

A business meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society was held at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, Decatur, Alabama, on November 16, 1963, at 1:45 P. M. The reading of the secretary's and treasurer's reports were dispensed with.

The president, Mrs. Julian Dusi, discussed Mr. Tom Atkeson's proposal that a count, similar to the Christmas bird count, be made on or about July 4. She pointed out that we have a great deal of information on our wintering populations but relatively little on our summer populations. Mr. Atkeson reminded the group that more information is needed on our summer bird populations because, among other things, we do not know what effect, if any, various insecticides are having on our summer bird populations. After a considerable amount of discussion from the floor, Mr. Atkeson suggested the period from Memorial Day to July 4 as possibly the best time for making the count. Since similar counts from other states would make the data more valuable, it was suggested that bird study groups from other states be contacted regarding their interest in making summer counts in their states. Mr. Atkeson agreed to prepare a statement for use in contacting these out-of-state organizations.

The president called attention to the fact that the cattle egret is not protected by federal law. She stated also that she has appointed Mr. Dan Holliman as chairman of a committee to do something toward getting the bird put on the protected list. Mrs. Blanche Dean moved that the A. O. S. go on record in favor of protection of the cattle egret. Miss Blanche Chapman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted

/s/ Robert E. Waters, Secretary

Fall Notes From Jacksonville. My records for arrivals and other interesting records for the Jacksonville area are as follows:

September 14, Redstart, Tennessee Warbler, Spotted Sandpiper; Sept. 22, Black-poll, Black-throated Blue, Canada, Chestnut-sided, Golden-winged, Magnolia and Nashville Warblers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Olive-backed and Gray-cheeked Thrushes; Sept. 26, Blackburnian and Blue-winged Warblers:

October 5, Louisiana and Northern Waterthrushes, Ovenbird (at low altitude), Short-billed Marsh Wren, Tree Swallow, Rough-legged Hawk, Coot; October 16, White-throated Sparrow; October 18, Song Sparrow; October 19, Leconte's Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Cowbird, Cliff Swallow, Maryland Yellowthroat; October 20, Myrtle Warbler, Gray-cheeked Thrush (late date), Mallard; October 25, Wood Duck; October 26, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Pintail, Greater Scaup, Great Blue Heron; October 27, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Hermit Thrush;

November 2, Cedar Waxwing, American and Sprague's Pipits, Prairie Horned Lark, White-crowned Sparrow; Nov. 3, Ring-necked Duck, Baldpate; Nov. 6, Canvasback and Black Ducks; Nov. 12, Green-winged Teal, Northern Phalarope; Nov. 22, Ruddy Duck; Golden-crowned Kinglet; Nov. 27, Hooded Merganser; Nov. 28, Sharp-shinned Hawk; Nov. 30, Gadwall. William J. Colvert, Jr., Jacksonville, Alabama.