

Audubon Club, Atlanta records, 1935-1980 (bulk 1959-1975). 8.25 cubic feet.

Processed collection: 3.75 cubic feet of paper documents and photographs.

Unprocessed collection: 4.5 cubic feet.

Donor: Carroll Hart; Emma Studdard (Mrs. H. A., Sr.)

The Atlanta Audubon Society was originally established in 1926 as the Atlanta Bird Club. Members of the all-volunteer Atlanta Bird Club held a meeting in 1936 and created the Georgia Ornithological Society, which serves to connect bird enthusiasts from all over the state. The Atlanta Bird Club joined the National Audubon Society in 1968 and changed its name to the Atlanta Audubon Society four years later.

The Atlanta Audubon Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation and the protection and enjoyment of birds. Some club activities include annual photography contests, educational classes and workshops, Backyard Sanctuary Tours, and birding competitions. The Atlanta Audubon Society also organizes fundraisers and awards scholarships to further wildlife protection and nature conservation efforts.

This collection includes the records of the Atlanta Audubon Society (formerly the "Atlanta Bird Club"), including club minutes, correspondence, newsletters, bylaws, subject files, and other club business. The collection also includes pamphlets and other records from the Audubon Screen Tours and Wildlife Film Committee. Additional records pertain to the Georgia Ornithological Society, including their publication, "The Oriole." Finally, there are general bird, wildlife, and conservation materials including news clippings and scrapbooks.

Acquisition information: Collection includes the 1966 original donation under accession number 1966-0076M and a 1980 donation filed under the same number. Also included is a one-folder accession: Series 11, folder 2 is accession 1968-0176M, donated by Mrs. Margaret Gary. Unprocessed additions accessioned under different accession numbers: 1974-0217M, 1975-0207M, 1976-0218M, 1977-0117M.

Arrangement note: Records are arranged chronologically within series, with 1980 donation from Emma Studdard interfiled for ease of access. Folders are labeled with the original club name ("Atlanta Bird Club"). Series 11, folder 2 is accession 1968-0176M, donated by Mrs. Margaret Gary.

Restrictions: Series 8, Folder 7 (Box 6) - Restricted due to financial materials. Redacted copies available.

Subject headings: club, birds, wildlife, conservation

Conditions governing use and reproduction: All records are available for use. Records not created by the Atlanta Audubon Society (formerly Atlanta Bird Club) or the Georgia Ornithological Society may have copyright restrictions.

Related collections in other institutions: New York Public Library – MSSCol 2099 National Audubon Society records 1883-1990s

Finding aid note:

Folder listing:

Series 1: Club Business. 11 folders. Original loose papers.

Records used in everyday activities of the Atlanta Bird Club/Atlanta Audubon Society, including bylaws and other legal documentation, membership information, some meeting minutes and Board of Directors correspondence, and record of member votes on joining the National Audubon Society.

Box	Folder	
1	01-01	Bylaws, 1959
1	01-02	Membership List, 1959
1	01-03	Club Business, 1966-1967 This folder includes inter-office mail and handwritten notes, some meeting minutes, and other correspondence between officers and members of the Board of Directors.
1	01-04	Club Business, 1968 (1 of 2) See folder 01-03.
1	01-05	Club Business, 1968 (2 of 2) See folder 01-03.
1	01-06	Club Business, 1969 (1 of 2) See folder 01-03.
1	01-07	Club Business, 1969 (2 of 2) See folder 01-03.
1	01-08	Becomes Branch of National Audubon Society – “Don’t Care,” October 1968 This folder contains reactions and votes from members of the Atlanta Bird Club regarding joining the National Audubon Society, with these members voting indifferently.
1	01-09	Becomes Branch of National Audubon Society – “For,” October 1968 See folder 01-08, including votes in favor of joining the National Audubon Society. This folder also includes the certificate acknowledging their branch charter.
1	01-10	Becomes Branch of National Audubon Society – “Against,” October 1968 See folder 01-08, including votes against joining the National Audubon Society.
1	01-11	Letterhead, undated

Series 2: Minutes. 4 folders. Original loose papers.

This series contains the bulk of the regular meeting minutes from 1935-1964. Minutes often contain monthly bulletins, financial statements, event announcements, member activity updates, attendance, and guest speaker information.

Box	Folder
1	02-01 Minutes, 1935-1941
1	02-02 Minutes, 1953-1959
1	02-03 Minutes, 1960-1962
1	02-04 Minutes, 1963-1964

Series 3: Correspondence. 4 folders. Original loose papers and unbound papers.

This series primarily contains correspondence between officers and club members, but may also contain some correspondence between officers or members of the Board of Directors and some outside persons of interest. Topics of discussion include guest appearances, event announcements and discussion, and bird sightings.

Box	Folder
2	03-01 Correspondence, 1947-1959
2	03-02 Correspondence, April 1949-July 1951
2	03-03 Correspondence, 1960
2	03-04 Correspondence, 1964-1974

Series 4: Subject Files. 3 folders. Original loose papers.

This series contains correspondence and documentation on matters of particular or prolonged interest by the Atlanta Bird Club.

Box	Folder
2	04-01 Piedmont Park Sanctuary, 1956 This folder contains editorials and news clippings concerning the conservation and cleanup of Piedmont Park and efforts to have it developed as a bird sanctuary.
2	04-02 Warm Springs, 1955-1959 This folder contains correspondence and speaker information relating to hosting events at Warm Springs, Georgia.
2	04-03 Conservation Legislation, 1969 This folder contains the correspondence related to and drafts of the Coastal Wetlands Control bill and the Georgia Scenic River bill.

Series 5: Clippings. 1 folder.

This series contains newspaper clippings related to Atlanta Bird Club members and events. Some clippings may concern other topics of interest to the Club.

Box	Folder
2	05-01 Clippings, 1936-1971

Series 6: Newsletters. 22 folders. 1.25 cu. ft.

This series contains monthly newsletters from the Atlanta Bird Club and contain information on monthly programs, field trips, local events and club meetings, new membership and dues information, committee discussions, bird sightings, and wildlife conservation.

Box	Folder
3	06-01 Newsletters, 1950-1951
3	06-02 Newsletters, 1952
3	06-03 Newsletters, 1953
3	06-04 Newsletters, 1954
3	06-05 Newsletters, 1955
3	06-06 Newsletters, 1956
3	06-07 Newsletters, 1957
3	06-08 Newsletters, 1958
3	06-09 Newsletters, 1959
3	06-10 Newsletters, 1960-1961
3	06-11 Newsletters, 1962-1963
3	06-12 Newsletters, 1964-1965
4	06-13 Newsletters, 1966-1967
4	06-14 Newsletters, 1968-1969
4	06-15 Newsletters, 1970
4	06-16 Newsletters, 1971
4	06-17 Newsletters, 1972
4	06-18 Newsletters, 1973
4	06-19 Newsletters, 1974
5	06-20 Newsletters, 1975
5	06-21 Newsletters, 1976
5	06-22 Newsletters, 1977-1980

Series 7: Other Bird Clubs. 2 folders.

This series contains publications and newsletters from other bird clubs and Audubon societies.

Box	Folder
2	07-01 Publications from other bird clubs, 1949-1967 This folder contains publications and newsletters from the National Audubon Society, Athens Bird Club, Chattahoochee Bird Club, Chattanooga Audubon Society, and Carolina Bird Club.
2	07-02 National Audubon Society Camps, 1961-1962 This folder contains literature and newsletters relating to summer camps hosted by the National Audubon Society.

Series 8: Audubon Screen Tours. 7 folders. Printed literature, loose papers, and unbound articles.

This series contains literature, financial records, and business correspondence relating to Audubon Screen Tour and Wildlife Film Committee events and programming.

Box	Folder
6	08-01 Audubon Screen Tour – Programs, 1947-1973
6	08-02 Audubon Screen Tour – Correspondences with lecturers, 1953-1961
6	08-03 Audubon Screen Tour – Financial, 1953-1960
6	08-04 Audubon Screen Tour – Publicity, 1953-1960
6	08-05 Wildlife Film Committee – Correspondence, 1962-1964
6	08-06 Wildlife Film Committee – Finances, 1963-1965
6	08-07 Wildlife Film Committee – Finances, 1963-1965 Restricted. Redacted copies available. Blank checks removed.

Series 9: Georgia Ornithological Society. 19 folders. Original loose papers, publications, and unbound receipt papers. 1.25 cu. ft.

This series contains papers, correspondence, and quarterly publication issues from the Georgia Ornithological Society, a bird society organized by members of the Atlanta Bird Club in 1936.

Box	Folder
7	09-01 Georgia Ornithological Society Member Information Cards, 1936-1973 This folder contains index cards listing the dues paid per year by regular and life members of the G.O.S.
7	09-02 Semi-Annual Meeting Announcements, 1956-1975
7	09-03 Club Business Papers, 1956-1975 This folder contains news clippings, membership lists, financial reports, officer correspondence, and issues of the GOShawk newsletter.
7	09-04 G.O.S. Member Financial Correspondence, 1969-1972 This folder contains correspondence from members relating to dues payments.
7	09-05 Georgia Ornithological Society Checkbook, 1965-1968 Blank checks removed.
7	09-06 "The Oriole" – Journal of Georgia Ornithology, 1936-1937 and 1948
7	09-07 "The Oriole" – Journal of Georgia Ornithology, March 1955-June 1958
7	09-08 "The Oriole" – Journal of Georgia Ornithology, September 1958-1961
7	09-09 "The Oriole" – Journal of Georgia Ornithology, 1962- June 1963
7	09-10 "The Oriole" – Journal of Georgia Ornithology, September 1963-June 1967
7	09-11 "The Oriole" – Journal of Georgia Ornithology, 1969-1972
8	09-12 Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1963 This folder includes records of membership dues.
8	09-13 Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1964 See folder 09-12.
8	09-14 Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1965 See folder 09-12.

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| 8 | 09-15 | Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1966
See folder 09-12. |
| 8 | 09-16 | Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1967
See folder 09-12. |
| 8 | 09-17 | Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1968
See folder 09-12. |
| 8 | 09-18 | Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1969
See folder 09-12. |
| 8 | 09-19 | Georgia Ornithological Society Receipts & Disbursements Journal, 1970
See folder 09-12. |

Series 10: Photographs. 1 folder.

This series contains photographs of Atlanta Bird Club members and bird photographs taken by Mrs. John Hodgins.

Box	Folder	
2	10-01	Photographs, undated

Series 11: Scrapbooks. 7 folders. Unbound pages.

This series contains printed images of birds and two scrapbooks containing news articles and picture cutouts of birds and other wildlife. Oversize images and pages are organized into Box 8 for storage purposes.

Box	Folder	
2	11-01	Scrapbook of bird articles, by J.A. Hall, 1954 This folder contains the unbound pages of a scrapbook compilation of bird and wildlife newspaper articles written by Mr. James A. Hall for the DeKalb New Era periodical.
8	11-02	Bird Images, 1949-1955 This folder contains printed images of birds from various publications donated by Mrs. Margaret Gary in 1968, ac 1968-0176M.
8	11-03	Scrapbook Pages, undated This folder contains loose and mounted printed bird images and newspaper clippings.
8	11-04	Scrapbook Pages, undated See folder 11-03.
8	11-05	Scrapbook Pages, undated See folder 11-03.
8	11-06	Scrapbook Pages, undated See folder 11-03.
8	11-07	Scrapbook Pages, undated See folder 11-03.