

MORE ON WINTERING LINCOLN SPARROW

As reported in Vol. 9, No. 2 & 3 of Alabama Birdlife, a Lincoln Sparrow stayed in my garden from October 17, 1958 until January 5, 1959, feeding daily and using the bath. He was further seen daily from March 30 through April 15, 1961. This, then, is the third year that I have had the Lincoln Sparrow feeding at my tray, but it is the first time that I have seen more than one bird at a time, and the first time I have had them singing in my yard.

Sometimes there are as many as three birds feeding at once, apparently two males and a female. I have never seen them so brightly colored before. The two males have brilliant yellow breasts and eye stripes, with a black gorget hung across the top of the breast, giving them in this respect a color pattern much like that of a meadowlark or a male Dickcissel.

They sing for two or three hours early in the morning. The song starts off with a sharp "spit", similar to his alarm note. This is followed with a series of screechy gurgles, all of which is repeated over and over with vim and vigor. So far he has not added the last melodious notes that appear in his song on the breeding ground.

--JENKINS JACKSON, Livingston

BALTIMORE ORIOLES INCREASE AT LIVINGSTON

(Ed. note--This was received just after going to press for the December issue.)

Now that the leaves are off the trees, I am making an inventory of the nestings of the Baltimore Oriole here. I felt quite sure in the summer that we had at least four nesting pairs. To date (December 5), I have found 17 nests in the corporate limits of Livingston. I cannot prove that there were that many nesting pairs, as it might be possible that a pair might occasionally nest more than once in a season, using a new nest each time, but I doubt that this was the case.

--JENKINS JACKSON

THE BANDERS' CORNER
BROWNSBORO

Between the last report on November 19, 1961, and February 16, 1962, the following birds have been banded here at Brownsboro:

Downy Woodpecker-----	3	Cardinal-----	14
Purple Finch-----	3	Myrtle Warbler-----	8
Goldfinch-----	1	Brown Thrasher-----	1
Wh-throated Sparrow--	82	Brown Creeper-----	1
Field Sparrow-----	41	Tufted Titmouse-----	2
Slate-colored Junco--	78	Hermit Thrush-----	5
Song Sparrow-----	4	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1
Swamp Sparrow-----	1	Robin-----	1
Fox Sparrow-----	13	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1
Rufous-s.Towhee-----	14		

Returns of non-resident birds for this period include 2 Carolina Chickadees, 15 Field Sparrows, 3 Downy Woodpeckers, 3 Cardinals, 2 Tufted Titmice, 1 Red-eye Towhee. All of these are from at least 6 months previous.

JIM & MARGARET ROBINSON.

BIRMINGHAM

My banding activity during the year was severely curtailed by the press of paper work. However, there were two operations that kept the year interesting. The first was the banding of 121 Robins in February at a local roost. Two of them were shot within 15 miles in less than a month. The second large group was spring migration netting on Dauphin Island on the Alabama Gulf Coast during April 13-14-15. With help during those three days, in 97 net-hours I netted 180 birds of 31 species, including 11 species of warblers.

Gt-crested Flycatcher--	1	Veery-----	2
Acadian Flycatcher----	3	White-eyed Vireo-----	4
Least Flycatcher-----	2	Yellow-thr. Vireo-----	1
Barn Swallow-----	11	Red-eyed Vireo-----	15
Carolina Wren-----	1	Black & White Warbler---	2
Catbird-----	6	Prothonotary Warbler----	2
Brown Thrasher-----	1	Swainson's Warbler-----	3
Robin-----	121	Worm-eating Warbler-----	3
Wood Thrush-----	12	Golden-winged Warbler---	1
Swainson's Thrush-----	2	Tennessee Warbler-----	5
Gray-cheeked Thrush---	1	Yellow Warbler-----	1

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BANDING--1961, Cont.

Northern Waterthrush---	1	Indigo Bunting-----	19
Kentucky Warbler-----	5	Painted Bunting-----	3
Common Yellowthroat----	1	Rufous-sided Towhee---	5
Yellow-breasted Chat---	1	Savannah Sparrow-----	8
Hooded Warbler-----	14	Vesper Sparrow-----	1
Am. Redstart-----	2	Chipping Sparrow-----	1
Orchard Oriole-----	58	Field Sparrow-----	6
Scarlet Tanager-----	6	White-Throated Sparrow	8
Summer Tanager-----	5	Swamp Sparrow-----	16
Cardinal-----	7	Song Sparrow-----	6
Blue Grosbeak-----	1		

These totals include 43 species and 374 individuals. The two operations listed above accounted for 301 birds of the 374 total for the year, so you can see that I did very little banding otherwise. The most interesting birds on the Dauphin Island nettings were Swainson's Warbler, Painted Bunting, Golden-winged Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, and the 58 Orchard Orioles. The best feature was that nearly all of the birds were in full spring plumage.

Returns during the year included Carolina Wren (1) on Dauphin Island, Savannah Sparrow (2), and Swamp Sparrow (1).

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We understand that Harriett Wright has done quite a bit of banding in the last several months, aided and abetted by Dr. Wright while he was at home recuperating. They are off again seeking the sun, so we are not able to give a report of these activities. Ed.

**** BIRD NOTES ****

On December 26, 2 miles north of West Blocton, C. W. Summerour located a Saw-whet Owl, the second for the state and a record for the farthest south. He also spotted 70 Evening Grosbeaks near Docena on January 26, besides the even larger flock reported elsewhere. Emmie Lou Grimley played host to 7 of the same species for a full week before they traveled on. Harriett Wright had between $\frac{50}{15}$ and $\frac{60}{18}$ at her feeders.

On February 22, Blanche Dean was serenaded at her home by a Screech Owl. Marge Ayres reported a Blue-headed Vireo in Birmingham on February 14.

MOTTLED CARDINAL NOTED

In the early Spring of 1960, we noticed an oddly colored Cardinal at the feeding station in our front yard. Since it was a female, the only red was in the feathers of the wings and the tail. The belly was normal colored, but the head, neck and back were light gray or off-white and mottled. It frequented the station that Spring, but we did not see it last year, although we looked for it.

On February 13, 1962, we again saw a mottled female Cardinal at the same feeding station. May we presume it to be the same bird? The station has been watched closely, but the bird has not reappeared since that date. We wonder if it may have been seen in any other section of the state.

--PERCY STRICKLAND, JR., Prattville, Ala.

DATES TO REMEMBER

A. O. S. SPRING MEETING APRIL 28 & 29
 PLACE: Birmingham, with headquarters at St. Francis Motel.
 RATES: Begin at \$6 single and \$7.50 double
 ACTIVITIES: Land birding, good food and excellent meeting.
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NATURE CAMP & WILD FLOWER FESTIVAL JUNE 7--14
 PLACE: CHEAHA State Park
 RATES: \$37.50 for entire week
 ACTIVITIES: All phases of nature study, in the field and with evening meetings.
 For further information, contact Mrs. Blanche Dean, 2100 - 20th Avenue, South, Birmingham 9, Ala.

Ed. note--This is one of weeks you should not miss. You will never have more fun with less cost, learn more under such pleasant surroundings, or be under the leadership of a more dedicated conservationist and nature teacher than Blanche Dean, the leader and originator of Nature Camps in Alabama.