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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's amazing how fast we have grown in a year. We've added new members and volunteers and are planning some exciting field trips. Our swift progress is due to the fact that so many birders are interested in pursuing the goals of IOS. That's good news for all of us. If, this winter, you discover some folks gathered around a fireplace in a poorly lit room sharing tales of rare finds and birding adventures, you've probably found some fellow IOS members. From everyone at IOS, good birding in the new year.

Eric Walters

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