

described as follows: "Perhaps the bird of the season was a Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher netted, banded and photographed at Dauphin Island, Sept. 6, 1983 (Sybil Hanks, et al.). The excellent color photographs (page 172) of the bird in the hand rule out other *Myiodynastes* flycatchers. The first record for Alabama supplements the single records from Mississippi and Louisiana."

The normal range of the Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher is S.E. Arizona to Costa Rica. It winters in South America. Could hurricane "Gilbert" a week earlier in September have influenced the off-course migration of this Flycatcher? The brunt of the hurricane made landfall in Mexico at the Texas border, but its heavy winds and rains affected all states bordering the Gulf of Mexico. *John and Harriett Wright Findlay, 2749 Millbrook Rd., Birmingham, AL 35243.*

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*AJAJA AJAJA*) SIGHTED ON EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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An immature Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaja ajaja*) was present on the Bradley Unit, Stewart Co., GA, on 13 August 1988. It was feeding in a slough with a group of Great Egrets (*Casmerodius albus*), Snowy Egrets (*Egretta thula*), Little Blue Herons (*Egretta caerulea*) and immature White Ibises (*Eudocimus albus*).

The spoonbill appeared at ease as it fed with the group of wading birds. Three Snowy Egrets fed close to it, catching the small aquatic life that the spoonbill disturbed in its active feeding movements.

We watched the spoonbill with binoculars and a Questar telescope for a period of at least 30 minutes. We photographed it and came back to the slough several times during the afternoon to observe it further.

To our knowledge, spoonbills have been reported only once before on the Eufaula Refuge. That was in 1985. *Julian and Rosemary Dusi, 560 Sherwood Drive, Auburn, AL 36830.*

Editor's note: Three spoonbills were seen by a number of observers near the Mobile Causeway from 20-30 July (see also 1988 Spring and Summer sightings p. 27).

25°45'N, 83°00'W to 28°30'N, 86°18'W. The eastern edge of the Yucatan Peninsula lies at about 87°W which makes all the sightings E of any of the peninsula. The initial sightings were approximately 1000 km E of the eastern edge of the Yucatan Peninsula. Thus we believe that many, if not all, the sightings were of flights originating from more eastern areas of Latin America. *David T. Rogers, Jr., Box 1927, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487 and William C. Hollis, 500 Northshore Drive, Gulf Hills, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.*

1987 RECORD YEAR FOR ALABAMA BLUEBIRDS

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A recent press release from the Alabama Dept. of Conservation and the annual report of the Alabama Bluebird Management Project of the Alabama Nongame Wildlife Program both indicate that 1987 was a record year for the Eastern Bluebird in Alabama.

The reports stated that efforts to bring back the Eastern Bluebird continued during the third year of the cooperative project which involved concerned individuals and groups across the state. Fourteen workshops held in January and February of 1987 added 53 new cooperators to the program, resulting in a total of 278 cooperators monitoring 2202 bluebird nest boxes. Ninety-two of these reported a total of 3361 bluebirds fledged from their boxes in 1987. The top producer was **Arnold Moore** of Wilsonville who fledged 540 bluebirds from 175 boxes. Second was **John Findlay** of the Birmingham Audubon Society who produced 375 fledglings from 153 boxes. Hard work from all the cooperators is making a big difference in the abundance of bluebirds across the state. Both of the top producers were located in the Mountain Region, fledging a total of 1365 bluebirds.

The Bluebird Management Project's goal is to produce 10,000 bluebirds annually statewide. About 1000 were produced in each of the first three years of the project. Undoubtedly, many more were produced by cooperators that did not send in reports. We would appreciate any information about the success of these trails which would help us to meet our goal.

Those who wish to apply as Bluebird Trail Cooperators should contact Dr. Joseph Meyers, Nongame Wildlife Coordinator, Alabama Game and Fish Division, 64 North Union St. Montgomery, AL 36130. *John Findlay, 2749 Millbrook Road, Birmingham, AL 35243.*