

FALL MEETING

We all (about 50) enjoyed the meeting in Destin, Florida, last October. It's a delightful small town with good fishing and good birding. We even had a male Yellowthroat by the indoor pool at the Seascape Inn.

On Friday, Bill Summerour gave the program with emphasis on the nesting habits of the Swainson's Warbler, the Song Sparrow, the Gray and the Eastern Kingbirds and the Resplendent Quetzal. The Resplendent Quetzal, the national bird of Guatemala, was observed by Dr. Summerour at Vol-Baru in the rain forest of Panama and is, of course, a leading contender for the title of the most beautiful bird in the world.

Attending the Directors' Meeting were Russell Bailey, Jim Thompson, Martha Rogers, Bob Duncan, Howard Einspahr, Curtis Kingsbery, Eric Lefstad, Robert Reid, Tom Rogers and our guest, Henry Stevenson.

The 1979 Dauphin Island Spring Meeting will be a joint meeting of AOS and of FOS (Florida OS). Date will be April 21 (first choice) or April 7 (second choice) to not conflict with the fishing rodeo. Curtis will write FOS after Russell clears the date.

The Directors appointed the following Alabama State List Committee: Thomas A. Imhof, Chairman; James V. Peavy; Robert R. Reid. This committee is responsible for determining the status of a species in Alabama, including whether or not a particular species is to be included on the Alabama State List.

It was our privilege to have Mrs. Dorothy Coffeen attend the buffet dinner. Mrs. Coffeen recently gave 209 acres, including a 60-acre lake, to the Sierra Foundation as the Coffeen Wildlife Refuge, the place of one of the AOS field trips. Also, Mr. George Bennett, Warden of the Audubon Sanctuary on Dauphin Island, was present.

The Society unanimously adopted two resolutions: Resolution Opposing Degradation of Water Quality in Alabama Watercourses, and Resolution Supporting Designation of Cahaba River as Wild and Scenic River.

Howard Einspahr, our Librarian, reported that Alabama Birdlife is now in the Birmingham Public Library and the libraries of the University of Alabama, University of Alabama Birmingham, University of South Alabama, Auburn University, Birmingham Southern College, Jacksonville State University. The Auburn Library manages the exchange program whereby AOS exchanges publications with some 25 organizations. We need back issues of Alabama Birdlife, particularly any issue of Volume 18 (1970) or of issue No. 2 of Volume 19 (1971). Please mail to Howard Einspahr, 2731 Hanover Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35205.

Door prizes were: The Birds of the Bahamas by P. G. C. Brudennell-Bruce, How to Attract, House and Feed Birds by Walter E. Schutz, Field Guide to Nests (birds, mammals, insects, etc.) by Headstom, and a grand prize given by Doris Kingsbery of a large Arrowhead Sanddollar with a painting by Doris Kingsbery of sanddunes and sea oats.

Mr. Curtis L. Kingsbery then gave a program on his and Doris' adventure in Trinidad, complete with slides of the scenery and the birds and with recordings of bird songs. It was a fine meeting. Hope to see you at Dauphin Island the weekend of April 15, 1978.