

IN MEMORIAM

P. Fairly Chandler

July 19, 1982

AOS lost one of its most loyal members and Alabama one of its leading nature photographers and conservationists with the passing of Fairly Chandler. His excellent photographs have appeared in Alabama Birds by Tom Imhof and Wildflowers of Alabama by Blanche Dean, co-authored by Amy Mason and Joab Thomas, as well as other publications and photographic media including a beautiful postal card depicting springtime in Magnolia Springs, Fairly's home. He was also a principal contributor to the AOS slide collection, containing photographs of most species of birds found in Alabama and Northwest Florida.

Fairly was a past officer and long-time member of the board of AOS and organized and participated in many Christmas Bird Counts in Baldwin County, the most notable being the Gulf Shores Count that has been held every year since 1973. His contributions to ornithology are attested by the numerous records reported under his name.

In addition, he was an active supporter of the Audubon Societies in our state, having given programs and done photographic work for both the Mobile Bay and Birmingham Societies; and he assisted greatly in the project to set aside the Perdue Tract in Baldwin County as a part of the newly-established Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge.

An avid student of nature, his photographs have captured many rare avian visitors to Alabama as well as some of its most significant flora and, through his interest and knowledge, he gave an appreciation of our natural world to all those with whom he came into contact. Fairly was also active in the Presbyterian churches of Magnolia Springs and Foley and especially in their program to establish a retirement home at Spanish Fort. Although he will be greatly missed, he has left, for us and for future generations, a lasting legacy in his fair in God, his appreciation of Nature, his photographic work and his sincere friendliness. AOS extends its deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.