

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A. O. S. IS GROWING. With Chapters over the state, we can become a more able voice for conservation measures necessary to protect the birdlife of this state. The response and co-operation of members throughout the year signifies that a strong working organization is not only desired, but also attainable.

A. O. S. has reason to be proud of its first chapter in Mobile. Through Dr. Wilson Gaillard, this group has been instrumental in promoting the Audubon Bird Sanctuary on Dauphin Island. The formal opening is slated for March 17.

In the town where you live, even though your numbers are small, an A. O. S. chapter can be formed. The stimulation of sharing can further your own bird interest and knowledge in your immediate area as well as encourage new members. A reporter for Alabama Birdlife can regularly send seasonal data to the Editor, that members may know the bird situation in each area of the state. A news correspondent can relate to the President any member and idea news for the newsletter.

It is up to us as individual members who wish for the continued growth of A. O. S. as a strong, vocal organization to give the time and effort needed. A new president will be taking office soon. Let us not only give him our support, but also see that new chapters are formed in 1962. Thank you for the excellent co-operation you have shown, your worthwhile suggestions, and your fine spirit throughout the past year.

---HARRIETT WRIGHT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Once again, it is our happy privilege to welcome a number of new members to A. O. S. We hope to get better acquainted with them at the meeting in Birmingham next month. Welcome to:

Mr. & Mrs. Preston W. Barclift
328 Drummond Road, S.W.
Huntsville, Alabama

Mr. Philip Kyle
2016 S.E. 13th Street
Decatur, Alabama

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, ALABAMA 1960

THOMAS A. IMHOF, J. L. DORN, S. J.

For description of count areas see Alabama Birdlife, Vol. 9, No. 1. Those taking part in the Mobile Count were Father Dorn, Dr. M. Wilson Gaillard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Inge Johnstone.

The Birmingham Audubon Society conducted the Birmingham count, and was represented by seven groups with a total of 26 observers. These were: Elizabeth Archibald, Mr. & Mrs. Bates, Ruth Brunson, Walter F. Coxe, F. Bozeman Daniel, Mr. Eason, Mildred Ferris, Elberta Gibbs, Emmie Lou Grimley, Malcolm Harden, Dan Holliman, Thomas A. Imhof (compiler), Joseph A. Imhof, Lois McCullough, Clustie McTyeire, Morton H. Perry, Robert Perry, Margarete Persons, Millard F. Prather, Robert R. Reid, Dorothy Roberts, Grace Snead Ross, R. Allan Ross, Idalene F. Snead, Alfred A. Walker, III.

We regret that we have not been able to get a report on the Auburn count, but this will probably be included later.

SPECIES	BIRMINGHAM	MOBILE
Grebe, Horned	4	10
Pied-billed	60	5
Pelican, White	--	10
Cormorant, Double-crested	--	20
Anhinga	--	2
Heron, Great Blue	6	4
Egret, Reddish	--	1
Common	--	15
Snowy	--	10
Heron, Louisiana	--	1
Little Blue	1	3
Bittern, American	1	--
Ibis, White	--	3
Goose, Snow	1	8
Blue	--	4
Duck, Mallard	--	6
Gadwall	--	50
Pintail	--	20
Blue-winged Teal	--	10
American Widgeon	--	3
Wood	--	2
Redhead	20	1
Ring-necked	224	100
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