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A BIRD LIST FROM DeSOTO STATE PARK

At the annual meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society, DeSoto State Park, DeKalb County, Alabama, May 6-8, 1955, those who attended contributed to a composite bird list. Weather was warm and clear. The number of individuals is omitted because of much duplication; however, the few species that were outstandingly abundant will be indicated as such. Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Bob-white, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Barred Owl, Chuck-will's-widow, Whip-poor-will, Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Peewee, Bank Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Prothonitry Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Parula Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler (abundant), Chestnut-sided Warbler; Bay-breasted Warbler, Black-poll Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler (abundant), Palm Warbler, Oven-bird, Louisiana Water-thrush, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-throat, Yellow-breasted Chat, Hooded Warbler, Canada Warbler, Redstart (abundant), English Sparrow, Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager (abundant), Summer Tanager (abundant), Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, Towhee, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bachman's Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow. Total species, 108—Julian L. Dusi, Auburn, Ala.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1955

The Alabama Ornithological Society held its annual meeting at DeSoto State Park, May 6 to 8, 1955. It was held in conjunction with the Alabama Wildflower Festival.

The Wildflower Festival held its meeting the first evening in the auditorium of the Ft. Payne School. Dr. James Wilkes of Jacksonville State Teachers College organized and conducted the festival.

The Ornithological Society and Wildflower Festival groups carried on extensive field trips through DeSoto Park on the second day and third morning. A bird list was compiled and appears among the field notes of this issue.

The second evening a program meeting was led by the A. O. S. President, James Keeler. During this program Dr. O. L. Austin, Jr., discussed some of the problems of an ornithological society; Dr. Julian L. Dusi talked on publication problems; and Mr. Gordon L. Hight explained how the Georgia Ornithological Society had solved some of its problems. Mr. George M. Kyle talked with the group and showed them an excellent film on the Bobwhite Quail of Missouri.

The Annual Business Meeting was held at 11 a. m. the last day. President Keeler led the initial portion of the meeting until Dr. O. L. Austin, Jr., the newly elected President, replaced him. Among items of business, the revision of the constitution was important. It appears in this issue as revised. The Treasurer's report was given and is also printed in this issue. The list of officers as elected is recorded inside the front cover of this issue.

Many of those present expressed their satisfaction at the success of the meeting.