

MINUTES OF THE AOS FALL MEETING

The Alabama Ornithological Society held its fall meeting October 10-12, 1975, on Dauphin Island. The Marine Resources Laboratory served as registration headquarters.

The Friday night program featured a slide presentation by Robert R. Reid, Jr., and James V. Peavy, Jr., on their trip last spring to the Southeast coast of Texas and Mexico.

The highlight of the meeting was the delicious seafood buffet served by the Dauphin Island Businessmen's Association at the community center Saturday evening.

Since there was no spring meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Howard Einspahr; Vice-President, Russell Bailey, Jr.; Secretary, Helen Thigpen; Treasurer, Juanita Goodson.

Robert R. Reid, Jr., gave a report of the slide committee and helped Russell Bailey, Jr., with the drawing of the door prizes as follows: Audubon Prints to Mr. Lee Shafer; a book, How to Attract Birds to Your Yard, to Russell Bailey, Jr.; Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America by Kortright to Ron Kittinger; and an original painting of the Worm-eating Warbler by Tuck Hayward to Elizabeth French.

President Einspahr introduced Mr. Lee Shafer of Tennessee and Mr. Daniel Jacobson of Georgia who presented an outstanding program with the use of beautiful slides, two screens, two projectors and recorded bird songs. The result was a fabulous program enjoyed by 67 members and guests attending.

The compilation held at noon Sunday on the Shell Mounds resulted in 154 species for the weekend. Most interesting were the Western and Gray Kingbirds, Magnificent Frigatebird, Parasitic Jaeger, Black Rail, American Avocet and four Oystercatchers.

Helen Kittinger
Secretary, pro tem

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR SOUTH TEXAS AND NORTHEAST MEXICO

Those who are planning to visit South Texas and Northeast Mexico (the areas featured on the Friday evening program of the fall meeting) may wish to communicate with Victor Emanuel, 1603 West Clay, Houston, Texas 77019, and Fred Webster, Jr., 4926 Strass Drive, Austin, Texas 78731, two experts who are most knowledgeable of birdlife of those areas and experienced in leading tours. Mr. Emanuel is President of the Texas Ornithological Society, organizer and compiler of the record-breaking Freeport Christmas Count, and conducts the Victor Emanuel Nature Tours that cover all the outstanding wildlife refuges in Texas--Aransas, Anauac, Laguna Atascosa and Santa Ana--as well as other areas. Mr. Webster is South Texas Regional Editor for American Birds and leads two weekly expeditions a year to Rancho del Ceilo, America's northernmost tropical cloud forest, at Gomez Farias, Tamaulipas, Mexico--one in December-January at the time of its Christmas Count (197 species in 1974) and the other in June.