

cormorants were in sight at the time and direct comparison was not possible. The side of its larger head was pale yellowish brown, its throat white, breast brown, and belly white to beyond the legs. It showed none of the orange pouch or dark belly of the numerous immature Double-crested Cormorants seen that day.

Our observations were to the southeast with the sun to the west-southwest as we used 30X Bausch & Lomb telescopes. Imhof has seen the bird many years ago in Europe, Peavy never; the Duncans had seen it on the Bay of Fundy this year. We are happy to document this latest advance.

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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF
THE ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
January 27, 1973

The mid-year meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society was held January 26-28, 1973 at Guntersville, Alabama. The Val Monte Hotel served as headquarters. A business meeting of the members was held in the Club Room of the Val Monte Restaurant January 27, 1973 immediately following a buffet dinner at 6:30 P.M. Mike Bierly presided.

The following items of business were brought before the membership:

1. Nominating Committee Report. Helen Kittinger read the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. Recommended were: President: Michael Lee Bierly, Vice-President: Dr. Arthur Garrett, Jr., Treasurer: Mrs. Charles J. Mayhew. A motion to accept the slate of officers recommended in the Nominating Committee Report was made by Gussie Arnett and seconded by Margarette Persons. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report. Mary Mayhew gave the financial report... Billing of annual dues notices was discussed. Naomi Banks volunteered to send out notices along with ALABAMA BIRDLIFE if this is feasible.

3. East Lake Resolution. The President, Mike Bierly, described the value of East Lake as a natural resource, and the need to protect it during changes, repairs, and encroachment on East Lake Park. A resolution...to the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board calling for such protection was read by Gussie Arnett. Helen Kittinger moved that the Ala. Ornithological Society adopt the resolution as read. Her motion was seconded by Margarette Persons and passed unanimously.

4. Encroachment on Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. Tom Atkeson reported on the status of the proposed access road to the Interstate Highway. Two of the proposed routes for the road would adversely affect the Refuge. So far as is known, the final decision has not been made. Therefore no action was taken by A.O.S.

No further business was taken up. The President introduced James V. (Buz) Peavy who gave an excellent slide presentation on Big Bend National Park.

Gussie Arnett, Secretary.

Bird Field Report Guntersville State Meeting

January 26-28, 1973

Michael Lee Bierly, compiler

Eighty species of birds were totaled in Guntersville and environs from noon Friday, January 26 through noon Sunday, January 28, 1973, by about 20 participants of the AOS mid-year meeting. Field parties covered Lake Guntersville State Park (formerly Little Mountain State Park), North Sauty and Crow Creek Refuges (Jackson County) and lower Guntersville Lake. The refuges were covered only on the 27th, but all other sites were birded on all meeting dates.

Significant were 925 Ruddy Ducks (900) at North Sauty Refuge and 25 at the Ala. 69 Causeway) on the 27th, believed to be a state maximum. A state park ranger reported that he thought that there was an eagle wintering in a closed camping area and a check on the 26th revealed an immature Bald. A more mature Bald was seen there on the 27th.

The following is a species listing of birds seen with individual numbers noted where possible. Numbers represent highest total on any one day, not a combination of days.

Common Loon 6, Horned Grebe 14, Pied-billed Grebe 17, Great Blue Heron 5, Common Egret 1, Canada Goose 160, Mallard 210, Black Duck 145, Gadwall 50, Green-winged Teal 4, American Widgeon 4, Shoveler 7, Wood Duck 1, Redhead 6, Ring-necked Duck 37, Canvas-back 112 (flock of 100), Lesser Scaup 425, Common Goldeneye 26, Bufflehead 2, Ruddy Duck 925, Hooded Merganser 4, Red-breasted Merganser 3 (2 males), Red-tailed Hawk 4, Red-shouldered Hawk 1, Bald Eagle 2(1), Marsh Hawk 1, Sparrow Hawk 5, Bobwhite, American Coot 1000 (probably many more, species everywhere), Killdeer 10, Herring Gull 5, Ring-billed Gull 70, Bonaparte's Gull 33 (flock probably wintering as 30 at same place Dec. 15, 1972).

Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Barred Owl 1, Belted Kingfisher 3, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker 1, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Common Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch 2, (species Red-breasted Nuthatch seen on top mountain in park on Jan. 23, but area inaccessible during meeting), Brown-headed Nuthatch 15, Brown Creeper 1, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher 4, Robin, Hermit Thrush 1, Eastern Bluebird 10, Golden-crowned Kinglet 11, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Cedar Waxwing 30, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling.

Myrtle Warbler 2, Pine Warbler 6, House Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, Evening Grosbeak 4 (Mr. Young of Albertville reported 30-50 regularly at his feeder, first arriving, 12 birds, Dec. 25, 1972), Purple Finch 2, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Slate-colored Junco, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow 2, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow 1, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

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