various projects, the most popular being booth tending at a fair or other event, trail clearing/construction, and leading outings/hikes. Program coordinators should be calling you soon to discuss these volunteering opportunities. If you did not return a survey but would like to volunteer for, or suggest, any projects, please call Cornelia Carrier Gibbs at 577-6437. Respondents were most interested in outings which involve hiking and canoeing and were accepting of fees and RSVP requirements when necessary.

The meeting program topics

which you most enthusiastically support are naturalists, birds, animal experts, and birdsong identification. Newsletter articles most interesting to members seem to be those discussing local environmental issues and birds.

The Board has recently rekindled the Conservation Committee. One survey question asked members to guide the committee's energies by indicating environmental issues of highest concern. The responses included, in descending order, land use, local/state issues, wildlife/endangered species, pollution, Southeast regional issues, and national issues.

Other issues mentioned by respondents were global population, wetlands, land privatization, water consumption, native plant landscaping, habitat preservation, clear-cutting, urban sprawl, and public transportation. The Conservation Committee will focus its efforts on these relevant issues. Likewise, the board will try to adjust chapter events in alignment with respondents' preferences.

McAlhany Open House Changes

The December open house will be Dec. 19th on the usual third Sunday of the month. Jeff Dennis will lead a birding walk along Cattle Creek. There will be no open house in January. Beginning in February, the open house will be on the **first Sunday of the month**, so plan to join Jeff on Feb. 6, 2000. Directions: take Hwy. 61 to Cannadys Crossroads and turn right onto Hwy. 15. When you reach the small community of Grover, take the first left onto Wire Rd. Go over I-95 and across a small creek. Then look for our sign on the left side of the road. The trip takes a little more than an hour. Questions? Call Jeff at 577-8890.

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|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------|---|
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Tina Hadden | PO Box 919 Charleston, SC 29402 | 746-2722 | All aspects of the DEIS, dredging, |
| U.S. Coast Guard 7th Coast Guard District | Gary Pruitt | 909 SE First Avenue Brickell Plaza Federal Bldg., Miami, FL 33131 | 727-5335 | Bridges over Beresford Creek |
| U.S. Forest Service | Don Kinerson | Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212 | 727-4271 | Impacts to Francis Marion Forest |
| DHEC-Office of Env. Quality | Rhetta Geddings | Water Quality Certification & Wetlands Program 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201 | 803-898-4229 | Impacts to water quality, bridges, and other aspects |
| DHEC-Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management | Curtis Joyner Rob Mikell | 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 Charleston 29201 | 744-5838 | Impact to water quality, bridges, and other aspects |

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Proposed Daniel Island Marine Cargo Terminal

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Listed below are the House (H) and Senate (S) delegations for Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties. Please use the fact sheet provided on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to formulate your own letter. Also, listed are the five permitting agencies. We encourage you to copy all letters to legislators, city & town councils, and permitting agencies. Letters via the postal service are the best form of public comment. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** A number of house and senate members have opted to suspend or change their E-Mail services from June 5, 1999 until January 11, 2000. E-mail sent to a closed E-mail box will automatically be returned to the sender. Check this web site: www.ipir.state.sc.us/homepage.htm for the most up to date contact information. To determine who are your legislators, phone the county voter registration office. If no area code is listed for phone in the tables below, it is (843).

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