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## AUGUSTA/HIGHLAND/ BATH COUNTIES, VA FT

January 26-27, 2008

By George Wheaton

Five stalwart members of the PBC journeyed north to Staunton, VA, where we were met by two veteran local birders who helped us track down birds on our ambitious target list. Thanks to their help and the keen eyes of our group, we were able to get excellent views of most of them. Almost everyone in the group came home with at least one life bird and some folks had several. There were many "high fives."

The weekend got off to a great start on Friday when two of our group were able to get to Staunton just before dark, and were able to locate the hoped-for Short-eared Owl. Early the next morning, we drove a very short distance to an open pond that contained several species of waterfowl. One of our local contacts scanned the large flock of Canada Geese that was clambering up onto the ice rimming the pond and found our very much hoped-for Cackling Goose – a bird only recently accorded full species status. What a way to begin the day! Then we were extremely fortunate in finding two highly photogenic specimens of Barn Owl, roosting in a barn just north of Staunton. Before heading west to Monterey in the early afternoon, we added several more species including Loggerhead Shrike (in the Swope area,) Horned Lark, (one flock of over 300 birds,) and one Lapland Longspur, located by one of the local birders after persistent searching. One of us picked up a Purple Finch in McDowell.

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## EASTER 2008 TRIP TO THE SAVANNAH AREA

By Louise Brown, Carolyn Allen and  
Emily Tyler

Emily Tyler and Don and Carolyn Allen did a marvelous job of organizing our trip to the Savannah River area over the long Easter weekend. During the two-and-a-half days our group of seven logged 92 species, which was pretty good considering it was the third week in March and earlier than most of our Easter trips.

Saturday morning was a bit chilly and windy, but the wading birds and ducks didn't seem to mind. The Savannah River NWR always provides a wide variety of bird life. The large collection of Glossy Ibis, along with their white cousins, kept our attention for some time. As always, sparrows were hard to see, but Song, Savannah and Swamp were identified. The sky was thick with thousands of Tree Swallows.

The waters were populated with Coots, Moorhens, Ring-necked Ducks, Black Ducks, and Blue-winged Teal. We were delighted by a variety of wading birds; Tricolored Herons, an immature Little Blue Heron, Great Blue Herons, Great, Snowy and Cattle Egret, as well as a Black-necked Stilt flying over. An American Bittern standing motionless in the reeds was picked up by Don Allen's sharp eyes.

We had lunch about half way around the Refuge's "Four-Mile Loop." Silver Bell trees were in bloom; an array of yellow flowers, mustard and primrose among them, challenged our botanists. Yellow jasmine and cross vine added color in shrubs and overhead.

On Saturday afternoon we moved to Tybee Island, a new location for a

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## From the PRESIDENT'S PERCH

By Susan Weimer

As the Piedmont Bird Club (PBC) completes its 70th Anniversary Year, I would like to thank the Executive Board members for all their hard work this past year. Many of you will be sporting our 70th Anniversary T-shirt or sweatshirt. In the next 70 years many of us will not be here, and so it is important for us to continue to leave a legacy for those who are to come after us.

It is my wish that future members will be as dedicated to the environment and the need for preserving our bird population as our present members are. The Education Committee and the Conservation Committee are prime examples of our commitment to the environment. The Education Committee set up exhibits at Bur-Mil Park for the Fall Festival and at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Library for Earth Day. The Conservation Committee is devoted to monitoring the Blue Bird houses in Country Park.

The Program Committee provided us with programs that were inspiring and informative. Presenters provided a wealth of information about the recovery program for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, the birds of Nicaragua, the birds of Hawaii, and a brief introduction to the history of the PBC.

The Finance Committee decided on several conservation projects to which the club made donations. These included the Piedmont Land Conservancy, the Meadowlark Meadow at Price Park, the Tortoise Reserve in Bladen County, Piedmont Wildlife Rehab and students engaged in research.

The PBC Web site has been a source of superb photos, updates on club activities, links to other birding sites and various forms used by the club. If you are out-of-the-loop, you are not reading your newsletter, your yearbook or checking the Web site.

The Field Trip Committee provided members with a range of field trips that took the participants around the Greensboro Lakes, to the mountains of Virginia, to the Outer Banks and to the Savannah River Area. Many local field trips included the White Street Landfill, A&T Farm, Mears' Fork Trail and Pilot Mountain for hawk watching. A new concept called "potluck" was introduced this year which allowed members to visit any "hotspots" that the group might want

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## GREENSBORO LAKES

By Elizabeth Link

On Saturday, February 9, a combined group of Piedmont Bird Club members and members of the T. Gilbert Pearson chapter of the National Audubon Society looked for birds on the Greensboro lakes. A total of 11 species of waterfowl were seen, including at least a dozen Northern Pintails. We also found a few American Pipits and Least Sandpipers on the Lake Townsend mudflats west of Church St. A Northern Harrier cruising the wetlands near Plainfield Road was a surprising highlight of the trip. A Red-breasted Nuthatch was another good find, seen well in the pines along the Peninsular Trail. One of the pair of Bald Eagles was located in the vicinity of the nest, but not on it. Apparently, according to Lynn Moseley, this season's first eggs failed for some reason. Let's hope the eagles will produce a second clutch. Great Blue Herons were around in numbers, and one bird in the rookery appeared to be on a nest incubating eggs. Altogether 57 species were seen.

Other "Really Good Birds" included Wood Duck, Gadwall, Hooded Merganser, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed and Pileated Woodpeckers, Winter Wren, Golden- and Ruby-Crowned Kinglets, and Eastern Meadowlark.



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to pursue and no definite destination was set until shortly before the trip.

The Christmas Bird Count went off without a hitch; the Telephone Committee contacted members without email; the Social Committee orchestrated the Fall Picnic and the Holiday Dinner; the Membership Committee continued to welcome new members and coordinated the T-shirt sale; the Publicity Committee kept posters in KCE Library, and the Nominating Committee provided us a slate of officers for 2008 – 2009.

Many thanks to all who participated in the activities provided by our hard-working committee members. We hope that you will continue with us as we march through the 21st Century.



## A & T FARM FIELD TRIP

February 23, 2008

By Emily Tyler

Fifteen birders participated in the annual trek to the A & T Farm. The weather, cool and sunny, was accommodating as were the birds. The Wilson's Snipe around the farm pond did not disappoint; in fact they provided better views than usual coming out from the grassy edges in full view. We were treated to five snipe at this location and another five around the ponds at the Hog Farm.

One of the most interesting sightings, thanks to Julien McCarthy, was a Brown-headed Nuthatch excavating its nest hole in a dead pine tree. The bird disappeared into the neatly prepared hole repeatedly and reappeared seconds later with a bill full of sawdust.

Those with the keenest ears heard American Pipits overhead, though we did not find them in the usual spot in the farm fields where we could get the scopes on them.

The ponds provided several nice ducks including Northern Shoveler, Lesser Scaup, and Bufflehead. We saw or heard four species of woodpecker, Red-bellied, Downy, Northern Flicker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Sparrow species included White-throated, Savannah, and Song. A distant Meadowlark perched on a fence post and sang with gusto. Raptors numbered four, both vultures and Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks. Altogether we logged forty species during the three-hour outing, which is on par with most of our winter trips to the Farm.



Brown-headed Nuthatch at nest cavity  
on A & T Farm trip  
Photo © by Lou Skrabec

### CONGRATULATIONS, NEW OFFICERS:

Elected at the April Meeting:

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President:	Susan Weimer
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Corresponding Secretary:	Peggy Ware
Treasurer:	Lary Treanor
Members-at-Large:	Howard Millican Pat Bradley

## POTLUCK #1

*By Elizabeth Link*

On Saturday, February 2, a group of 15 bird club members toured the western part of the Greensboro lakes. Buffalo Lake gave us some excellent views of Hooded Mergansers and Ruddy Ducks. The recent rain and the city's constant pumping of water from the Haw River into Lake Townsend have raised the water levels in that lake some, but there were still enough mudflats left that we were able to pick up Wilson's Snipe and American Pipit. As a change from recent weeks, Bonaparte's Gulls were many and outnumbered the Ring-billed Gulls at some stops. Among the 13 species of waterfowl located (including Gadwall, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Bufflehead, and Horned Grebe,) we were able to score the Merganser Trifecta - Common, Red-breasted, and Hooded.



## WALK A MILE IN A BIRD-HOUSE MONITOR'S SHOES

*By Cal Weimer, Conservation Committee Chair*

We birders are more than just watchers; we are keepers of the birds, contributing to the improvement of the environment. PBC participates in activities for that purpose, one of which is the Country Park Project. We have two commitments there, one twice a year to clean up, the other caring for the 17 bird nest boxes. In early March we start watching them for evidence of nesting. We continue through late July, recording statistics, fixing problems, and making life better for the birds that nest in them.

Every birder is encouraged to try Bluebird house monitoring. You will experience the joy of seeing the first signs of nest building. You may see a pair of nesters, scolding you for trespassing, and maybe diving on you to scare you away from their babies. Eventually it is time for fledging and you hope to see the babies fly out of the house. You check the nest and find it tidy but empty. You know the babies have fledged. You have a deep sense of satisfaction as you clean out the box, readying it for the next brood of birds. So put on a pair of bird house monitoring shoes and go for a walk with me, checking birdhouses at Country Park.



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Dawn on Sunday morning found us at the famous Beverage's feeders in Monterey. (This location has produced stunning rarities in past years, e.g., Varied Thrush, Hoary Redpoll, etc.) Six Evening Grosbeaks flew in at 7:30. Shortly thereafter, this vanguard was followed by an additional 28 birds. Many were the relatively drab (but pretty) females while half a dozen were adult males in very bright, crisp plumage. Their white secondaries and bright yellow "eyebrows" were stunning. After a prolonged period of watching, the birds moved away from the feeders and we followed suit, heading into the Blue Grass Valley outside Monterey in search of other targets.

With diligent scanning along our route we eventually found a single dark morph Rough-legged Hawk, which provided long-range telescopic views. Just as we were debating whether to attempt travel on a treacherous looking icy road, a juvenile Golden Eagle soared low overhead, providing prolonged knockout views. It was engaged in an aerial dogfight with two Red-tailed Hawks. The size differential between these two species was striking as was the acrobatic agility of the Golden Eagle, which frequently parried attacks by performing half- or full-roll maneuvers.

We proceeded south to Lake Moomaw in Bath County, where we picked up several good birds near and on the lake (e.g., Common Merganser) and stumbled across our final target bird of the trip. For two days we had carefully searched through every promising patch of brush that might harbor an American Tree Sparrow. At our last stop, the bright eyed among us found this bird consorting with a flock of Dark-eyed Juncos.

The honor of "Bird of the Trip" went to the Evening Grosbeak, with the Barn Owl a close second. Golden Eagle received honorable mention. We had a great time and saw a total of 75 species with an additional four being tallied in the Greensboro area as we began our trek north.

*(Due to space constraints, this article is condensed from the original, which is in full on our Web site at: <http://piedmontbirdclub.org/ftreports2008.html#VA>)*



## SPRING PICNIC

The Spring Picnic is Saturday, May 17th at Shelter #1 in Country Park, off northbound Lawndale Drive, on the left just past Lake Jeanette Rd. Turn into the entrance marked "Natural Science Center" and drive to the parking lot on the left. Shelter #1 is at the far end of that parking lot.

The potluck (covered dish) dinner will begin at 6:00. Bring whatever inspires you of the four main food groups: meats, vegetables, breads or desserts; we are trusting chance that we will get a good mix of food! PBC will provide soft drinks, iced tea, water, and paper and plastic ware. Come by 5:30 for a bird walk. Jean Murdick will have the new PBC T-shirts for folks to pick up.

Bring some food, your binoculars, a hearty appetite and have a good time!

Coordinators: Cal & Susan Weimer: 288-2160; sweimer@triad.rr.com

## PBC EXHIBITS AT EARTH DAY EVENT

April 5

*By Emily Tyler, Education Committee Chair*

From all reports the PBC display at the Earth Day event at the KCE Family Branch Library was well received. More than 100 visitors stopped by the exhibit long enough to learn something about birds. I appreciate very much the help of all who contributed to the success of this event in my absence: Sally Howell who stayed all afternoon in my place, Susan and Cal Weimer who handled the set-up and take-down, Jean Murdick who came to help wherever needed, and those who covered the two-hour shifts: Jane Ariel, Pat Bradley, Diane McClure and Jim Eldrett. These educational opportunities help us meet one of the two purposes of the Club, to promote the study and protection of birds and other natural resources. Accolades to all!



Jean Murdick and Ann Walter-Fromson

Photo by Susan Weimer

*This and other photos (in color!) of the event can be viewed on our Web site at: <http://piedmontbirdclub.org/earthday2008gallery.htm>*

**FROM THE PBC ARCHIVES**

*By Susan Weimer, History and Archives Chair*

An excerpt from Out-of-Doors in Carolina PBC dated 1942

**OUR BIRDS VS. OUR CATS.**

At the cost of losing some of my cat-loving friends I still must report that the informal but very well prepared talk given by Henry Magie of Winston-Salem, on “Our Birds vs. Our Cats” should give even the most devoted cat-lovers pause to meditation. The cat – he quotes Eleanor Booth’s book on “Cats” – reproduces at seven months, and if the “cat cemetery” doesn’t intervene, may keep on reproducing for ten years. There can be three litters yearly, ten in a litter not being an unusual average. The cat, as we have always heard, has the proverbial nine lives, may live to be 18 years of age, and is not subject even to senile decay.

The cat is one of the important causes of hay fever or asthma, for the effluvium from a cat’s fur is a bad nose irritant. The cat is fast, strong, an accurate leaper, a skilled climber – and woe betide any bird or nestling which faces those tiger teeth and tiger claws! Your pet cat probably kills an average of 50 birds every year! (Eight million birds for the country as a whole, annually, has been given in statistical reports.) No other animal that has no economic value, has been so tolerated by man, says Mr. Magie.

And the answer! Whisper in, but for one small but most successful sanctuary in a certain Carolina city, it has been a “Cat Cemetery,” and there, in an unobtrusive corner, are the graves of 12 cats – unbidden but persistent visitors to a bird sanctuary. (Which reminds me of the story Dr. Pearson tells in his “Adventures in Bird Protection,” about the bluebird house occupants he and his young bride had been watching. Three times the cat had got the females [the male always grieved disconsolately for a day or so, then turned up happily at the same nesting box with a new lady]. And then “something happened to that cat, and I buried it on a sunny slope at the back of the garden.”)

Hardly a night or day goes by that we ourselves do not see some strange cat skulking about our grounds, around the garden, or close to the house and the feeding stations. I think our next project will be to pick out that “sunny slope” and begin to have a few cat graves. Carbon monoxide is a good, humane way to accomplish this, according to Mr. Magie.

And speaking of humane treatment, the only time I have heard ire in the voice of our gracious and smiling president, Dr. Shaftesbury, was when he added a wrathful addendum to Mr. Magie’s talk about the so-called “humane “ people who are so soft-hearted they cannot painlessly do away with their own unwanted cats, but put them in bags and take them some miles out to the country to become wild strays and to prey on wildlife.

The pot-luck field trip on Saturday, April 12, took 11 bird club members from the Lake Brandt Marina to the Nat Green Trail, then to Peck Elementary School and back to the Bog Garden. The weather was cool and threatened to rain until just after the trip broke up, when it actually did rain. Most of the ducks, cormorants, swallows, and gulls that have been on the lakes lately had taken off in the last week – the Ring-billed Gull noted in the trip list was a single individual. We did have some bright spots, in a pair of Prothonotary Warblers singing dueling songs on the edge of Lake Brandt, along with a single hummingbird, and great looks at the Yellow-Crowned Night-Herons on their nests. A total of 47 species was seen. Other birds of interest included Lesser Scaup, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks, Chimney Swifts, Purple Martins, Tree Swallows, Blue-grey Gnatcatchers and Cedar Waxwings.



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**EAGLE UPDATE**

*By Lynn Moseley*

The Bald Eagles at Lake Brandt continue on their nest. Observations this year have been complicated by the fact that the front of the nest is now so high that it is often impossible to see an incubating or brooding adult. On April 6, I went out to the nest area with Neil Thompson, Lake Warden, in his boat. After idling quietly in front of the nest for a couple of minutes and seeing nothing, we were surprised to see an adult pop up from the center of the nest all of a sudden. The bird checked us out and then resumed whatever it was doing (incubating? brooding a chick?). Time will tell, hopefully quite soon, if eaglets have been successfully produced this year.

In other news, Club members were delighted to confirm the presence of a second eagle nest in Guilford County. On March 3, Henry Link and I, along with Marvin Morales, my current Ornithology Lab Assistant, observed an incubating adult in a nest at the northeast corner of High Point City Lake. Unfortunately, this pair was disturbed by severe weather the next week, and the nest was damaged. However, on March 19, an adult was still present in the nest. It was very agitated when we approached, and therefore, we left after just a brief observation of 2-3 minutes. Such behavior sometimes occurs when eggs hatch. I haven’t checked on that pair since mid-March, but will report the results in the next newsletter.

**T-SHIRTS**

The PBC anniversary shirt sale was a big success! Many thanks to my fellow members of the Shirt Committee, Lauren Spence and Judith Pate and Treasurer Lary Treanor, for all their hard work, and especially to the members of the Piedmont Bird Club for their loyal support of the club. We sold a record number of 76 shirts. Proceeds from the sale will help fund the many worthy undertakings of the club, including, perhaps, the proposed construction of an Osprey nest platform.

Shirts will be distributed at the Spring Picnic.

- Jean Murdick

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

We look forward to sharing our upcoming activities with our new members!

- Eley, Janet
- Goins, Janet
- Gould, Jason & Meganne
- Hanson, Amy
- Hull, Nancy
- Kidd, Judy
- Lawrence, Craig
- Lewis, Shellie and Bruce Idol
- McClure, Diane



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**May 30 – June 1**

**Audubon NC Annual Meeting hosted by TGP Chapter at The Summit/Haw River S.P.** Contact: Ann Walter-Fromson, 299-9494, walterfromsona@gborocollege.edu

**Saturday, August 9**

**Field Trip: Greensboro Lakes, Part #3, for Black Terns and other shorebirds.** Depending upon rainfall and manipulation of water levels by water authorities, this could be a good time to find shorebirds on mud flats around the Greensboro reservoirs and feeder creeks. We also will look for migrating Black Terns. Details of this trip will be announced via e-mail prior to the trip, or contact the trip leader. Leader: Henry Link. 273-4672, linkh@bellsouth.net

**Saturday, August 23**

**Field Trip: Archie Elledge Waste-water Treatment Plant, Winston-Salem.** This trip has been described as “the best site in the Triad for migrating shorebirds.” We’ve also seen Yellow-billed Cuckoos and a variety of raptors there. Leader: Louise Brown, 685-5043, [piedmontbirder@triad.rr.com](mailto:piedmontbirder@triad.rr.com)

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PBC trip. This was our only ocean beach birding opportunity. North Beach on its jetty provided Ruddy Turnstones and Purple Sandpipers, along with Greater Black-backed, Herring and Laughing Gulls, two Royal Terns, Sanderlings, and Willets. Northern Gannets were making their famous dives just offshore.

On Sunday, at Harris Neck NWR, more than a 100 nests in the rookery were occupied by Wood Storks and Egrets. Nesting Anhingas (the males sporting their breeding turquoise eye-shadow) and both Black- and Yellow-crowned Night Herons were spotted nearby. Ann Walter-Fromson discovered a Merlin, and Tara O’Leary found the first of two Blue-gray Gnatcatcher nests. Other birds of interest before moving south to Altamaha WMA in the afternoon were Wood Ducks, Blue-headed and White-eyed Vireos, Red Breasted Mergansers, Chipping and Field Sparrows and several warblers and woodpeckers.

On Monday we visited the Webb Wildlife Center on the Savannah River. The weather was a bit too cold and we were too early in the season to enjoy the “star resident birds” of this area: Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Bachman’s Sparrows. However, other migrants and residents gave us plenty to look at and we added several new species to the trip list. There we saw Pied-bill Grebes and heard the fantastic call of this bird with a volume way beyond its modest size!



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**PIEDMONT BIRD CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

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# Calendar

**Reminder:** If you are interested in going on a field trip, always contact the trip leader prior to the trip. That way you will be informed of last minute changes or cancellations, or the leader may need to modify plans according to the number of attendees.

**Programs** (unless otherwise noted) are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, October -- April, at the **Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library**, 1420 Price Park Road, Greensboro



This year we are introducing a new kind of trip: **Potluck**. These are spur-of-the-moment trips with no previously set destination. It will be more important than ever to contact the trip leader in advance to express your interest in participating so you may be informed of the exact itinerary and meeting place.



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**May 2 - 4**

**CBC Spring Meeting** – Southern Pines, NC, See their web site for complete information: [www.carolinabirdclub.org](http://www.carolinabirdclub.org).

**Saturday, May 3 Spring Bird Count.** Novices are welcome for all or part of the day to count within the designated 15-mile circle. Birding is mostly by car and short hikes. The tally is the next day at 2 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Compiler: Herb Hendrickson; Assignments Coordinator: Elizabeth Link. 273-4672, [baddogi@yahoo.com](mailto:baddogi@yahoo.com)

**Friday, May 9 – Sunday, May 11**

**Field Trip: West Virginia.** This excursion focuses on the warbler migration as it courses through southern West Virginia.

Other interests also will be featured such as the floral bloom and other wildlife as they become relevant. A small house on the Bluestone River will be the center of operations from which daily activities will be launched. Leaders are Julien McCarthy & Judith Pate, home 336-656-4774 or cell - 336-339-500, [judithpate@triad.rr.com](mailto:judithpate@triad.rr.com)

**Saturday, May 17**

**Field Trip: Hamilton Lakes/Bog Garden: Warblers and other spring migrants.** These local parks in residential sections of Greensboro have become hot spots in the county for neotropical migrants. Leaders: Henry & Elizabeth Link, 273-4672, [baddogi@yahoo.com](mailto:baddogi@yahoo.com), [linkh@bellsouth.net](mailto:linkh@bellsouth.net)

**Saturday, May 17**

**SPRING PICNIC, Greensboro Country Park, Shelter #1.** Bird walk, 5:30; dinner, 6:00. Bring a covered dish; beverages will be provided. Parking at the end of the Natural Science Center Parking Lot. Picnic Coordinators: Cal & Susan Weimer: 288-2160; [sweimer@triad.rr.com](mailto:sweimer@triad.rr.com). The new PBC T-shirts will be there for folks to pick up.

**Saturday, May 24**

**Field Trip: Flycatchers in Ashe County and on the New River.** This is an all-day trip to look for Empidonax flycatchers in the best area for these species near the Triad. Meet at 7:15 a.m. to car pool; contact the leader for the location. Leader: Herb Hendrickson. 288-0271, [hhendrickson@triad.rr.com](mailto:hhendrickson@triad.rr.com)

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**SPRING PICNIC**

Saturday, May 17th at Shelter #1

in Country Park

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