

Blackbirds continue to increase; this year's features seem to be a relative increase in Rusties and in city flocks especially Birmingham, possibly due to excessive garbage.

Baltimore Oriole: continue regular at more and more feeders each winter all over Ala.

Western Tanager: Feb. 17, Ft. Morgan, banded & photo (JVP, others), 2nd winter rec Ala.

Scarlet Tanager: Apr. 6, Newburg, Franklin Co. (GDJ), ties earliest TV.

Summer Tanager: Dec. 9, Bellingrath Gardens (BW, JW), 2nd winter rec Ala.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: Apr. 1, Magnolia Springs (PFC), earliest Ala.; May 25, Riverton, 2 (TAI, HME), latest Ala.

Black-headed Grosbeak: Feb. 23-24, Magnolia Springs (PFC), annual occurrence established.

Indigo Bunting: Dec. 23, Bellingrath Gardens (BW, JW); Feb. 2, Mobile (JTR, N); Feb. 19, Ft. Morgan (JVP, WRM, TLW); Feb. 28, Fairhope (AN, MN); Feb. 23-25, Magnolia Springs (PFC); Mar. 16, B'ham (RR), 2nd earliest inland rec.

Dickcissel: Dec. 24, Fairhope (LPA).

Evening Grosbeak: a few mostly near B'ham and Anniston.

Purple Finch: Feb. 3, Collirene, Lowndes Co., 5000, 382 banded (TAI, JVP, TLW), max. Ala.

Pine Siskin: 138, Apr. 27, B'ham (BAS); 50, Feb. 3, Collirene (TAI, others); 50, Feb. 16, Evergreen (TAI).

American Goldfinch: 1000, Feb. 16, Evergreen (TAI).

Red Crossbill: common in M&R, Nov. 18, Little River Canyon (NGB, MKP) to May 11, Bankhead Forest (TAI, JMI); max. 75, Jan. 3, B'ham (JRB); 9 banded in B'ham all small races possibly from Pacific Northwest (TAI, HBT, FLT, photo-HHK); Opelika, Feb. 6, 8 (JLDu) 1st rec Pied; Phenix City, 7 miles west, Mar. 3, 12 on Pinus glabra (JM), 3rd CP rec.

Savannah Sparrow: Apr. 27, 8-10, Choctaw Ref. (CLK, mob), latest LCP.

Grasshopper Sparrow: Apr. 21, Eufaula Ref. (MF, SP), latest LCP.

Henslow's Sparrow: Apr. 20, Phenix City, Bussey's L. (GOS), always noteworthy.

Bachman's Sparrow: May 25, 3, Thomas Wildlife Ref., Colbert Co. (TAI, HME), rare in TV.

Dark-eyed Junco: Apr. 27, Bluff Park, B'ham (TAI), latest M&R.

Fox Sparrow: Apr. 12, 3 & Apr. 25, Wheeler Ref. (DGH), all latest ever Ala.

Song Sparrow: May 21, Weiss L., Cherokee Co. (CWS), nest & eggs, photo, 1st egg rec Ala.

Lapland Longspur: Mar. 30-31, Cochrane Causeway, Mobile, male (JLD, mob) 2nd rec GC.

AOS SPRING MEETING

James V. Peavy, Jr.

This spring the AOS met at Dauphin Island. As usual this favorite place for Alabama birders attracted a good turnout of our membership, with over 100 persons registering for the meeting. The meeting was highlighted by the excellent seafood buffet served by the Dauphin Island Business Men's Association and the program presented by Dr. Ken Marion.

The beautiful weather we enjoyed during the meeting unfortunately did not contribute to the birding; even so, a good variety of spring migrants was observed, and most birders were treated to very good views of such favorites as Painted Bunting, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Prothonotary Warbler. One very successful field trip was the one led by Curtis Kingsbery to look at shore birds on the Island's west end. Almost everyone saw Seaside Sparrows, Dowitchers, Black Skimmer, Ruddy Turnstone, Gray Kingbird and others. In all, about 150 species were recorded for the meeting weekend.

While most members were out enjoying the fine weather and good birding, a few were closeted away in the marine resources lab. These were the members who make up the AOS slide collection committee. They were able to select several more slides to add to the Society's ever-growing and improving slide collection.

As usual, the spring meeting was the time for the changing of the AOS officers. At the Saturday night banquet, President Tuck Hayward turned the meeting over to Vice-President James Peavy, who is President for 1974-75. New officers elected were: Dr. Howard Einspahr - Vice-President; Helen Thigpen - Secretary; and Alwilda Bennett - Treasurer. Unfortunately, Mrs. Bennett will not be able to serve, so Roger Maner has been appointed Treasurer.

! ! ! AOS FALL MEETING ! ! !

Place:	Dauphin Island
Date:	October 11-13, 1974
Registration:	Friday evening and Saturday morning Marine Resources Lab

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