

DUES NOTICE

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BIRMINGHAM TELEVISION TOWER CASUALTIES, 1975

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Spring and fall collections were made of bird casualties at WAPI and WBRC television towers in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. The towers are located on Red Mountain and are described in Alabama Birdlife 16:4 (34)(Bierly). Table I provides the 1975 species list, seasonal numbers and dates of collection.

Spring collections began on March 15 and ended May 23. During this period, 39 individuals of 16 species were recovered. The largest kills were on May 7 and 8 with 6 and 5 birds recovered respectively. Both nights were overcast and had southerly winds up to 12 mph. Approximately 74.3% of the total recoveries followed nights with predominantly southerly winds.

There were two interesting notes for the spring collection period. On May 20, a Connecticut Warbler, which is rare on migration in the Mountain Region of Alabama, was recovered. The second bird of interest was a Red-eyed Vireo found on May 8. This bird was stunned, had lost the sight of one eye and experienced equilibrium problems. It was kept under observation and care for one week, during which time it began to respond to live food and was subsequently released.

Fall collections began on September 9 and ended November 7. During this period, 25 individuals of 11 species were recovered. Between September 29 and October 7, 56% of the total fall casualties were found. Northerly winds, overcast skies and rain were the prevailing conditions under which all casualties were recovered.

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TABLE I  
SPECIES LIST OF 1975 TOWER CASUALTIES

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>		<u>DATES</u>
	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>FALL</u>	
Bobwhite	1	0	March 15
Mourning Dove	1	0	May 4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	0	3	Oct. 3, 26, 27
Acadian Flycatcher	1	0	May 7
Wood Thrush	2	3	May 3, 7; Sept. 29; Oct. 7, 17
Hermit Thrush	0	1	Oct. 27
Swainson's Thrush	0	4	Sept. 18; Oct. 1(2), 2
Veery	1	0	May 15
White-eyed Vireo	1	1	April 24; Oct. 5
Yellow-throated Vireo	1	0	April 2
Red-eyed Vireo	16	4	April 19, 24, 25(2), 26; May 1, 3, 4, 7, 8(5), 12, 17; Sept. 10; Oct. 1, 2, 5
Magnolia Warbler	0	2	Sept. 14; Oct. 18
Blackburnian Warbler	0	1	Sept. 22
Bay-breasted Warbler	1	0	May 12
Ovenbird	0	1	Sept. 29
Kentucky Warbler	1	0	April 29
Connecticut Warbler	1	0	May 20
Yellowthroat	0	1	Oct. 5
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	1	April 19, 26; Sept. 25
Cardinal	1	0	April 18
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	0	May 3, 7, 10
Indigo Bunting	1	0	April 11
White-throated Sparrow	1	0	April 18
Unidentified	4	3	April 29(2); May 7(2); Sept. 22; Oct. 2, 27

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\* IN MEMORIAM \*

\* AOS expresses its deepest regret on the passing last November \*  
\* of D. H. "Red" Smalley, one of its active and long-time supporters, \*  
\* and extends its sympathy to his wife Bernice, the other members of \*  
\* his family and his many friends. \*

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