

## AOS FALL MEETING

The Society's fall meeting was on Dauphin Island on 9-11 October, and was enjoyed by approximately 85 birders from Alabama and many other southeastern states. We were entertained and educated about hummingbirds at the evening banquet by Nancy Newfield of Metairie, Louisiana. Nancy, an expert in the field, taught us techniques of attracting and identifying these incredible birds, and showed excellent slides of North American as well as some tropical species.

Field trips during the weekend visited sites on Dauphin Island, Fort Morgan, and Blakely Island. The preceding two weeks of fair weather made searching for migrants a more difficult than usual task, but we still managed to see 172 species in three days. Highlights included: **Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, Anhinga, Reddish Egret, White Ibis, Snow Goose, (blue phase), Mottled Duck, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, American Avocet, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, White-winged Dove, Western and Gray Kingbirds, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, 21 species of warblers including Connecticut, and two noteworthy sparrows, Lark and Le Conte's.**

The next meeting of the Society is tentatively planned for 22-24 January at Guntersville, AL. Details will be mailed to members prior to the meeting.

