

## SPRING MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held at Monte Sano State Park near Huntsville on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, and May 1. Reservation information will be available later. Tentative program includes registration Friday evening, field trips for most of the daylight hours Saturday and Sunday morning, and for Saturday evening election of officers and a well-known out of state speaker. PLAN TO ATTEND.

## BANDERS' CORNER

This will be the title of another feature for Alabama Birdlife beginning with the next issue. Some interesting Savannah Sparrow data may then be presented. Proper material for this feature will be items of interest to all bird students, thus the results of banding activities rather than techniques should be presented. For suggestions and guidance see Dr. Dusi's papers on Little Blue Heron (Alabama Birdlife 6: 9-11, 1958) and White-throated Sparrow (Alabama Birdlife 3: 2-4, 1955) and Mrs. Laskey's Bluebird Recovery (Alabama Birdlife 3: 4, 1955). For the next issue we hereby solicit from all Alabama banders:

1. 1959 totals of individuals and species banded
2. The top 5 species in numbers banded
3. Any additional interesting species banded
4. Returns for the year 1959
5. Short notes on all recoveries not previously published

Your President  
Your Editor

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

In the last issue of Alabama Birdlife the minutes of the Fall meeting included a change in the by-laws of the constitution to make the fiscal year coincide with the calendar year. I wish to explain how this change affects the payment of dues.

To bring membership up to date from the middle to the end of the year, members must pay one-half year's dues. Active members paid up through June, 1960 may have the option of paying \$1.00 to extend membership to Jan. 1, 1961, or of paying \$3.00 to extend membership to Jan. 1, 1962.

Members more than \$5.00 in arrears as of Jan. 1, 1960 may be reinstated by the payment of \$5.00 and payment of dues for 1960.

It has been suggested that the different classes of membership be published should anyone like to raise his membership status. These classes are as follows: 1. Active Members—\$2.00 yearly; 2. Honorary Members—Exempt from dues; 3. Sustaining Members—\$5.00 yearly; 4. Student Members—\$1.00 yearly; 5. Life Members—\$50.00, which may be paid within a 2-year period.

I hope to have sent each member a dues notice before this issue is mailed, and I wish to thank those members who have already sent me their checks.

MARGARET L. ROBINSON, Treasurer

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wild Flower Festival ..... Haleyville, April 9-10  
A.O.S. Spring Meeting ..... Monte Sano Park, April 29-30, May 1  
Wilson Club & T.O.S. Meeting ..... Gatlinburg, N. C., May 5-8

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome:

Mr. Demett Smith, 2033 Delbrook Drive, Huntsville, Ala.  
Mr. Dan C. Holliman, Box 1927, Biology Dept., University, Ala.  
Mr. Winslow M. Shaughnessy, care of Ida Cason Calloway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

Our thanks to Blanche E. Dean for use of the cover cut.

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, ALABAMA, 1959

THOMAS A. IMHOF, J. L. DORN, S. J., and JULIAN L. DUSI

1. AUBURN (column A, center of circle is center of Auburn; pines and hardwoods 50%, pastures and crop fields 40%, ponds, streams, and swamps 10%).—Dec. 26. Clear changing to overcast; temp. 52 degrees to 62 degrees; wind ESE 5-10 mph. Five observers. Total party-hours, 13½; total party-miles, 60½, (6½ on foot, 54 by car).

2. BIRMINGHAM (column B, center of circle in New Merkle; woods borders 25%, oak-pine woods 17%, suburbs 15%, hardwoods 11%, lakes and ponds 11%, short grass 11%, tall grass 10%).—Dec. 26; 6:20 am to 5:20 pm. Cloudy to partly cloudy; temp. 53 degrees to 66 degrees; wind SE, 5-18 mph. Seventeen observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours, 62 (48 on foot, 14 by car); total party-miles, 267 (40 on foot, 227 by car).

3. DAUPHIN ISLAND (column D, center of circle on southern tip of Mon Luis Isle; pine-hardwoods 37%, pine woods 16%, residential areas 14%, mud and shell flats 14%, sheltered salt water 8%, salt marsh 5%, fresh marsh 4%, farms 2%).—Jan 2; 6:00 am to 5:30 pm. Drizzle to rain and fog all day, visibility on land one mile, over water less than 100 yards; temp. 55 degrees to 65 degrees; wind SE, 5-15 mph. Nine observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours 37½ (23½ on foot, 14 by car); total party-miles, 217 (23 on foot, 194 by car).

4. MOBILE (column M, center of circle in downtown Mobile, Providence St. and Old Shell Road; river, bay, ponds 25%, marshlands and beaches 25%, upland deciduous and evergreen woods 25%, weedy pastures and roadsides 15%, cultivated fields, nursery fields, golf courses 10%).—December 28; 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Clear, temp. 40 degrees to 60 degrees, wind N, 5-10 mph. One observer. Total hours, 11 (5 on foot, 6 by car); total miles, 50 (5 on foot, 45 by car).

SPECIES	A	B	D	M
Common Loon .....	—	2	17	3
Horned Grebe .....	—	—	24	15
Pied-billed Grebe .....	3	27	6	5
White Pelican .....	—	—	—	1
Brown Pelican .....	—	—	1	—
Double-crested Cormorant .....	—	—	884	17
Great Blue Heron .....	1	—	13	17
Little Blue Heron .....	—	—	—	8
Reddish Egret .....	—	—	—	1
Common Egret .....	—	—	1	21
Snowy Egret .....	—	—	—	27
Black-crowned Night Heron .....	—	—	—	1
Am. Bittern .....	—	—	—	1
Blue Goose .....	—	—	13	2
Mallard .....	1	—	—	16
Black Duck .....	2	1	—	45
Mottled Duck .....	—	—	—	3
Gadwall .....	—	1	—	826
Pintail .....	—	—	—	412
Green-winged Teal .....	—	—	—	4
Blue-winged Teal .....	—	—	—	19
Am. Widgeon .....	—	—	2	—
Shoveller .....	—	—	1	—
Wood Duck .....	1	—	—	—
Redhead .....	—	5	—	2
Ring-necked Duck .....	25	24	—	25
Canvasback .....	—	25	—	374
Greater Scaup .....	—	—	—	3
Lesser Scaup .....	—	39	80	1511
Common Goldeneye .....	—	—	29	—
Bufflehead .....	—	—	—	3
Ruddy Duck .....	—	4	—	2
Hooded Merganser .....	—	—	—	23
Common Merganser .....	1	—	1	—
Red-breasted Merganser .....	—	—	17	12