

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in Cherokee County. On August 22nd, Dr. W. J. Calvert, Mr. Jerome B. Couch, Mr. John C. Hall and I made a trip to Weiss Lake up in Cherokee County. When within a mile or so from the lake, John Hall and I sighted this bird on the telephone wire along the road. We stopped and sounded our horn for Calvert and Couch who were in the car ahead, but they didn't hear us. As we got out of the car, the bird flew over into a grove of willows. Upon the return of Calvert and Couch, we all walked over into the willows where John Hall sighted the scissor-tail again, but the willows were so thick, the bird eluded us and we finally gave up the search. According to Imhof (1962:346) this would be the eastern most sight record of this species in Alabama. Julian W. Johnson, Regar Memorial Museum, Anniston, Alabama.

Cattle Egrets and Broad-winged Hawks at Livingston. On that cold, blustery, almost freezing Monday after Easter, March 30, 1964, while walking in a creek bottom pasture on my farm, I noticed in the distance a white bird I took to be an immature Little Blue Heron. It was not on water but near some grazing cattle, motionless in a humped-over posture, giving the appearance of a sick or half frozen bird. As I approached with binoculars I soon spied the tell-tale yellow bill and yellow-green legs. I made an attempt to get closer to the bird under an embankment but the bird disappeared in the meantime.

On April 21, 1964 I spotted two Cattle Egrets in a pasture right at the south corporate limits of Livingston walking around with a group of cattle in the manner of cowbirds. I approached these at close range with binoculars and observed them for a long time, noting all details as yellow bill, yellow-green legs, buffy streaks, and jowls which set them aside from other egrets and herons. Posture and movements appeared different also. I noticed as I approached too close that they ran with head up with somewhat of a comical appearance, and finally took to the air flying in a northerly direction. As I have not seen any Cattle Egrets since, it is my belief that these three were merely migrating through.

On April 29, 1964, I was attracted by an unusual hawk cry and upon looking up saw my first Broad-winged Hawk. The bird made a circle toward the south then returned flying in a northerly direction with another Broad-winged Hawk and a Red-tailed Hawk evidently in migration.

On July 5, 1964, I ran into another Broad-winged Hawk with a snake in its talons and being harrassed by a kingbird. The hawk kept spiraling higher and higher until the kingbird came back to earth and the hawk flew in a southerly direction. Carrying food at this time of year would seem to indicate that the hawk may be nesting not too far away. Jenkins Jackson, Livingston, Alabama.

THE FIRST SUMMER BIRD COUNT

Compiled by the Editor

In 1963, Mr. Thomas Z. Atkeson proposed that the Society should undertake an annual summer bird count. Following several discussions in meetings of the Society it was decided that such a count would be undertaken in the summer of 1964, any time during the month of June. Any local group that wanted to make such a count would proceed with it, using the same area and methods employed in the Christmas Count. Only 2 summer counts were made, but the results were of sufficient interest that it can be hoped that more counts will be made in the future.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. (column B of table). Same circle of 15 miles diameter used for the Christmas Count for the past 28 years, centering in New Merkle and including areas between East Lake, Oak Mountain, Elmwood Cemetery and Lake Purdy. Date, June 27, 1964; time, 4 A. M. to 7:30 P. M.; weather, warm and cloudy A. M., fair and hot P. M.; 85 party hours; 23 observers; 279 party miles, 233 miles in car, 43 miles on foot, 3 miles by boat; nests found 31, nests identified, 27; total species identified 87; approximate total of individuals seen, 27,059; description of habitat, 28% residential, 16% woodland border, 14% lakes and ponds, 25% oak-pine woods, 15% pastures, 1% tall grass, 0.5% creeks and rivers, 0.5% cemetery.

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AUBURN, ALABAMA. (column A of table). Same circle of 15 miles diameter as used in the Christmas Count, centering at the Auburn post office, including Whatley's lake and the North Auburn Ponds. Date, June 23, 1964; time, 4 A. M. to 9 A. M., weather clear and warm; 9 party hours, 8 observers, 43 party miles, 40 miles in car, 3 miles on foot; total species identified, 66; total individuals seen, 837; description of habitat, 50% mixed woods, 20% water and mud flats 30% pastures and open fields.

Participants (names capitalized are of party leaders). M. F. BAKER, Chester McConnell; JULIAN DUSI, Rosemary Dusi, Bill Goslin, George Folkert, Kenneth Landers, Charles Patrick.

LIST OF BIRDS SEEN.

Species	A	B	Species	A	B
Common Loon		1	Blue-winged Teal		20
Pied-billed Grebe		2	Shoveller		1
Great Blue Heron	1		Ring-necked Duck		2
Green Heron	15	16	Turkey Vulture		7
Little Blue Heron	5	6	Black Vulture	1	4

Species	A	B	Species	A	B
Cooper's Hawk		2	Brown Thrasher	2	100
Red-tailed Hawk		3	Robin	4	308
Red-shouldered Hawk		4	Wood Thrush	12	113
Bald Eagle (imm.)		1	Eastern Bluebird	3	37
Broad-winged Hawk		4	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	3
Bobwhite	20	97	Loggerhead Shrike	3	2
Coot		3	Starling	49	8,500
Killdeer	12	36	White-eyed Vireo	11	28
Mourning Dove	33	471	Yellow-throated Vireo	1	7
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7	25	Red-eyed Vireo	9	66
Screech Owl	1		Black and White Warbler		3
Barred Owl	1	1	Prothonotary Warbler	1	4
Chuck-wills-widow	9		Parula Warbler		1
Common Nighthawk	1	14	Yellow Warbler	3	23
Chimney Swift	8	168	Cerulean Warbler		1
Ruby-throated Hum. Bird	2	8	Yellow-throated Warbler	1	27
Belted Kingfisher	4	16	Pine Warbler	4	17
Yellow-shafted Flicker	6	66	Prairie Warbler	8	8
Pileated Woodpecker	2	17	Louisiana Waterthrush	1	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	52	Kentucky Warbler		12
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	42	Yellowthroat	10	31
Hairy Woodpecker		8	Yellow-breasted Chat	17	38
Downy Woodpecker	3	31	Hooded Warbler	3	12
Red-cockaded Woodpecker		2	American Redstart		3
Eastern Kingbird	36	32	House Sparrow	36	1,000
Great Crested Flycatcher	2	26	Eastern Meadowlark	13	72
Eastern Phoebe		4	Redwinged Blackbird	133	537
Acadian Flycatcher		12	Orchard Oriole	17	44
Eastern Wood Pewee	5	32	Common Grackle	19	225
Rough-winged Swallow	5	35	Brown-headed Cowbird	2	564
Barn Swallow		1	Summer Tanager	7	47
Purple Martin	11	12,138	Cardinal	45	295
Blue Jay	36	209	Blue Grosbeak	18	18
Common Crow	28	73	Indigo Bunting	21	142
Carolina Chickadee	5	101	Dickcissel		5
Tufted Titmouse	7	106	Eastern Goldfinch		29
White-breasted Nuthatch		21	Rufous-sided Towhee	31	320
Brown-headed Nuthatch	11	46	Grasshopper Sparrow		4
Carolina Wren	13	86	Chipping Sparrow	14	41
Mockingbird	23	236	Field Sparrow	12	45
Catbird	6	33			

Study of these two lists reveals some interesting differences, some of which may be attributed to the geographic differences in the two localities.

List of birds seen during the fall meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society, October 10 and 11, 1964. The same general area was covered as is reported for the summer bird count elsewhere in this issue. Good fall weather prevailed. Birmingham and vicinity.

Horned Grebe	Mockingbird
Pied-billed Grebe	Catbird
Great Blue Heron	Brown Thrasher
Green Heron	American Robin
Blue-winged Teal	Wood Thrush
Shoveller	Swainson's Thrush
Ring-necked Duck	Eastern Bluebird
Turkey Vulture	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Black Vulture	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Water Pipit
Red-tailed Hawk	Loggerhead Shrike
Red-shouldered Hawk	Starling
Marsh Hawk	White-eyed Vireo
Sparrow Hawk	Solitary Vireo
Bobwhite	Red-eyed Vireo
American Coot	Warbling Vireo
Semipalmated Plover	Black & White Warbler
Killdeer	Blue-winged Warbler
American Woodcock	Tennessee Warbler
Common Snipe	Orange-crowned Warbler
Spotted Sandpiper	Parula Warbler
Solitary Sandpiper	Yellow Warbler
Greater Yellowlegs	Magnolia Warbler
Pectoral Sandpiper	Myrtle Warbler
Mourning Dove	Blue-throated Green Warbler
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Bay-breasted Warbler
Chimney Swift	Pine Warbler
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Palm Warbler
Belted Kingfisher	Ovenbird
Yellow-shafted Flicker	Yellowthroat
Pileated Woodpecker	American Redstart
Red-bellied Woodpecker	House Sparrow
Red-headed Woodpecker	Eastern Meadowlark
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Eastern Redwing
Hairy Woodpecker	Purple Grackle
Downy Woodpecker	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Scarlet Tanager
Great Crested Flycatcher	Summer Tanager
Eastern Phoebe	Cardinal
Eastern Wood Pewee	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Horned Lark	Indigo Bunting
Blue Jay	Eastern Goldfinch
Common Crow	Rufous-sided Towhee
Carolina Chickadee	Savannah Sparrow
Tufted Titmouse	Slate-colored Junco
White-breasted Nuthatch	Chipping Sparrow
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Field Sparrow
Brown Creeper	White-throated Sparrow
House Wren	Swamp Sparrow
Winter Wren	Song Sparrow
Carolina Wren	Total: 101