Gus Kaufman, Jr., is a familiar face to many Georgia Audubon members who have attended one of his bird walks. A licensed psychologist whose practice is with Oakhurst Psychotherapy Associates, Gus’s love for nature and birdwatching began as a child growing up in Macon, with an Eagle Scout father and a Girl Scout leader mother. Living next to the largest tract of forest in Macon provided the Kaufmans with ample opportunities to hone their bird identification skills. Gus made his way to Atlanta in the fall of 1968, post-college, where he was a public school teacher, in addition to writing under the pseudonym Smokey Kaufman for the Atlanta-based underground newspaper, the Great Speckled Bird. He later received his Master’s in Humanistic Psychology at West Georgia College and studied psychotherapy in Boston, receiving his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Fielding Graduate University. Gus is a member of the Greater Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Birders (The Gaggle) and, in addition to birding, he still plays soccer, (badly, he says) and engages in social activism.