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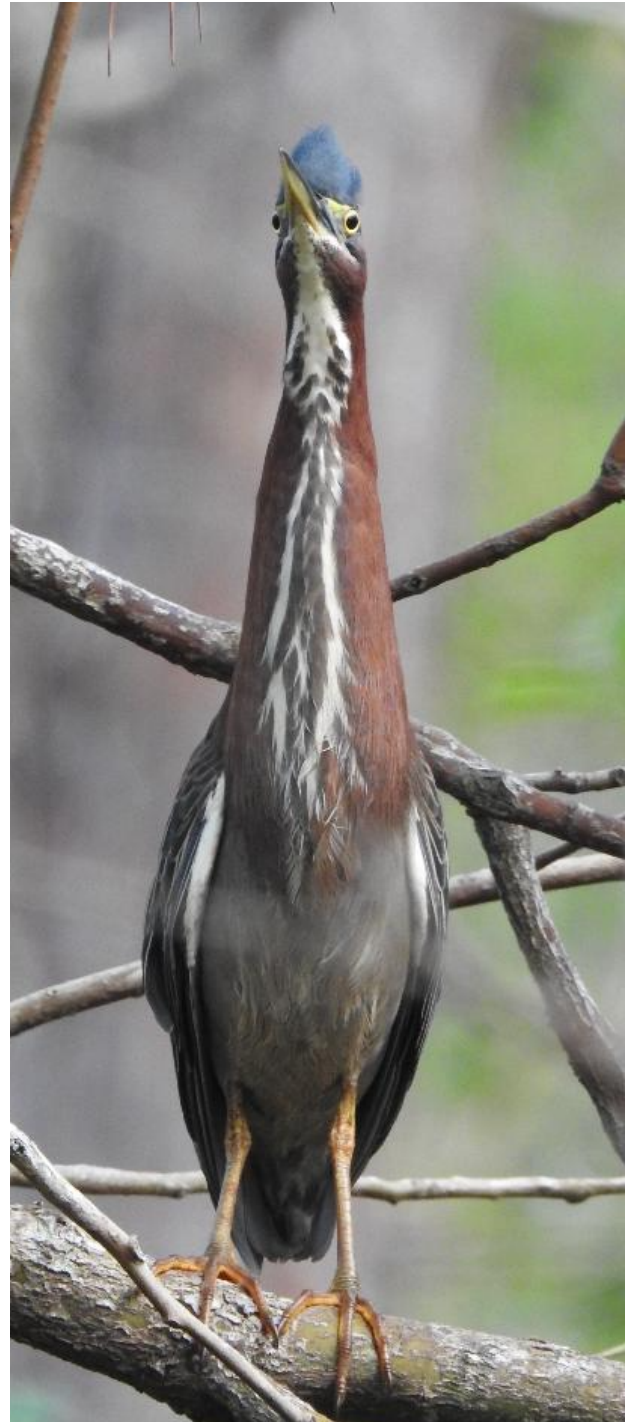
Annual Report

Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc.

DIBS Accomplishments

Where does our money come from? Where does our money go?
And, by the way, what has DIBS accomplished in 2018?

- DIBS began 2018 with a healthy account balance of \$103,079 largely due to a generous donation (\$110,000 in March 2017 from Harriett Wright's Estate) which was not fully spent in 2017.
- DIBS purchased a lot on **General Wilkinson Place** (Gorgas Swamp) from the Dauphin Island Foundation in April.
- DIBS purchased a lot on **Hunley Place** (Tupelo Gum Swamp) from private owners in June.
- DIBS purchased a dune lot on **Hernando Street** (between Tupelo Gum Swamp and Gorgas Swamp) from the Dauphin Island Foundation in July.
- DIBS paid the minimal monthly water bill for the "drip" in the Shell Mounds and plumbing work by Mike Wilson.
- DIBS paid dues to Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, Dauphin Island Property Owners Association, and Land Trust Alliance.
- DIBS paid insurance on property and the Board of Directors with Burkholder Insurance.
- DIBS sent the newsletter, ***News from the Island***, to the membership by mail in April and September.
- DIBS established an agreement with Doug McClure to maintain established trails as needed on a monthly basis in Spring, Summer, and Fall in the Porter Lot, Ani Lot, and Goat Trees.
- DIBS provided bird books, framed bird pictures, brochures, bird checklists, bird seed packages, and birding information to the new Dauphin Island Welcome Center.





- DIBS paid final property taxes in December on three lots acquired in 2018 (General Wilkinson Place, Hernando Street, Hunley Place) and 1 lot acquired in December 2017 (Houston Pl. in Tupelo Gum Swamp).
- Lynne Fitzgerald organized a clean-up and eradication effort of cogon grass and other invasive plants from properties on Grant Street/Steiner Block in conjunction with Michael Jordan and Eva Barnett during the growing season. Afterwards, plants from the Weeks Bay plant sale were purchased and placed in the lots.
- Ann McLaurin and Lynne Fitzgerald organized an informal Economic Impact Survey conducted with the aid of spring birders and visitors on the island. Results from the survey, presented at the summer Board meeting, indicated that birders visiting the island in one weekend spent approximately \$62,000 at businesses on the island; these results will be shared with the island's governmental body.
- Nancy and Jim Gaines set up an Amazon Smile account for DIBS. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases when individuals shop at smile.amazon.com. There is no cost to the shopper and Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries Inc. benefits every time you shop and choose DIBS as your favorite charitable organization. The first check was received by DIBS in October 2018. Shop DIBS at Amazon Smile to help!

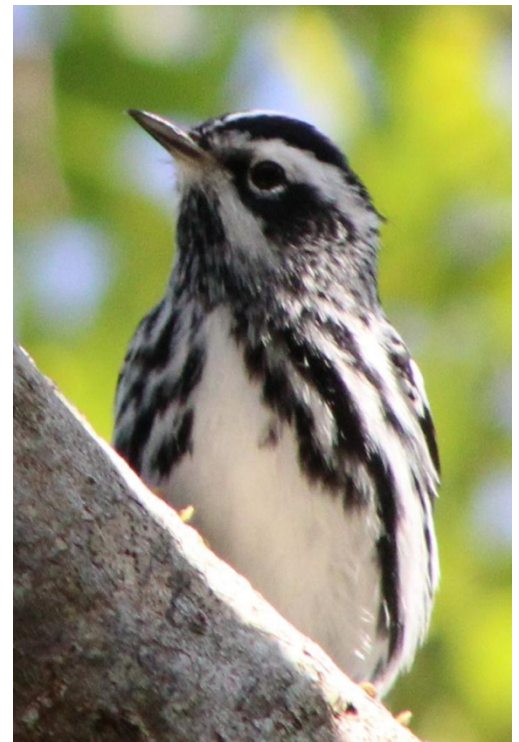
- Plans were proposed to refurbish the DIBS kiosk in the Shell Mounds, update and distribute the DIBS information brochure and DI bird checklist, and make adjustments to the DIBS membership levels. Several grants were written by members to Cornell University's Ornithology Lab and National Fish and Wildlife Federation.

- DIBS members/donors are an amazing group of like-minded people whose interest in protecting Dauphin Island "for the birds" has delivered an important part of the funding for DIBS during the past 25+ years. During 2018, members provided \$10,450 in "dues" to support the mission of DIBS. Many of these same members and other individuals sent additional Land Acquisition donations (\$5,825) and Alabama Ornithological Society (AOS) meeting donations (\$2,362).

- DIBS is currently holding several monetary assets in reserve. Due to the generous donation of AFLAC stock by Ed Senter and Jessica Germany, DIBS's AFLAC account had a value of \$56,039 as of December 2018. The Vanguard investment account, which was set up by the previous treasurer, Mary Porter, and the DIBS Board Members in August 2006, had value of \$118,285 as of December 2018.

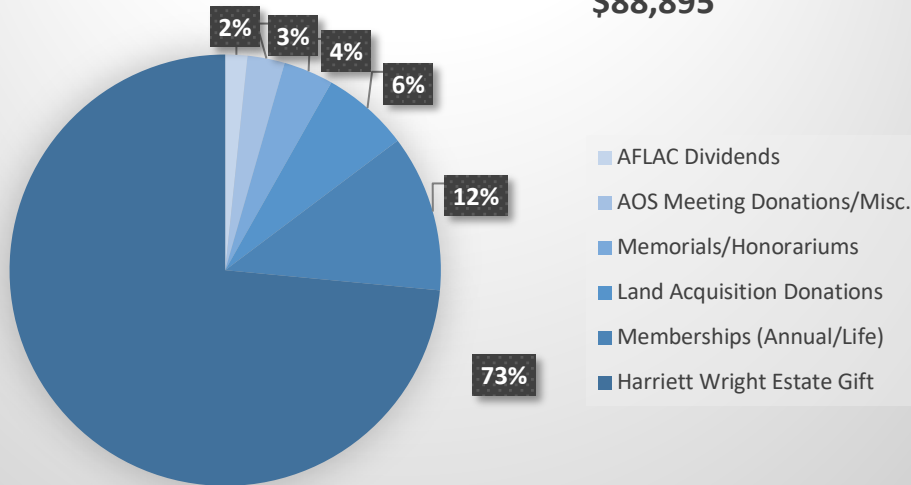
- DIBS ended 2018 in the black with a balance of \$66,141 in our checking account, again largely due to another generous donation (\$62,338) from Harriett Wright's estate in March of 2018. DIBS actually spent more money than collected but carried over \$103,079 from the previous year.

- Realistically, DIBS needs to explore additional funding sources in order to expand its ability to acquire more properties since bequests similar to that of Harriett Wright occur rarely, and the donations from the current membership do not provide enough money per year to pay for the purchase of even one of the increasingly costly lots on the island.



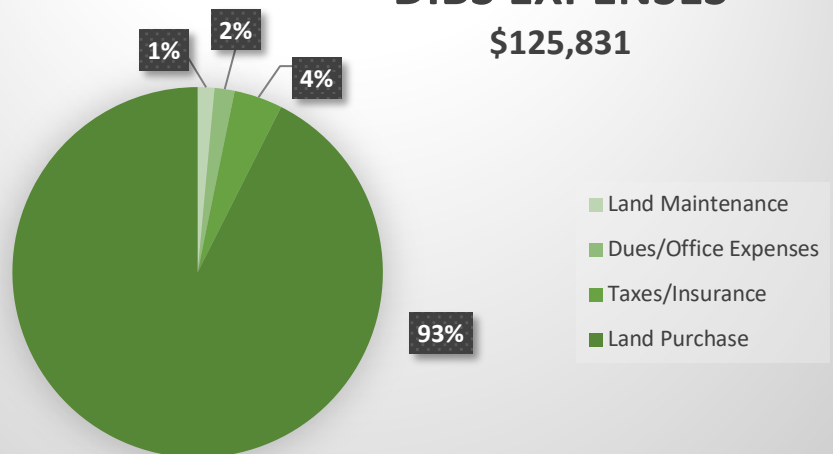
DIBS REVENUE

\$88,895



DIBS EXPENSES

\$125,831



WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?

Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. is a non-profit, all-volunteer group of individuals who share a common goal of preserving as much un-developed habitat on Dauphin Island as possible. To meet this goal, the majority of our expenditures are spent on the purchase of land on the island with a focus on wooded and/or wetland properties that sustain the best “birdy” habitat. We were successful this year in that we were able to purchase three important properties, but this was largely due to the magnanimous gift from Harriett Wright’s estate. Her generosity will be replicated rarely and so DIBS must seek other sustainable sources of income.

2018 Officers

Ralph Havard

Dauphin Island, AL

-President

Greg Harber

Birmingham, AL

-Vice President

Bianca J Allen

Birmingham, AL

-Secretary

Betsy Eagar

Mobile, AL

-Treasurer

In Memoriam Aeternam:

John Porter, Jr.

2018 Board Members

Rich Colberg

Dauphin Island, AL

Walter Ernest

Fairhope, AL

Lynne Fitzgerald

Daphne, AL

Jim Gaines

Athens, AL

Andrew Haffenden

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Jennie Stowers

Montgomery & Dauphin Island, AL

Erin Wheeler

Mobile & Dauphin Island, AL

Sarah Whitfield

Mobile, AL

Rick Courtney

Mobile, AL

-Counsel & Agent

DIBS Executive Board Meetings (Officers and Board Members) were conducted on 4 occasions in 2018:

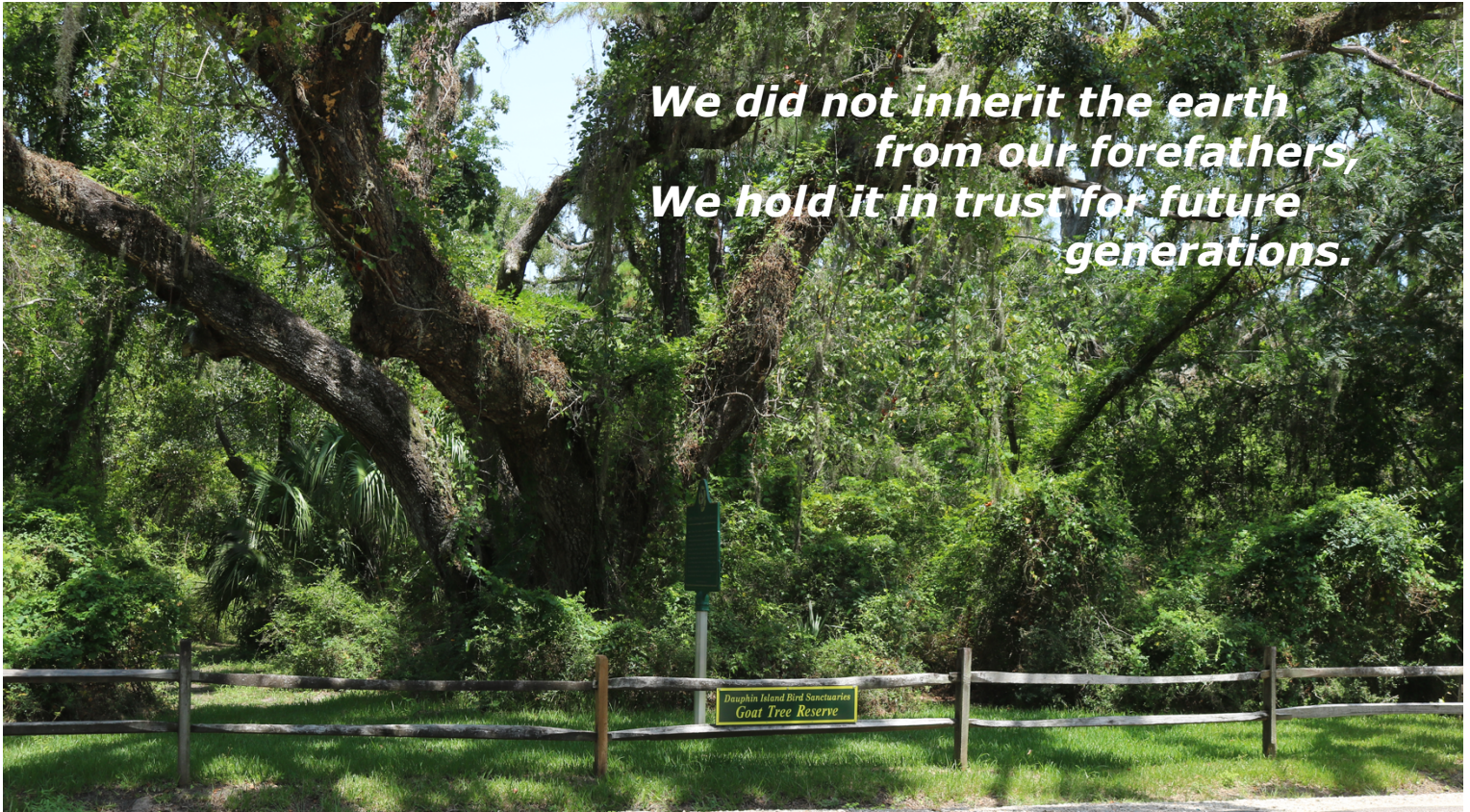
- 1.) February 24, 2018, 11:00 AM, Greenville Public Library Conference Room, Greenville, AL (Winter 2018 meeting)
- 2.) April 22, 2018, 1:00 PM, 1618 Cadillac Ave., Dauphin Island, AL (Spring 2018 meeting)
- 3.) July 21, 2018, 11:00 AM, Greenville Public Library Conference Room, Greenville, AL (Summer 2018 meeting)
- 4.) October 14, 2018, 1:00 PM, 1618 Cadillac Ave., Dauphin Island, AL (Fall 2018 meeting)

A general membership meeting was held on October 14, 2018, following the Executive Board Meeting.



Message from our President, Ralph Havard, from the Fall 2018 newsletter, ***News from the Island:***

..... As you know, the many prime parcels of land on Dauphin Island acquired and protected by DIBS provide essential migratory bird stopover habitat, so vital for our fall and spring neo-tropical migratory birds. With development pressures and new construction activity on the island very high, your continued support of the DIBS mission is essential and very much appreciated and I hope that you can visit your DIBS properties on the island this fall!



*We did not inherit the earth
from our forefathers,
We hold it in trust for future
generations.*

2018 Members & Donors

Anonymous
Gayle & Sandy Barnett
Susan Barrow
Emery Baya
Ann Bedsole
Uwe & Brenda Bollow
Laura Bounds
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Boutris
Ernest & Stephanie Brody
Stephen & Sally Bru
Ann & Paul Burkholder
Eugenia Carey
James & Patsy Causey
Bala Chenupati
Bobby Doris Cheronos
Alice Christenson
George & Katherine Clemo
Sharon Cobb
John & Margaret Cole
Mayor Jeff Collier
Carey & Lynne Cooper

Elise Croft
Temd & Lucy Deason
Lamont & Susan Dees
Charlene & John Dindo
John & Teddy Dismukes
Joan & John Dixon
Mary Dunbar
Laura Blutstein & Charles Duncan
Lucy & Bob Duncan
Jimmy & Virginia Dunn
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Stella Grenier
Robert Hancock
John Tullo & Lucy Harber
Ken Hare
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Ralph & Cathy Havard
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Michael & Linda Henderson
Edith Hunt
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Sandra Kendall
 Ann Marie Kilpatrick
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 Pam Lasley
 Joyce E. Lehmeyer
 Lynne Lovoy
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 Annabel Markle
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 Bill McAllister
 Dena & Don McKee
 Robert & Pat Meaher
 David Mehlman
 Dorothy Miller
 Anne Miller
 Fred & Brandee Moore
 Catherine Neal
 David Newton
 Thomas O'Flarity

Cathy O'Sheal
 Cynthia Palmer
 Kathryn Palmore
 Bruce Parsons
 Lori Oswald & Hans Paul
 Mr. & Mrs. John D. Pebbles
 Fred Peterson
 Philothel Phoenix
 Mary Anderson Pickard
 Leslee Reed
 Elberta Reid
 Rick Remy
 Michelle Reynolds
 Linda Reynolds
 Charles Burke & Betsy Rogers
 Paul & Martha Rogers
 Philip & Carolyn Sankey
 Deborah Self
 Floyd Sherrod
 George Shola
 Joan & Tom Siegwald
 Linda & Larry Smith, Sr.
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 Shelly Taliaferro
 George Thurlow
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 Amelia Tucker
 William Tyndall
 Mimi & Bud Urquhart
 Russell & Jeanne Voisin
 Susanne Wadsworth
 Greg & Patty Waldrip
 John & Ruth Walton
 Larry Warren
 Sean & Caroline Wellesley
 Bill & Lynn Wildberger
 Keneth Wills
 Dr. Frank Wilson
 Mike & Karen Wilson
 Elizabeth Wolfe
 Harriett H. Wright Estate

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT



Building Birders And Connections on the island

During 2018, three experienced DIBS birders who live on Dauphin Island created a program to bring birding awareness to a class of fourth grade students at Dauphin Island Elementary School. The experienced birders, Don McKee, Eugenia Carey, and Ralph Havard worked together to provide binoculars, Stokes field guides, and birding Activity Books to each of the 13 students in the 4th grade class. Bird talks in the classroom were arranged, and several off-campus field trips were organized so that the students could practice using their binoculars to locate birds on the island.

When asked why they started this program, Don McKee replied that the group wanted to build more positive relationships with the island residents who were not familiar with birding as a hobby. By reaching out to the younger members of the island community and getting them involved and more knowledgeable about birds and their environment, Don's group hoped to foster a permanent connection between the island's human inhabitants and the specialized avian habitat that is located on Dauphin Island.

At the end of the school year, the students were allowed to take their birding equipment home to continue to enjoy their new hobby.



Life Members

Bianca J. Allen
Carlotta & George Beck
Robin McDonald &
Deborah Bennett
Duane & Lynn Brown
Eugenia Carey
Rich Colberg
Dwight Cooley
Steve & Julie Dugan
Phillip Fuselier
Cathy & Ralph Havard
Catherine Hodges

Greg & Debi Jackson
Don & Dena McKee
Ann McLaurin
Dorothy Miller
Penny & Ron Musgrove
Phyllis Nofzinger
Margaret & Jerry
Pennington
Thomas Peterson
Mary Flint Porter
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Martha Sargent
George Shola

Maud Skiba
Dr. J Larry & Linda Smith
Jennie Stowers
Rosalind Bogo Swart
Ann & Donald Sweeney
Mike & Karen Tafra
Philip Waters
Shirley Wayland
Erin Ryan Wheeler
John Winn
Nancy Zeglan
Diane Zettle



DIBS President
Ralph Havard

Message from Ralph from the Spring 2018 newsletter,
News from the Island:

..... the primary mission of Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. (DIBS) is acquisition and protection of essential and irreplaceable migratory bird habitat on the island. We continue to add to our many prime parcels of land on Dauphin Island, the habitat that provides essential bird stop-over and re-fueling areas so vital for our spring and fall neotropical avian visitors, as well as insuring a safe and healthy environment for our resident birds. The biggest problems may still be the destruction of these birds' wintering habitat in the American tropics, or the degradation of nesting habitat on our own continent – not to mention that many of them have very specialized diets and other exacting needs, whether it be in their winter or summer residences.

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These facts reinforce and underline our mission at DIBS – the protection in perpetuity of the most important of habitats- these safe, first stop-over points that are so essential to the survival of all trans-gulf passerine migratory birds. Development pressures in the last year on Dauphin Island are high, and your continued support is vital. Dauphin Island is such a unique and wonderful location to share with bird lovers from all across our country and I encourage you to bring a friend and take the time this spring to enjoy your beautiful DIBS properties. In the past year we have added many fine parcels of land to your portfolio and thanks to your support DIBS can continue its mission of protecting and enhancing this amazing little slice of avian paradise!

