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**VARIED THRUSH (*IXOREIUS NAEVIUS*) FIRST FOR ALABAMA**

Ann L. Miller



Figure 1. Varied Thrush at feeder in Birmingham. (Photo by Ann L. Miller)

On 21 February 1992 I received a call from John Bruce, a resident of the Red Mountain area of Birmingham, who reported that a Varied Thrush (*Ixoreius naevius*) was visiting his feeding station. Knowing this bird's strong inclination to wander from its normal range in western North America, I immediately raced over to the Bruce's with eager anticipation.

John and I settled down in his breakfast room with our eyes glued to an area where he had scattered cracked corn, which was where he had first seen the bird the day before. After about 30 minutes, the bird appeared and indeed was a Varied Thrush (Figure 1). It was slightly smaller than an American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) and brownish-gray above, including the wings and tail. The throat, breast, wing bars, and superciliary line were orange. Across the breast was a rather wide but incomplete grayish breast band, indicating a young bird. The rest of the underparts were white with grayish edges, creating a somewhat scaly appearance. The bill was dark brown, and the legs and feet pink. According to banding information, it would be difficult to determine if the bird was a young male or a female unless in-hand measurements could be taken. An adult male would have a grayish-blue nape and back and a very distinct dark breast band.

In the western part of the United States, Canada, and Alaska, where the species breeds, it inhabits dense coniferous forests and winters in a variety of moist thickets and woodland



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canyons. The Varied Thrush is known for its distinctive song, a series of five or six long haunting, vibrating whistling notes of several different tones. It also has a weak *tschook* call note. Most vagrants, however, tend to be silent away from their normal range.

Nearly every year a few strays are found as far east as New England and farther south. For the last two years, one has been observed near Chattanooga, Tennessee. The habitat in Chattanooga and Red Mountain in Birmingham is reminiscent of the ravines it winters in on the west coast.

This rare visitor remained until 7 April, and thanks to the generosity and hospitality of John and Helen Bruce, over 100 birders were fortunate enough to see it. – **Ann L. Miller**, 530 Yorkshire Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209.

### FIRST RECORD FOR THE ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD (*SELASPHORUS SASIN*) IN ALABAMA

Robert R. Sargent and Martha B. Sargent

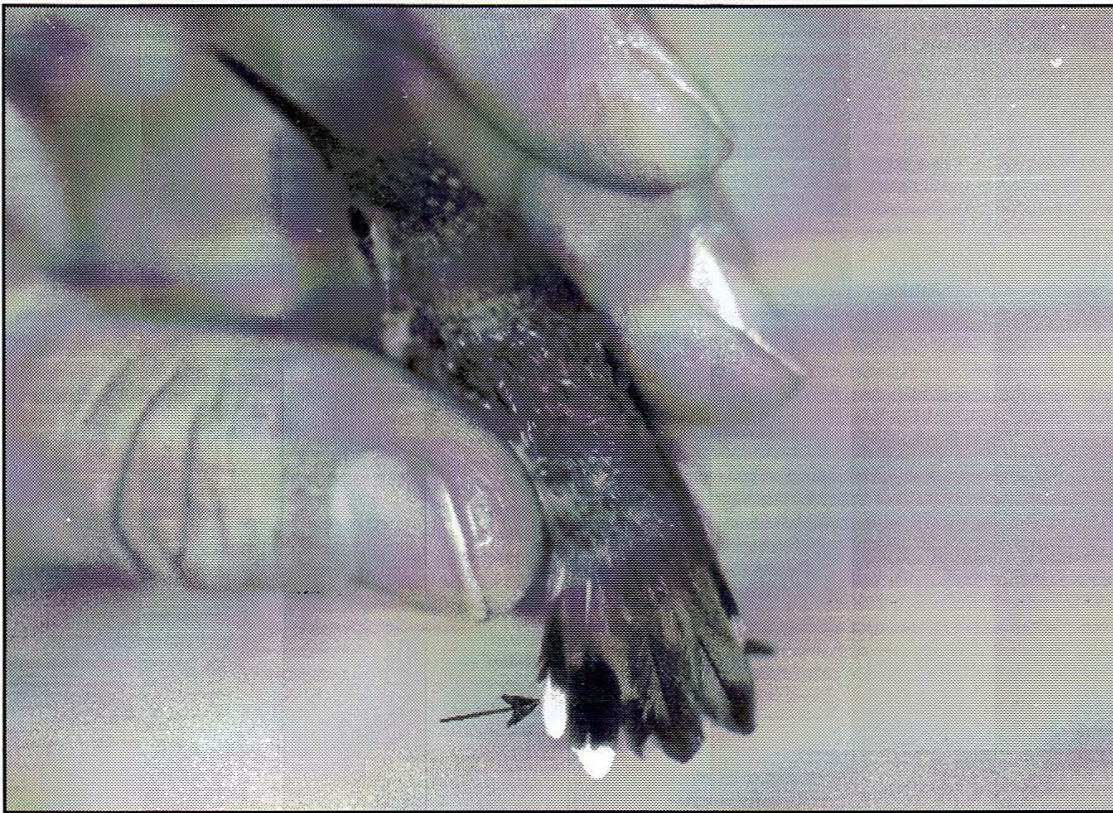


Figure 1. Allen's Hummingbird banded by the Sargents in Mobile. Note the narrow outer rectrix. The width of this tail feather is critical in the identification of this species. (Photo by Martha B. Sargent)

On 30 November 1991 my wife, Martha, and I received a call from Mary LeGault of Mobile notifying us of a very small hummingbird coming to her feeder. After questioning her in detail on the telephone, we were convinced the bird was in the *Selasphorus* genus. In the



United States this would include the Rufous (*S. rufus*), Allen's (*S. sasin*) and Broad-tailed (*S. platycerus*). Although Mrs. LeGault's experience with hummingbirds was limited to the Ruby-throated (*Archilocus colubris*), her description of the bird warranted immediate investigation. A complicating factor was her description of a second hummingbird at the same feeder, another *Selasphorus* with considerable brown in the back, indicating an immature male Rufous.

Upon arriving at the LeGault residence on 3 December we were greeted by a tiny *Selasphorus* at the feeder. Our first impression was of a very small hummer with a very short bill, short tail and solid green back and head. Although adult male Rufous and Allen's Hummingbirds can be identified in the field, the presence of white tips on the tail feathers indicated this bird was an adult female or an immature male or female. The small size, short tail composed of narrow rectrices, and all green back convinced us that the bird was probably an Allen's. If so, it would be the first state record.

Although wary, we soon had the tiny hummer in-hand and banded (8000 T17505) (Figure 1). A quick set of measurements proved the bird to be an adult female Allen's. The measurements taken were: wing, 41.33 mm; tail, 23.90 mm; exposed culmen, 17.20mm; weight, 4.00 gms; rectrix #1, 6.64 mm wide; rectrix #5, 2.24 mm wide. The criteria used in identifying the specimen was based on Stiles (1972, Age and Sex Determination in Rufous and Allen's Hummingbirds. *The Condor*, 74: 25-32) which is the accepted standard used by hummingbird banders.

In addition to the measurements, extensive in-hand photographs were taken using a Minolta 9000 camera with a 100 mm-F 2.8 lens and ring flash. An additional in-hand observation was the absence of striations on the upper mandible, indicating an adult bird. The lack of striations plus the white tips on new rectrices, three, four, and five, told us the bird was an adult female. The upper mandible had extensive pitting on the bulbous tip that is characteristic of known age Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, but only after they are at least three years old. Much wear was noted on the throat, belly and sides. The tertials were new, but the remaining wing feathers were badly worn and brownish in color. The crissum was a pale cinnamon-rufous. There were some pin feathers in the throat, along with scattered bronze and green-tipped feathers.

Our study of hummingbirds in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Mississippi continues to reveal new species. This exciting work would not be possible without the reports of wintering hummingbirds forwarded to us by AOS members and the public. We are grateful and urge you to continue to monitor your hummingbird feeders for the late or the unusual bird. Any hummingbird in north Alabama after 1 November, or in south Alabama after 15 November, is probably NOT a Ruby-throated. Time permitting we will investigate any bird occurring after these dates.

### Acknowledgments

We would like to acknowledge the assistance of Steve and Ruth Russell of Tucson, Arizona and Nancy Newfield of Metairie, Louisiana for sharing their expert knowledge about Allen's hummingbirds. I would also like to thank my partner in this work, Martha Sargent, for her skill as a photographer, so important in documenting this first state record. – **Robert R. Sargent and Martha B. Sargent**, Rt. 1, Box 558G, Trussville, AL 35173.



**FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*TYRANNUS SAVANA*)  
SIGHTED ON DAUPHIN ISLAND**

William J. Bremser, Jr. and Robert A. Duncan

The Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) breeds from southeastern Mexico south to central Argentina and Uruguay (*AOU Checklist of North American Birds*, 1983). The nominate race, *T. s. savana*, which breeds in Argentina and Chile, is highly migratory and moves north during the austral winter (French, 1991). It is casual in eastern North America to southern Canada primarily along the Atlantic coast with 14 records for Florida (Robertson et al, per. com.). All but one specimen from North America are of the migratory nominate race, *T. s. savana* (*AOU Checklist*).

At 1:20 PM on 20 April 1992, Bill Bremser and Bob Duncan spotted a Fork-tailed Flycatcher hawking insects during a heavy rainstorm near the airport on Dauphin Island, AL. It was immediately identified as a Fork-tailed Flycatcher and was observed for 25 minutes as it perched on needle rush (*Juncus roemerianus*) in the marsh. During this time the observers watched from their car as it sallied out after insects in the rain. It was observed as close as 30 feet (ten meters) with 10X40 and 7X35 binoculars and a Bausch and Lomb 30X spotting scope. Its use of needle rush as a perch corresponds to its habit of using perches three feet (one meter) or less within its normal range (Stiles & Skutch, 1991).

Both observers concurred on the following field marks: black crown and nape; sides of head dark contrasting with a white throat; gray back; medium black bill; wings darker than back but not as dark as the crown; tail blackish, about as long as the bird's body, but not as long as those depicted in the guides for an adult; outer rectrices bordered with a thin white edge; all white underside extending through the under-tail coverts; white under-wing linings (seen well at times); and the diagnostic yellow crown patch. The yellow crown patch, which is not normally seen, was very evident probably due to the heavy rain conditions which can expose crown patches in such species as the Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*) and Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*). The relative length of the tail was approximate to that sketched by Summerour (1988) in *Alabama Birdlife*. Lack of a whitish border setting off the gray back from the black nape indicated the nominate race. The yellow crown patch and shorter tail indicated either a late immature or a moulting adult.

Bill Summerour, a biology professor at Jacksonville State University in north Alabama, and three of his students observed a Fork-tailed Flycatcher at Fort Morgan on 24 April 1988, but Summerour was the only experienced observer present. Therefore, this first sighting was listed as hypothetical as mandated by the by-laws of the Alabama Bird Records Committee. Since Bremser and Duncan were able to show the Dauphin Island bird to five other experienced observers, the species can now be taken from the hypothetical list, pending approval of the Bird Records Committee, and placed on the official list of birds occurring in Alabama.

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### CASPIAN TERN (*STERNA CASPIA*) MOVEMENTS ALONG THE MOBILE-TENSAW RIVERS

William J. Bremser, Jr. and Robert A. Duncan

The Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*) is cosmopolitan in its distribution. In North America it breeds from eastern Washington, east to the Great Lakes, James Bay and along the Atlantic coast from Newfoundland and south to Florida and Texas. It winters from central California south to Baja California and from North Carolina south along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to eastern Mexico, northern Columbia and Venezuela (*AOU Checklist of North American Birds*, 1983). It is considered primarily a coastal migrant, less frequently using large rivers in the interior (*AOU Checklist*). In Alabama, Imhof (1976, *Alabama Birds*) considers it a common winter visitor and an uncommon migrant along the larger river valleys, especially in fall. In recent years it has bred in small numbers on Gailliard Island in Mobile Bay.

From 21-26 April 1992, Bill Bremser periodically watched a steady procession of Caspian Terns through a 30X spotting scope from the 10th floor of the River view Hotel in Mobile as they moved northward up the Mobile River. Observations were sporadic and took place at various times of the day. Birds were seen moving north during the morning, mid-day and late afternoon. None were seen flying south. On five different occasions, Duncan and/or I have observed a steady procession of Caspian Terns from Hurricane Landing, ten miles (16 kilometers) north of the mouth of the Tensaw River, in April and May from 1987 to 1991. Birds were always moving north, or upriver.

These observations indicate that the birds are common spring migrants in the Mobile delta areas. An estimate by Bremser of four terns per minute, or 2400 terns per day, indicates that the lower river systems of Alabama are being used as corridors for movement by these terns. It is not likely, given the constant direction of movement, that these terns were "locals" from the Mobile Bay colony. The magnitude of the numbers would preclude that possibility as well. It is probable that these birds were migrating from wintering areas to breeding grounds in the interior of the continent. Observers should note whether large numbers of these terns are moving up the Tombigbee and Alabama-Black Warrior river systems in April. – **William J. Bremser, Jr.**, 1124 Laguna Lane, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561 and **Robert A. Duncan**, 614 Fairpoint Dr., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561.



**ANHINGA (*ANHINGA ANHINGA*) DISTRIBUTION IN  
SOUTHEASTERN ALABAMA**

Julian L. Dusi and Rosemary D. Dusi

In our observations at wading bird nesting colonies in southeastern Alabama and eastern Georgia, during the past 30 years, we have noted that the Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) was rare and few nests were seen.

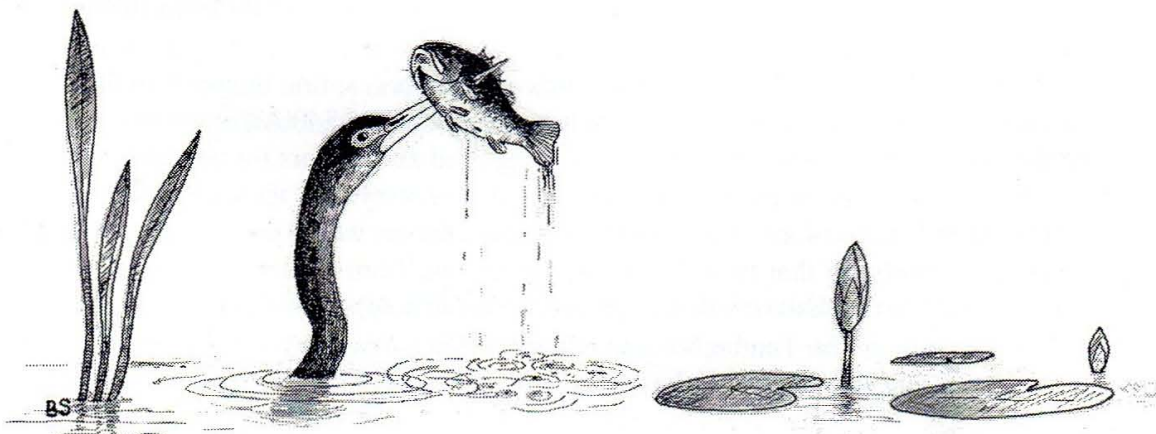
In the 1960's when a wading bird colony was present on the Scott Paper Company land, about ten miles (16 kilometers) south of Opp, Covington Co., Alabama, four nestlings were banded in 1962. At other colony sites (Pansey and Ashford, Houston Co.; Hartford and Slocomb, Geneva Co.; and Florala, Covington, Co.) all had Anhingas fly over, or perch in trees, but no apparent nesting occurred.

Heron colonies have been present at the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, Barbour Co., at various times since its beginning in 1964, on both the Alabama and Georgia sides of the Chattahoochee River, but no Anhinga nesting occurred to our knowledge until 1990. Then, the colony in the Bradley Unit, Stewart Co., Georgia, had one or two nests and we banded three nestlings on 29 June 1990. In 1991, a number of visits to the Bradley unit colony provided the following information:

- 14 May 1991 ----- 16 Anhinga adults were counted.
- 23 May 1991 ----- Four Anhinga nestlings were banded.
- 1 August 1991 ----- One Anhinga nest was present.
- 16 August 1991 ----- One Anhinga nest was present, with three buffy young.
- 22 August 1991 ----- Three Anhinga nests were present, five nestlings were banded.
- 22 September 1991 -- One Anhinga nest with three young, about two weeks-old was present.

Three Anhinga nestlings were banded in 1990 and nine in 1991. On 24 March 1992 two Anhingas were seen on nests and several others near nests.

This sudden build-up in the Anhinga population may reflect a changing population along the Chattahoochee River. The range in breeding dates in 1991, is much greater than that shown by Imhof (1976, *Alabama Birds*), or by Palmer (1962, *Handbook of North American Birds*, Vol. I). — **Julian L. Dusi**, Department of Zoology and Wildlife Science, Auburn University, AL 36830 and **Rosemary D. Dusi**, 560 Sherwood Drive, Auburn, AL 36830





## OBSERVATIONS ON A PROMISCUOUS RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*MELANERPES CAROLINUS*)

Michael Owens and Suzanne Owens

In late May 1991, several pairs of woodpeckers visited our suet basket located on the front porch of our home in Pinson. Rather than feed rendered beef suet, my wife and I use a blend of peanut butter, cornmeal, and other ingredients that birds seem to enjoy. Three species of woodpeckers regularly visit this suet basket – Red-bellied (*Melanerpes carolinus*), Hairy (*Picoides villosus*), and Downy (*Picoides pubescens*).

On 28 May, a pair of Red-bellied Woodpeckers established a nesting site within approximately 100 ft. (30 meters) of our front porch. Though both birds fed regularly at the suet basket, the female became the most frequent visitor.

Several weeks later the parents began to visit the suet basket between 25 and 30 times a day. Each bird would carry large amounts of the peanut butter mixture to the young. The female tended to remain at the suet basket longer and worked harder to maximize the amount of peanut butter obtained with each visit.

Approximately five days after the parents began feeding the young, we noticed that the male would visit the suet basket, fill his beak with mixture, then fly in the **opposite** direction of the nest cavity. On this same day we discovered, as well, that we had two females visiting the suet basket.

After observing the male for several days and watching him fly with food in the opposite direction many times a day, we decided to follow him closely. We then discovered that he was tending not one nest of young, but another as well! This second nest cavity was approximately 215 ft. (65 meters) from our porch.

On several occasions we witnessed both females at the first nest sight. One bird remained several feet from the nest cavity at all times and only visited when the first female was in the cavity. Conflict was never noted between the two females and to the best of our knowledge both nests were successful. – **Michael Owens and Suzanne Owens**, Pinson, AL 35126

## ALABAMA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert A. Duncan

This is the second report of the Alabama Bird Records Committee covering the years 1990 and 1991. A total of 57 records were appraised and finalized. Nine records are still in the process of review. There were no records to be reviewed at the formal meeting of the ABRC held at Dauphin Island in October 1991. However, a quorum was not present which resulted in the Secretary continuing as Acting Secretary until a new Secretary could be elected. A revised Review List will be considered by the ABRC at a future meeting with a proposal that some now regular species such as Clay-colored Sparrow and Great Black-backed Gull be “delisted”. The ABRC currently consists of the following members: Bill Bremser (Pensacola); Ben Garmon (Birmingham); Paul Kittle (Florence); Tom Haggerty (Florence); Ann Miller (Birmingham); Bob Reid (Birmingham); and Bill Summerour (Jacksonville).

The committee consists of a Secretary and six members, all of whom vote on each



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record. Members remain on the committee for three to four years, and at least two members are replaced each year. Records are submitted by birders to the Secretary, who then sends them by mail in a "round robin" fashion to each member. If a decision is not definitely reached during that circulation, the process is repeated. If there is still no unequivocal decision, then the record is considered at a formal meeting.

The initial evaluation of submitted reports is performed by each committee member without the knowledge of the opinions of the other members and is done as objectively and impartially as possible. A record is accepted by the committee if it finally receives no more than one negative vote. This helps ensure that only well documented records are accepted. However, it is possible that there will occasionally be a valid sighting that is not approved because at least six members are not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt. Observers who submit reports to the committee should understand this process; a "not accept" vote should not be construed as a personal insult or condemnation of their skills. We are attempting to establish a "clean" set of records for the state. In order to achieve this goal, reports of rarities must be fully documented and then evaluated in a critical manner. This process is required of sightings by all birders, regardless of experience and knowledge. The importance of proper documentation cannot be overemphasized, particularly when there are only a few records for the state. Birders should refer to first published records for the US that appear in *American Birds* as a guide. While most records that have passed through the committee have been well documented, others, including some ultimately accepted, would have fared much better had the observer taken time to document the bird's features.

Tables 1 and 2 show the results of the last two years of committee evaluations. The official list is now 388 species, with 13 in the "hypothetical" category (no acceptable photograph, specimen or not seen by at least three experienced observers). It is expected that the Eurasian Collared-Dove will be added in the future.

**TABLE 1. 1990 RECORDS COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS**

Record No.	Species	Date	County	Photo/ Spec.	Decision	Al. Status
90-1	Curllew Sandpiper	8/16/80	Baldwin		A	2
90-2	Painted Redstart	12/20/89	Baldwin		NI	
90-3	Long-tailed Jaeger	9/8/89	Mobile		A	2H
90-4	Audubon's Shearwater	12/31/89	Baldwin		A	3
90-5	Sooty Shearwater	12/30/89	Baldwin		A	6
90-6	Sooty Shearwater	12/31/89	Baldwin		A	7
90-7	Sooty Shearwater	12/30/89	Baldwin		A	6
90-8	Black-shouldered Kite	12/30/89	Baldwin		A	6
90-9	Harris' Sparrow	1/1/90-3/90	Baldwin		A	8
90-11	Ruff	9/2-6/89	Shelby	P	A	3
90-12	Ross' Goose	1/1-4/90	Baldwin		A	5
90-13	Pacific Loon	1/1/90	Baldwin		A	7
90-14	Glaucous Gull	1/15-28/90	Lauderdale		A	20+
90-15	Lesser Bl.-bk Gull	1/14-3/4/90	Lauderdale		A	3
90-16	Ross' Goose	11/18/89	Limestone		A	4
90-17	Black-ch. Hummingbird	8/28-9/4/89	Shelby	P	A	3



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Record No.	Species	Date	County	Photo/ Spec.	Decision	Al. Status
90-18	Pelagic Cormorant	3/24/90	Baldwin		NI	
90-19	Shiny Cowbird	4/25/90	Baldwin		A	1H
90-20	Eurasian Col.-Dove*	5/7/90	Baldwin		NI	
90-21	Shiny Cowbird	4/26-5/12/90	Baldwin	P	A	2
90-22	Lesser Bl.-bk Gull	5/3/90	Baldwin		NI	
90-23	Greater Bl.-bk. Gull	4/3/90- 5/3/90	Baldwin Mobile	P	A	20+
90-24	Shiny Cowbird	4/30-6/90	Mobile		A	3
90-25	Brown Booby	4/21/90	Mobile		NI	
90-27	Bronzed Cowbird	4/22/90	Baldwin		A	2
90-28	Ross' Goose	3/11/90	Perry		A	6
90-29	Iceland Gull	4/16/84	Mobile		A	1
90-30	Ruff	9/10/90	Shelby		NI	
90-31	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	9/10/90	Shelby		NI	
90-32	Yellow Rail	9/1/90	Baldwin		A	9
90-33	Swainson's Hawk	10/19-20/90	Baldwin	P	A	15+
90-34	Calliope Hummingbird	12/24/89	Mobile	S	A	1
90-35	Bronzed Cowbird	11/7-10/90	Baldwin	P	A	3
90-36	Clay-colored Sparrow	11/7-10/90	Baldwin		A	25+
90-38	Great Cormorant	10/7-14/90	Baldwin	P	A	9
90-39	Swainson's Hawk	11/10/90	Baldwin		A	15+
90-40	Yellow-bel. Flyctchr.	9/29/90	Baldwin		A	rare
90-41	Clay-colored Sparrow	9/29/90	Baldwin		A	25+
90-42	Clay-colored Sparrow	10/6-7/90	Baldwin		A	25+
90-43	Pacific Loon	11/23/90- 1/13/91	Marshall		A	8
90-44	Glaucous Gull	11/18/90- 2/91	Marshall		A	20+
90-45	Say's Phoebe	9/29/90	Jefferson		A	2

TABLE 2. 1991 RECORDS COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

Record No.	Species	Date	County	Photo/ Spec	Decision	Al. Status
91-1	Greater Bl.-bk. Gull	1/26/91	Baldwin		A	20+
91-2	Calliope Hummingbird	2/26-3/29/91	Shelby	B	A	2
91-3	Roseate Spoonbill	9/19-26/87	Green		A	7+
91-4	Parasitic Jaeger	3/11/91	Baldwin		A	20+
91-6	Buff-bel. Hummingbird	4/8/91	Baldwin		A	1H
91-7	Black-ch. Hummingbird	9/29/90	Jefferson		A	11
91-9	Red-throated Loon	11/18- 12/9/90	Marshall		A	35+
91-11	Bl.-bel. Whistl. Duck	12/24/90- 1/1/91+	Morgan	S	A	1



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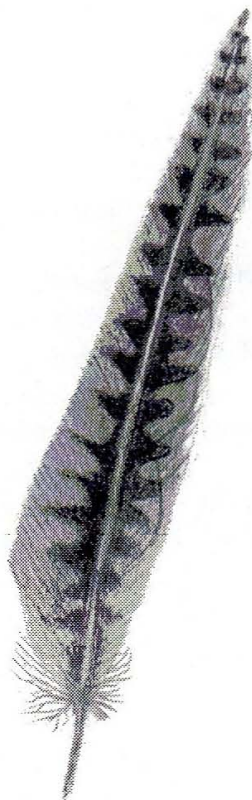
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91-13	Eurasian Col.-Dove*	4/12/91- 5/7/91	Baldwin	P	A	1
91-14	Red-throated Loon	4/10-21/91	Mobile		A	35+
91-16	Greater Bl.-bk. Gull	3/21/91 4/7/91	Baldwin Mobile		A	20+
91-17	Western Tanager	4/24/91	Mobile		A	10+
91-18	Harris' Sparrow	3/19-5/4/91	Baldwin		A	9
91-19	Shiny Cowbird	4/12-5/7/91	Baldwin		A	4
91-20	Bronzed Cowbird	4/11/91	Baldwin		A	4

1. P-photograph, S-specimen, B-banded
2. A-accepted, NI-not accepted (identification), NO-not accepted (origin)
3. Number of sighting in the accepted records (1= first, 2=second, etc.)

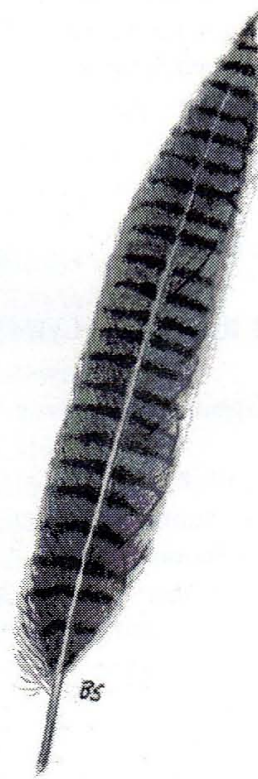
H- hypothetical list (as of this record)

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Rectrix of E. Meadowlark



Rectrix of W. Meadowlark



## ALABAMA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1991-92

Thomas A. Imhof

**BIRMINGHAM**, 21 Dec., 43 observers, 98 party-hours.

Com Loon, 1; Pied-b Grebe, 10; Gt Blue Heron, 24; Canada Goose, 47; Wood Duck, 12; Mallard, 27; Canvasback, 9; Ring-nk Duck, 26; Ruddy Duck, 6; Black Vulture, 4; Turkey Vulture, 11; N Harrier, 1; Sharp-shin Hawk, 6; Cooper's Hawk, 5; Accipiter sp, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 13; Red-tail Hawk, 42; Buteo sp, 1; Am Kestrel, 11; Wild Turkey, 15; Am Coot, 5; **L Golden-Plover, 1** (Present for some time, good details, many observers); Killdeer, 77; Least Sandpiper, 4; sandpiper, 1; Com Snipe, 7; Ring-b Gull, 1; Forster's Tern, 5; Rock Dove, 937; Mourning Dove, 528; Screech Owl, 6; Barred Owl, 3; B Kingfisher, 23; Red-hd Wdpkr, 41; Red-b Wdpkr, 103; Y-b Sapsucker, 30; Downy Wdpkr, 58; Hairy Wdpkr, 8; Red-cockaded Wdpkr, 2; Flicker, 73; Pileated Wdpkr, 25; E Phoebe, 21; Blue Jay, 335; Am Crow, 618; Caro Chickadee, 352; Tufted Titmouse, 157; White-br Nuthatch, 69; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 114; Brown Creeper, 13; Caro Wren, 146; House Wren, 1; Winter Wren, 10; G-c Kinglet, 102; R-c Kinglet, 148; E Bluebird, 96; Hermit Thrush, 22; Am Robin, 4964; Catbird, 1; Mockingbird, 175; Brown Thrasher, 40; Am Pipit, 14; Cedar Waxwing, 1295; L Shrike, 18; Starling, 2974; Solitary Vireo, 1; Orange-cr Warbler, 1; Yel-rp Warbler, 207; Pine Warbler, 88; Palm Warbler, 1; Yellowthroat, 1; Cardinal, 267; Towhee, 120; Chipping Sp, 111; Field Sp, 162; Savannah Sp, 18; Fox Sp, 5; Song Sp, 150; Swamp Sp, 37; White-thr Sp, 443; D-e Junco, 226; Red-wg Blackbird, 1649; E Meadowlark, 109; Rusty Blackbird, 61; Com Grackle, 8917; Brn-hd Cowbird, 916; Purple Finch, 9; House Finch, 209; Am Goldfinch, 431; House Sp, 153. Count Week, Merlin.

**Total species, 86; individuals, 28,187.****Compiler, Thomas A. Imhof**, 1036 Pike Rd, Birmingham, AL 35218**Dauphin Island**, 21 Dec., 17 observers, 55 party-hours.

Com Loon, 12; Pied-b Grebe, 2; Horned Grebe, 31; Gannet, 5; White Pelican, 18; Brown Pelican, 437; D-cr Cormorant, 1825; Gt Blue Heron, 54; Gt Egret, 16; Snowy Egret, 14; Little Blue Heron, 1; Tricolored Heron, 8; Reddish Egret, 3; Cattle Egret, 3; Green Heron, 1; Mallard, 10; Am Wigeon, 1; G Scaup, 8; L Scaup, 51; Com Goldeneye, 26; Bufflehead, 12; Hooded Merganser, 121; Red-br Merganser, 61; duck, 6; Turkey Vulture, 1; Osprey, 1; Harrier, 1; Sharp-shin Hawk, 3; Red-shldrd Hawk, 2; Red-tail Hawk, 11; Am Kestrel, 29; Merlin, 2; Peregrine Falcon, 3; hawk, 3; Bobwhite, 7; Clapper Rail, 3; Black-b Plover, 55; Snowy Plover, 3; Wilson's Plover, 1; Semipalm Plover, 137; Piping Plover, 24; Killdeer, 46; Am Oystercatcher, 20; G Yellowlegs, 4; L Yellowlegs, 2; Willet, 100; Spotted Sandpiper, 1; Ruddy Turnstone, 31; Red Knot, 1; Sanderling, 134; W Sandpiper, 27; Least Sandpiper, 2; Dunlin, 125; peep, 4; Stilt Sandpiper, 1; S-b Dowitcher, 20; dowitcher, 39; Com Snipe, 1; Laughing Gull, 1963; Bonaparte's Gull, 62; Ring-b Gull, 784; Herring Gull, 166; **Black-ig Kittiwake, 1** (good details); gull, 166; Caspian Tern, 27; Royal Tern, 138; Forster's Tern, 91; Black Skimmer, 69; Rock Dove, 62; Mourning Dove, 88; Screech Owl, 1; Gt Horned Owl, 1; Whip-poor-will, 1; B Kingfisher, 20; Red-b Wdpkr, 24; Y-b Sapsucker, 4; Downy Wdpkr, 2; Flicker, 17; Pileated Wdpkr, 1; E Phoebe, 19; **Western Kingbird, 1** (Present for some time); Tree Swallow, 1; Blue Jay, 75; Am Crow, 2; Fish Crow, 1; Caro Chickadee, 1; Tufted Titmouse, 3; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 37; Caro Wren, 21; House Wren, 3; Sedge Wren, 2; R-c



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Kinglet, 18; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 6; E Bluebird, 81; Hermit Thrush, 1; Am Robin, 24; Catbird, 11; Mockingbird, 83; Brown Thrasher, 12; L Shrike, 19; Starling, 324; Orange-cr Warbler, 2; Yel-rp Warbler, 454; Pine Warbler, 15; Palm Warbler, 2; Com Yellowthroat, 2; Cardinal, 49; E. Towhee, 25; Chipping Sp, 32; Field Sp, 6; Savannah Sp, 6; Sharp-tl Sp, 6; Seaside Sp, 12; Fox Sp, 2; Song Sp, 6; Swamp Sp, 9; White-thr Sp, 34; D-e Junco, 7; Red-wg Blackbird, 434; E Meadowlark, 3; Boat-tl Grackle, 190; Com Grackle, 512; Brn-hd Cowbird, 62; blackbird, 125; Am Goldfinch, 16; House Sp, 26. Count Week, Gt Black-bk Gull. **Total species, 120; individuals, 10,060.**

**Compiler, John Winn**, 4179 Lantern Lane, Mobile, AL 36693.

**Eufaula NWR**, 21 Dec., 12 observers, 51 party-hours.

Com Loon, 1; Pied-b Grebe, 9; White Pelican, 2; D-cr Cormorant, 241; Anhinga, 1; Am Bittern, 2; Gt-Blue Heron, 89; Great Egret, 28; Green Heron, 1; B-cr N-Heron, 5; Snow Goose, 4; Canada Goose, 600; Wood Duck, 58; Green-wg Teal, 20; Black Duck, 2; Mallard, 3000; Pintail, 25; Blue-wg Teal, 10; Shoveler, 34; Am Wigeon, 200; Ring-nk Duck, 70; L Scaup, 2; Com Goldeneye, 1; Bufflehead, 42; Hooded Merganser, 3; Red-br Merganser, 1; Black Vulture, 5; Turkey Vulture, 23; Osprey, 1; Bald Eagle, 2; N Harrier, 7; Sharp-shin Hawk, 3; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 5; Red-tail Hawk, 39; Am Kestrel, 12; Turkey, 4; Bobwhite, 14; King Rail, 1; Virginia Rail, 1; Sora, 3; Com Moorhen, 3; Am Coot, 47; Killdeer, 95; G Yellowlegs, 4; L Yellowlegs, 1; Spotted Sandpiper, 1; Least Sandpiper, 46; Com Snipe, 32; Am Woodcock, 1; Bonaparte's Gull, 17; Ring-b Gull, 1100; Herring Gull, 2; Forster's Tern, 15; Rock Dove, 43; Mourning Dove, 180; Ground Dove, 41; Barn Owl, 6; Screech Owl, 4; Gt Horned Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 2; Short-e Owl, 1; B Kingfisher, 12; Red-hd Wdpkr, 1; Red-b Wdpkr, 20; Y-b Sapsucker, 6; Downy Wdpkr, 18; Hairy Wdpkr, 1; Flicker, 34; Pileated Wdpkr, 13; E Phoebe, 18; Blue Jay, 139; Am Crow, 115; Fish Crow, 10; Caro Chickdee, 34; Tufted Titmouse, 19; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 14; Brown Creeper, 1; Caro Wren, 26; House Wren, 4; Winter Wren, 1; Sedge Wren, 2; Marsh Wren, 3; G-cr Kinglet, 13; R-cr Kinglet, 42; E Bluebird, 34; Hermit Thrush, 2; Robin, 53; Catbird, 1; Mockingbird, 29; Bropwn Thrasher, 14; Am Pipit, 195; Cedar Waxwing, 31; L Shrike, 7; Starling, 48; Solitary Vireo, 1; Orange-cr Warbler, 2; Yel-rp Warbler, 1300; Pine Warbler, 32; Palm Warbler, 4; Com Yellowthroat, 9; Cardinal, 138; E Towhee, 96; Chipping Sp, 85; Field Sp, 280; Vesper Sp, 160; Savannah Sp, 495; **Le Conte's Sp**, 1; Fox Sp, 3; Song Sp, 500; Swamp Sp, 600; White-thr Sp, 278; White-cr Sp, 1; sparrow, 1500; D-e Junco, 3; Red-wg Blackbird, 253; E Meadowlark, 280; Rusty Blackbird, 1; Com Grackle, 300; Brn-hd Cowbird, 17; blackbird, 800; House Finch, 6; Am Goldfinch, 55; House Sp, 18.

**Total species, 123; individuals (not submitted).**

**Compiler, Sam Pate**, Box 157, Fortson, GA 31808.

**Fort Morgan**, 31 Dec., 31 observers, 93 party-hours.

Com Loon, 88; Pied-b Grebe, 15; Horned Grebe, 40; Gannet, 441; Brown Pelican, 574; D-cr Cormorant, 11,128; Anhinga, 1; Am Bittern, 3; Gt Blue Heron, 64; Gt Egret, 15; Snowy Egret, 1; Tricolored Heron, 2; Pintail, 4; Shoveler, 1; Gadwall, 11; Am Wigeon, 2; Ring-nk Duck, 5; L Scaup, 10,118; scaup, 5400; Black Scoter, 2; White-wg Scoter, 1; scoter, 4; Bufflehead, 793; Hooded Merganser, 69; **Com Merganser, 3** (1 male, 2 females on water and in flight, good details); Red-br Merganser, 180; N. Harrier, 7; Sharp-shin Hawk, 4; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-shldrd Hawk, 2; **Broad-wg Hawk, 1** (good details); Red-tailed



Hawk, 18; Am Kestrel, 28; Merlin, 1; Clapper Rail, 25; King Rail, 1; Virginia Rail, 1; Sora, 6; Com Moorhen, 3; Am Coot, 18; Black-b Plover, 15; Snowy Plover, 2; Killdeer, 54; G Yellowlegs, 2; Willet, 13; Sanderling, 131; Dunlin, 2; Com Snipe, 4; Laughing Gull, 765; **Franklin's Gull**, 1 (good details); Bonaparte's Gull, 256; Ring-b Gull, 276; Herring Gull, 447; gull, 12; Caspian Tern, 29; Royal Tern, 132; Com Tern, 4; Forster's Tern, 287; tern, 5; Mourning Dove, 58; Com Ground Dove, 21; Screech Owl, 13; Gt Horned Owl, 5; B Kingfisher, 33; Red-hd Wdpkr, 3; Red-b Wdpkr, 57; Y-b Sapsucker, 1; Downy Wdpkr, 1; Flicker, 33; Pileated Wdpkr, 4; E Phoebe, 27; Blue Jay, 97; Caro Chickadee, 17; Tufted Titmouse, 2; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 29; Caro Wren, 52; House Wren, 22; Sedge Wren, 10; Marsh Wren, 21; G-c Kinglet, 1; R-c Kinglet, 99; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 37; E Bluebird, 4; Hermit Thrush, 20; Am Robin, 2190; Catbird, 89; Mockingbird, 127; Brown Thrasher, 29; Am Pipit, 1; Cedar Waxwing, 10; L Shrike, 17; Starling, 99; Solitary Vireo, 2; Orange-cr Warbler, 3; Yel-rp Warbler, 1319; Pine Warbler, 42; Palm Warbler, 6; Com Yellowthroat, 12; Cardinal, 48; **Indigo Bunting**, 1; E Towhee, 159; Chipping Sparrow, 13; Field Sp, 33; Vesper, 5; Lark Sp, 1; Savannah Sp, 141; Grasshopper Sp, 3; Seaside Sp, 2; Song Sp, 81; Lincoln's Sp, 1; Swamp Sp, 179; White-thr Sp, 278; sparrow, 26; Red-wg Blackbird, 673; E Meadowlark, 36; Com Grackle, 750; Brn-hd Cowbird, 26; blackbird, 500; Am Goldfinch, 5; House Sp, 16. Count Week, Fish Crow.

**Total species, 114; individuals, 39,109.**

**Compiler: Gene Fleming, 7006 Creel Drive, Pensacola, FL 32506**

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**Total species, 153; individuals, 73,691.**

**Compiler, Greg D. Jackson, 2220 Baneberry Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244**

**Guntersville, 26 Dec., 18 observers, 69 party-hours:**

Com Loon, 277; Pied-b Grebe, 193; Horned Grebe, 45; D-cr Cormorant, 2845; Gt Blue Heron, 162; B-c N-Heron, 11; Wood Duck, 4; Mallard, 156; Gadwall, 38; Canvasback, 60; Ring-nk Duck, 6; G Scaup, 3; L Scaup, 1568; Com Goldeneye, 267; Bufflehead, 88; Hooded Merganser, 69; Com Merganser, 12; Red-br Merganser, 54; Ruddy Duck, 232; Black Vulture, 11; Turkey Vulture, 17; Bald Eagle, 42; Harrier, 4; Sharp-shin Hawk, 3; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-shldrd Hawk, 2; Red-tail Hawk, 47; Rough-leg Hawk, 1; Am Kestrel, 27; Am Coot, 1062; Killdeer, 116; Com Snipe, 1; Am Woodcock, 3; Bonaparte's Gull, 453; Ring-b Gull, 2926; Herring Gull, 84; Forster's Tern, 1; Rock Dove, 109; Mourning Dove, 144; Screech Owl, 4; Gt Horned Owl, 6; Barred Owl, 5; **Rufous Hummingbird, 1 (Banded)**; B Kingfisher, 26; Redhd Wdpkr, 20; Red-b Wdpkr, 37; Y-b Sapsucker, 21; Downy Wdpkr, 42; Hairy Wdpkr, 5; Flicker, 35; Pileated Wdpkr, 12; E Phoebe, 15; Horned Lark, 51; Blue Jay, 126; Am Crow, 157; Caro Chickadee, 134; Tufted Titmouse, 77; Red-br Nuthatch, 5; White-br Nuthatch, 29; Brn-hd Nuthatch, 68; Brown Creeper, 11; Caro Wren, 80; Winter Wren, 9; G-c Kinglet, 146; R-c Kinglet, 131; E Bluebird, 345; Hermit Thrush, 15; Am Robin, 292; Mockingbird, 87; Brown Thrasher, 25; Am Pipit, 50; Cedar Waxwing, 485; L Shrike, 28; Starling, 3039; Yel-rp Warbler, 435; Pine Warbler, 137; Palm Warbler, 1; Com Yellowthroat, 1; Cardinal, 214; E Towhee, 72; Chipping Sp, 180; Field Sp, 172; Vesper Sp, 3; Savannah Sp, 34; Fox Sp, 8; Song Sp, 128; Swamp Sp, 79; White-thr Sp, 282; D-e Junco, 157; Red-wg Blackbird, 521; E Meadowlark, 281; Rusty Blackbird, 20; Brewer's Blackbird, 2; Com Grackle, 421; Purple Finch, 54; House Finch, 265; Pine Siskin, 23; Am Goldfinch, 643; House Sp, 270. Count week, Gt Egret, Turkey, Brn-hd Cowbird.

**Total species, 99; individuals, 19,914.**

**Compiler, Linda B. Reynolds, 3909 Morrow St, Guntersville, AL 35976.**

**Mobile-Tensaw Delta, 15 Dec., 12 observers, 48.5 party-hours.**

Pied-b Grebe, 93; White Pelican, 714; Brown Pelican, 10; D-cr Cormorant, 330; Gt Blue Heron, 65; Gt Egret, 272; Snowy Egret, 194; Little Blue Heron, 66; Tricolored Heron, 29; Blk-cr N-Heron, 35; Yell-cr N-Heron, 1; nt-heron, 2; White Ibis, 118; Wood Duck, 6; Green-wg Teal, 750; Mallard, 13; Pintail, 5; Blue-wg Teal, 5; Shoveler, 236; Gadwall, 16; Am Wigeon, 12; Canvasback, 18; Redhead, 18; L Scaup, 75; scaup, 10; Hooded Merganser, 17; Red-br Merganser, 17; Ruddy Duck, 3; duck, 390; Black Vulture, 54; Turkey Vulture, 28; Osprey, 2; Bald Eagle, 3; N Harrier, 11; Sharp-shin Hawk, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 3; Red-tl Hawk, 26; Buteo, 2; Am Kestrel, 20; Peregrine Falcon, 1; hawk, 1; Turkey, 1; Bobwhite, 1;



Com Moorhen, 6; Am Coot, 6538; Black-b Plover, 33; Killdeer, 127; Black-nk Stilt, 60; Am Avocet, 115; G Yellowlegs, 42; L Yellowlegs, 120; Willet, 80; W Sandp, 326; Least Sandp, 133; peep, 1930; dowitcher, 13; Com Snipe, 11; Laughing Gull, 35; Ring-b Gull, 107; Herring Gull, 96; Caspian Tern, 21; Royal Tern, 3; Forster's Tern, 133; Black Skimmer, 20; Rock Dove, 5; Mourning Dove, 84; Gt Horned Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 2; B Kingfisher, 19; Red-hd Wdpkr, 2; Red-b Wdpkr, 24; Downy Wdpkr, 3; Flicker, 6; Pileated Wdpkr, 4; E Phoebe, 25; Blue Jay, 40; Am Cow, 7; Fish Crow, 5; Caro Chickadee, 5; Tufted Titmouse, 12; Brownhd Nuthatch, 7; Caro Wren, 17; House Wren, 4; R-c Kinglet, 75; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 14; E Bluebird, 34; Hermit Thrush, 7; Am Robin, 120; Catbird, 2; Mockingbird, 30; Brown Thrasher, 8; Cedar Waxwing, 2; L Shrike, 5; Starling, 184; White-e Vireo, 7; Solitary Vireo, 11; Orange-cr Warbler, 3; Yel-rp Warbler, 532; Fine Warbler, 24; Com Yellowthroat, 1; Cardinal, 41; E Towhee, 25; Chipping Sp, 69; Field Sp, 2; Song Sp, 21; Swamp Sp, 5; White-thr Sp, 63; sparrow, 6; D-e Junco, 4; Red-wg Blackbird, 3139; E Meadowlark, 51; Boat-tl Grackle, 230; Com Grackle, 145; Brn-hd Cowbird, 50; blackbird, 700; Am Goldfinch, 18; House Sp, 5. Count week, Snow Goose.

**Total species, 109; individuals, 19,532.**

**Compiler, Roger Clay, 306 N Bayview, Fairhope, AL 36532**

**Montgomery, 28 Dec., 15 observers, 45.5 party-hours.**

Pied-b Grebe, 7; D-cr Cormorant, 258; Gt Blue Heron, 36; Gt Egret, 39; Wood Duck, 298; Mallard, 78; Gadwall, 6; Am Wigeon, 24; Ring-nk Duck, 21; L Scaup, 10; Hooded Merganser, 9; Turkey Vulture, 5; N Harrier, B; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Redshldrd Hawk, 3; Red-tail Hawk, 44; Am Kestrel, 23; Merlin, 1; Wild Turkey, 10; Bobwhite, 13; Sora, 1; Am Coot, 2; Killdeer, 104; Spotted Sandpiper, 1; Least Sandpiper, 30; Com Snipe, 31; Am Woodcock, 1; Ring-b Gull, 87; Rock Dove, 71; Mourning Dove, 473; Ground Dove, 3; Screech Owl, 1; Gt Horned Owl, 5; Barred Owl, 6; B Kingfisher, 22; Red-hd Wdpkr, 22; Red-b Wdpkr, 28; Y-b Sapsucker, 13; Downy Wdpkr, 15; Hairy Wdpkr, 2; Flicker, 61; Pileated Wdpkr, 2; E Phoebe, 11; Blue Jay, 177; Am Crow, 61; Caro Chickadee, 48; Tufted Titmouse, 19; Brownhd Nuthatch, 11; Brown Creeper, 2; Caro Wren, 51; House Wren, 1; Marsh Wren, 1; G-c Kinglet, 17; R-c Kinglet, 19; E Bluebird, 78; Am Robin, 407; Mockingbird, 131; Brown Thrasher, 21; Am Pipit, 157; Cedar Waxwing, 188; L Shrike, 43; Starling, 1091; Orange-cr Warbler, 1; Yel-rp Warbler, 106; Pine Warbler, 31; Palm Warbler, 3; Com Yellowthroat, 3; Cardinal, 156; E Towhee, 67; Chipping Sp, 48; Field Sp, 38; Vesper Sp, 104; Savannah Sp, 64; Song Sp, 468; Swamp Sp, 253; White-thr Sp, 239; sparrow, 20; D-e Junco, 42; Red-wg Blackbird, 5068; E Meadowlark, 152; Rusty Blackbird, 215; Com Grackle, 4730; Brn-hd Cowbird, 114; blackbird, 24,000; N Oriole, 2; Purple Finch, 22; House Finch, 69; Am Goldfinch, 72; House Sp, 141. Count Week, G Yellowlegs, Fish Crow.

**Total species, 87; individuals, 40,638.**

**Compiler, Lawrence Gardella, 350 Cloverdale Rd, Montgomery, AL 36104**

**Tuscaloosa, 28 Dec., 19 observers, 42 party-hours.**

Pied-b Grebe, 10; Gt Blue Heron, 16; Wood Duck, 14; Mallard, 16; Ring-nk Duck, 22; L Scaup, 12; Com Goldeneye, 1; Bufflehead, 63; Hooded Merganser, 8; Ruddy Duck, 4; Black Vulture, 56; Turkey Vulture, 10; Bald Eagle, 2; N Harrier, 3; Sharpshin Hawk, 3; Red-shldrd Hawk, 4; Red-tail Hawk, 29; Am Kestrel, 19; Bobwhite, 4; Am Coot, 23; Killdeer, 45; Com Snipe, 1; Ring-b Gull, 2; Rock Dove, 237; Mourning Dove, 200; Gt Horned Owl, 1; Barred



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Owl, 2; B Kingfisher, 19; Redhd Wdpkr, 6; Red-b Wdpkr, 28; Y-b Sapsucker, 17; Downy Wdpkr, 18; Hairy Wdpkr, 5; Flicker, 53; Pileated Wdpkr, 21; E Phoebe, 11; Blue Jay, 133; Am Crow, 148; Caro Chickadee, 61; Tufted Titmouse, 38; Red-br Nuthatch, 1; White-br Nuthatch, 2; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 5; Brown Creeper, 2; Caro Wren, 50; Winter Wren, 2; Sedge Wren, 2; Marsh Wren, 1; G-c Kinglet, 38; R-c Kinglet, 48; E Bluebird, 93; Hermit Thrush, 13; Am Robin, 2199; Mockingbird, 51; Brown Thrasher, 34; Cedar Waxwing, 546; L Shrike, 16; Starling, 1356; Orange-cr Warbler, 2; Yel-rp Warbler, 34; Pine Warbler, 28; Palm Warbler, 3; Com Yellowthroat, 2; Cardinal, 161; E Towhee, 44; Chipping Sp, 12; Field Sp, 85; Vesper Sp, 134; Savannah Sp, 48; Fox Sp, 5; Song Sp, 117; Swamp Sp, 34; White-thr Sp, 148; D-e Junco, 235; Red-wg Blackbird, 3443; E Meadowlark, 145; Rusty Blackbird, 204; Brewer's Blackbird, 250; Com Grackle, 9579; Brn-hd Cowbird, 218; blackbird, 1800; Purple Finch, 2; House Finch, 13; Am Goldfinch, 177; House Sp, 21.

**Total species, 84; individuals, 20,837.**

**Compiler: John C. Hall**, Box 870340, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

**Waterloo**, 14 Dec., 23 observers, 82 party-hours.

Com Loon, 6; Pied-b Grebe, 21; Horned Grebe, 28; **Red-nk Grebe, 1** (Good details); D-cr Cormorant, 71; Gt Blue Heron, 197; Canada Goose, 79; Wood Duck, 3; Black Duck, 1; Mallard, 299; Pintail, 7; Shoveler, 4; Gadwall, 19; Ring-nk Duck, 12; Com Goldeneye, 4; Bufflehead, 21; Hooded Merganser, 136; Com Merganser, 4; Red-br Merganser, 3; Black Vulture, 1; Turkey Vulture, 35; Osprey, 1; Bld Eagle, 86; N Harrier, 12; Sharpshin Hawk, 6; Cooper' Hawk, 9; Red-shldrd Hawk, 8; Red-tl Hawk, 48; Am Kestrel, 19; Peregrine Falcon, 1; Wild Turkey, 2; Bobwhite, 48; Am Coot, 59; Killdeer, 75; Dunlin, 1; Com Snipe, 10; Bonaparte's Gull, 2241; Ring-b Gull, 974; Herring Gull, 9; **Lesser Black-backed Gull, 1 (good details)**; Forster's Tern, 8; Rock Dove, 8; Mourning Dove, 213; Screech Owl, 4; Gt Horned Owl, 4; Barred Owl, 8; B Kingfisher, 36; Red-hd Wdpkr, 11; Red-b Wdpkr, 79; Y-b Sapsucker, 60; Downy Wdpkr, 56; Hairy Wdpkr, 17; Flicker, 139; Pileated Wdpkr, 17; E Phoebe, 12; Horned Lark, 100; Blue Jay, 355; Am Crow, 203; Caro Chickadee, 223; Tufted Titmouse, 162; Red-br Nuthatch, 6; White-br Nuthatch, 28; Brown Creeper, 20; Caro Wren, 121; Bewick's Wren, 1(good); House Wren, 2; Winter Wren, 13; G-c Kinglet, 226; R-c Kinglet, 228; E Bluebird, 342; Hermit Thrush, 29; Am Robin, 2527; Mockingbird, 54; Brown Thrasher, 21; Cedar Waxwing, 899; L Shrike, 14; Starling, 753; Yel-rp Warbler, 127; Pine Warbler, 26; Cardinal, 370; R-s Towhee, 76; Chipping Sp, 66; Field Sp, 322; Vesper Sp, 5; Savannah Sp, 35; Fox Sp, 7; Song Sp, 405; Lincoln's Sp, 1; Swamp Sp, 126; White-thr Sp, 569; White-cr Sp, 24; D-e Junco, 446; Red-wg Blackbird, 449; E Meadowlark, 173; Com Grackle, 968; Brn-hd Cowbird, 87; Purple Finch, 35; House Finch, 48; Pine Siskin, 10; Am Goldfinch, 209; House Sparrow, 69.

**Total Species, 101; individuals, 16,214.**

**Compilers, Paul D. Kittle**, Box 5161, UNA, Florence, AL 35632 and **Ned Piper**, 1302 Rush St, Tuscumbia, AL 35674

**Wheeler NWR**, 14 Dec., 36 observers, 87 party-hours.

Com Loon, 1; Pied-b Grebe, 99; Horned Grebe, 23; White Pelican, 1; D-cr Cormorant, 12; Gt Blue Heron, 163; Gt Egret, 1; Snow Goose (blue), 2550; Snow Goose, 50; Canada Goose, 6746; Wood Duck, 497; Green-wg Teal, 541; Black Duck, 1516; Mallard, 11,068; Pintail, 439; Shoveler, 550; Gadwall, 3871; Am Wigeon, 6621; Canvasback, 77; Ring-nk Duck,



2860; L Scaup, 150; Com Goldeneye, 48; Bufflehead, 25; Hooded Merganser, 62; Red-br Merganser, 5; Ruddy Duck, 9; Turkey Vulture, 4; Bald Eagle, 3; N Harrier, 21; Sharp-shin Hawk, 8; Cooper's Hawk, 6; Red-shldrd Hawk, 5; Red-tail Hawk, 96; Am Kestrel, 56; Peregrine Falcon, 1; Bobwhite, 8; Am Coot, 1113; Killdeer, 176; G Yellowlegs, 10; Least Sandpiper, 10; Com Snipe, 20; Bonaparte's Gull, 31; Ring-b Gull, 541; Herring Gull, 3; Forster's Tern, 2; Rock Dove, 798; Mourning Dove, 537; Screech Owl, 13; Gt Horned Owl, 4; Barred Owl, 2; B Kingfisher, 18; Red-hd Wdpkr, 33; Red-b Wdpkr, 98; Y-b Sapsucker, 14; Downy Wdpkr, 38; Hairy Wdpkr, 5; Flicker, 57; Pileated Wdpkr, 4; E Phoebe, 4; Horned Lark, 1028; Blue Jay, 538; Am Crow, 1439; Caro Chickadee, 151; Tufted Titmouse, 74; White-br Nuthatch, 3; Brown Creeper, 5; Caro Wren, 108; House Wren, 1; Winter Wren, 14; G-c Kinglet, 139; Rc Kinglet, 119; E Bluebird, 142; Hermit Thrush, 23; Am Robin, 1573; Mockingbird, 61; Brown Thrasher, 110; Am Pipit, 138; Cedar Waxwing, 1011; L Shrike, 14; Starling, 3017; Orange-cr Warbler, 1; Yel-rp Warbler, 157; Pine Warbler, 8; Cardinal, 277; E Towhee, 200; Chipping Sp, 1; Field Sp, 84; Savannah Sp, 92; Fox Sp, 16; Song Sp, 202; Swamp Sp, 167; White-thr Sp, 671; White-cr Sp, 6; D-e Junco, 69; Lapland Longspur, 108; Red-wg Blackbird, 13,000; E Meadowlark, 319; Rusty Blackbird, 2026; Brewer's Blackbird, 1; Com Grackle, 10,000; Brn-hd Cowbird, 617; Purple Finch, 5; House Finch, 27; Pine Siskin, 5; Am Goldfinch, 167; House Sp, 197.

**Total species, 105; individuals, 79,862.**

**Compiler, J Milton Harris, 3215 Highland Plaza, Huntsville, AL 35801**

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## FLORIDA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS, 1991-92

Thomas A. Imhof

**Choctawhatchee Bay**, 16 Dec., 44 observers, 126.5 party-hours.

Com Loon, 417; Pied-b Grebe, 93; Horned Grebe, 157; Eared Grebe, 4; Gannet, 1; Brown Pelican, 167; D-cr Cormorant, 254; Gt Blue Heron, 97; Great Egret, 7; Snowy Egret, 4; Little Blue Heron, 1; Cattle Egret, 1; Green Heron, 1; B-cr N-Heron, 19; Y-cr N-Heron, 1; Canada Goose, 1; Wood Duck, 35; Green-wg Teal, 13; Mallard, 33; Gadwall, 5; Redhead, 509; Ring-neck Duck, 216; G Scaup, 35; L Scaup, 45; Com Goldeneye, 4; Bufflehead, 914; Hooded Merganser, 6; Red-br Merganser, 69; Ruddy Duck, 33; duck, 9; Black Vulture, 51; Turkey Vulture, 85; Osprey, 4; N Harrier, 2; Sharp-shin Hawk, 6; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 6; Red-tail Hawk, 23; Buteo 1; Am Kestrel, 41; Merlin, 1; hawk 1; Bobwhite, 5; Clapper Rail, 1; Virginia Rail, 1; Sora, 28; Com Moorhen, 7; Am Coot, 125; Black-b Plover, 15; Snowy Plover, 48; Killdeer, 309; G Yellowlegs, 8; L Yellowlegs, 8; Willet, 30; Ruddy Turnstone, 11; Sanderling, 214; W Sandpiper, 72; Least Sandpiper, 72; Dunlin, 8; Com Snipe, 4; Am Woodcock, 2; Laughing Gull, 1138; Bonaparte's Gull, 889; Ring-b Gull, 790; Herring Gull, 65; gull, 2566; Caspian Tern, 1; Royal Tern, 107; Sandwich Tern, 1; Forster's Tern, 92; tern 37; Black Skimmer, 99; Rock Dove, 190; **Eurasian Collared Dove**; Mourning Dove, 1032; Com Ground Dove, 8; Gt Horned Owl, 3; hummingbird sp, 1; B Kingfisher, 39; Red-hd Wdpkr, 8; Red-b Wdpkr, 58; Yellow-b Sapsucker, 5; Downy Wdpkr, 8; Hairy



Wdpkr, 1; Red-cockaded Wdpkr, 1; N Flicker, 53; Pileated Wdpkr, 4; E Phoebe, 50; Blue Jay, 185; Am Crow, 69; Fish Crow, 14; crow, 10; Caro Chickadee, 103; Tufted Titmouse, 79; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 24; Caro Wren, 40; House Wren, 7; Sedge Wren, 1; Golden-cr Kinglet, 5; Ruby cr Kinglet, 179; Blue-gr Gnatcatcher, 20; E Bluebird, 27; Hermit Thrush, 7; Am Robin, 359; Catbird, 17; Mockingbird, 173; Brown Thrasher, 41; Am Pipit, 23; Cedar Waxwing, 70; L Shrike, 24; Starling, 1272; White-e Vireo, 1; Solitary Vireo, 10; Orange-cr Warbler, 26; Yel-rp Warbler, 1077; Yellow-thr Warbler, 2; Pine Warbler, 261; Palm Warbler, 1; Yellowthroat, 4; Cardinal, 129; **Painted Bunting 1(good details)**; R-s Towhee, 70; Chipping Sparrow, 109; Field Sp, 5; Vesper Sp, 17; Savannah Sp, 50; Song Sp, 63; Swamp Sp, 33; White-thr Sp, 135; Dark-e Junco, 7; Red-wg Blackbird, 115; E Meadowlark, 51; Com Grackle, 495; Brn-hd Cowbird 3; blackbird sp, 50; House Finch, 19, Am Goldfinch, 72; House Sp, 275. Count Week, Am Bittern, Snow Goose, Shoveler, Marsh Wren.

**Total species, 131; individuals, 17,416.**

**Compiler, Donald M. Ware**, 662 Fairway Ave, Ft Walton Bch, FL 32547

**Marianna**, 14 Dec., 30 observers, 93 party-hours.

Pied-b Grebe, 20; Horned Grebe, 7; D-cr Cormorant, 35; Gt Blue Heron, 26; Gt Egret, 10; Snowy Egret, 2; Cattle Egret, 2; Y-cr N-Heron, 1; White Ibis, 4; Wood Duck, 37; Mallard, 2; Com Goldeneye, 3; Hooded Merganser, 5; Red-br Merganser, 12; duck, 43; Black Vulture, 66; Turkey Vulture, 147; Osprey, 1; N Harrier, 8; Sharp-shin Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 30; Redtail Hawk, 18; Buteo, 1; Am Kestrel, 40; falcon, 1; Bobwhite, 13; Am Coot, 16; Killdeer, 166; G Yellowlegs, 1; Spotted Sandpiper, 7; Com-Snipe, 9; Rock Dove, 69; Mourning Dove, 358; Ground Dove, 85; Screech Owl, 5; Gt Horned Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 1; B Kingfisher, 32; Red-hd Wdpkr, 3; Red-b Woodpkr, 99; Downy Wdpkr, 20; Hairy Wdpkr, 1; Flicker, 54; Pileated Wdpkr, 29; E Phoebe, 82; **E Kingbird**, 1 (Good details); Tree Swallow, 17; Rough-wg Swallow, 24; Blue Jay, 172; Am Crow, 519; Fish Crow, 141; Caro Chickadee, 164; Tufted Titmouse, 97; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 17; Brown Creeper, 3; Caro Wren, 71; House Wren, 11; Winter Wren, 2; Marsh Wren, 1; Golden-cr Kinglet, 2; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 99; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 10; E Bluebird, 265; Hermit Thrush, 7; Am Robin, 1966; Catbird, 2; Mockingbird, 108; Brown Thrasher, 23; Am Pipit, 2; Cedar Waxwing, 82; L Shrike, 52; Starling, 131; White-e Vireo, 7; Solitary Vireo, 24; Yellow-thr Vireo, 1; Orange-cr Warbler, 2; Yel-rp Warbler, 753; Pine Warbler, 98; Palm Warbler, 20; Black-and white Warbler, 2; Com Yellowthroat, 3; warbler, 50; Cardinal, 240; E Towhee, 58; Chipping Sparrow, 722; Field Sp, 18; Vesper Sp, 1; Savannah Sp, 1; Fox Sp, 2; Song Sp, 31; Swamp Sp, 3; White-thr Sp, 90; sparrow, 12; D-e Junco, 4; Red-wg Blackbird, 726; E Meadowlark, 200; Rusty Blackbird, 70; Brewer's Blackbird, 50; Com Grackle, 107; blackbird, 40; Purple Finch, 2; House Finch, 6; Am Goldfinch, 86; House Sp, 36. Count week, Whip-poor-will.

**Total species, 102; individuals, 9045.**

**Compiler: Shirley Nishino**, 16113 CreekHaven Rd., Fountain, FL 32438 No list of participants.

**Pensacola**, 14 Dec., 34 observers, 103 party-hours.

Com Loon, 176; Pied-b Grebe, 50; Horned Grebe, 91; Gannet, 6; Brown Pelican, 1173; D-cr Cormorant, 447; Gt Blue Heron, 86; Gt Egret, 8; Snowy Egret, 5; Reddish Egret, 1; Cattle Egret, 21; Green Heron, 2; B-cr N-Heron, 2; Y-cr N-Heron, 3; Snow Goose (blue), 3; Snow



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Goose, 1; Wood Duck, 1; Mallard, 42; Redhead, 52; L Scaup, 46; Black Scoter, 1; Com Goldeneye, 81; Bufflehead, 149; Hooded Merganser, 2; Red-br Merganser, 512; duck, 26; Osprey, 1; N Harrier, 3; Sharp-shin Hawk, 13; Cooper's Hawk, 3; Red-shldrd Hawk, 1; Red-tail Hawk, 20; Am Kestrel, 38; Merlin, 4; Bobwhite, 3; Clapper Rail, 7; Am Coot, 76; Black-b Plover, 78; Semi Plover, 1; Killdeer, 116; G Yellowlegs, 15; L Yellowlegs, 1; Willet, 43; Spotted Sandpiper, 7; Marbled Godwit, 1; Ruddy Turnstone, 42; Sanderling, 90; W Sandpiper, 4; Dunlin, 55; Com Snipe, 6; Am Woodcock, 1; Laughing Gull, 1129; Bonaparte's Gull, 184; Ring-b Gull, 637; Herring Gull, 209; gull, 13; Caspian Tern, 3; Royal Tern, 35; Forster's Tern, 49; Black Skimmer, 2; Rock Dove, 377; Mourning Dove, 1991; Ground Dove, 7; Screech Owl, 8; Gt Horned Owl, 1; Barred Owl, 2; **Rufous Hummingbird, 1**; B Kingfisher, 59; Red-hd Wdpkr, 3; Red-b Wdpkr, 79; Downy Wdpkr, 7; Flicker, 55; Pileated Wdpkr, 5; E Phoebe, 68; Scissor-tl Flycatcher, 1; swallow, 2; Blue Jay, 299; Am Crow, 235; Fish Crow, 5621; Caro Chickadee, 74; Tufted Titmouse, 67; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 28; Caro Wren, 68; House Wren, 14; Sedge Wren, 50; Marsh Wren, 7; G-c Kinglet, 8; R-c Kinglet, 98; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 28; E Bluebird, 122; Hermit Thrush, 8; Am Robin, 300; Catbird, 17; Mockingbird, 192; Brown Thrasher, 29; L Shrike, 27; Starling, 3208; White-e Vireo, 2; Solitary Vireo, 10; Orange-cr Warbler, 28; Yel-rp Warbler, 150G; Yellow-thr Warbler, 4; Pine Warbler, 121; Palm Warbler, 17; B & wh Warbler, 1; Com Yellowthroat, 3; Cardinal, 121; E Towhee, 50; Chipping Sp, 94; Field Sp, 29; Savannah Sp, 30; Seaside Sp, 1; Song Sp, 74; Swamp Sp, 57; White-thr Sp, 180; Red-wg Blackbird, 4089; E Meadowlark, 50; Com Grackle, 1787; Brn-hd Cowbird, 20; **Bullock's Oriole, 1**; House Finch, 4; Am Goldfinch, 96; House Sp, 403.

**Total species, 122; individuals, 27,829.**

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**Perdido Bay, FL-AL, 21 Dec., 42 observers, 117.5 party-hours.**

Com Loon, 666; Pied-b Grebe, 70; Horned Grebe, 68; Eared Grebe, 1; Gannet, 372; White Pelican, 163; Brown Pelican, 559; D-c cormorant, 845; Gt Blue Heron, 230; Gt Egret, 17; Snowy Egret, 6; Little Blue Heron, 1; Green Heron, 2; B-cr N-Heron, 45; Snow Goose, Blue, 1; Wood Duck, 7; Mallard, 13; Blue-wg Teal, 10; Redhead, 204; Ringnk Duck, 138; L Scaup, 39; scaup, 260; C Goldeneye, 8; Bufflehead, 84; Hooded Merganser, 11; Red-br Merganser, 1014; Ruddy Duck, 1; duck, 11; Turkey Vulture, 3; Osprey, 6; N Harrier, 3; Sharp-shin Hawk, 2; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 2; Red-tail Hawk, 8; Am Kestrel, 56; hawk, 2; Bobwhite, 5; Clapper Rail, 8; Virginia Rail, 3; Sora, 3; Am Coot, 61; Black-b Plover, 108; Snowy Plover, 45; Semipalm Plover, 8; Piping Plover, 5; Killdeer, 119; G Yellowlegs, 3; L Yellowlegs, 2; Willet, 141; Spotted Sandpiper, 2; Ruddy Turnstone, 49; Red Knot, 3; Sanderling, 392; W Sandpiper, 3; Dunlin, 51; C Snipe, 5; Laughing Gull, 1065; Bonaparte's Gull, 1375; Ring-b Gull, 827; Herring Gull, 267; gull, 20; Caspian Tern, 1; Royal Tern, 115; Com Tern, 2; Forster's Tern, 323; Bk Skimmer, 86; Rock Dove, 252; Mourning Dove, 1164; **Ringed Turtle-Dove, 1**; Screech Owl, 1; Gt Horned Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 1; B Kingfisher, 89; Red-hd Wdpkr, 1; Red-b Wdpkr, 114; Yellow-b Sapsucker, 11; Downy Wdpkr, 7; Hairy Wdpkr, 1; Flicker, 74; Pileated Wdpkr, 6; E Phoebe, 79; Blue Jay, 362; Am Crow, 30; Fish Crow, 397; Caro Chickadee, 77; Tufted Titmouse, 82; Brn-hd Nuthatch, 79; Caro Wren, 74; House Wren, 35; Sedge Wren, 3; Marsh Wren, 19; Golden-cr Kinglet, 2; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 102; Blue-gr Gnatcatcher, 43; E Bluebird, 81; Hermit Thrush, 9; Am Robin, 509; Catbird, 41; Mockingbird, 264; Brown Thrasher, 50; L Shrike, 34; Starling, 1136; White-e Vireo,



3; Solitary Vireo, 10; Orange-cr Warbler, 19; Yel-rp Warbler, 2891; Pine Warbler, 123; Palm Warbler, 2; Black & white Warbler, 1; C Yellowthroat, 17; Cardinal, 195; Towhee, 106; Chipping Sparrow, 315; Field Sp, 57; Vesper Sp, 4; Savannah Sp, 61; Sharp-tl Sp, 3; Henslow's Sp, 1; Le Conte's Sp, 1; Song Sp, 63; Swamp Sp, 102; White-thr Sp, 233; Red-wg Blackbird, 1384; E Meadowlark, 114; Com Grackle, 687; blackbird, 20; House Finch, 4; Am Goldfinch, 24; House Sp, 141. Count Week, Merlin.

**Total Species, 126; individuals, 22,026.**

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**Port St. Joe, 30 Dec., 18 observers, 65 party-hours.**

Red-thr Loon, 1 (good details); Com Loon, 33; Pied-b Grebe, 10; Horned Grebe, 92; Gannet, 58; White Pelican, 4; Brown Pelican, 156; D-cr Cormorant, 255; Gt Blue Heron, 80; Gt Egret, 152; Snowy Egret, 50; Little Blue Heron, 13; Tricolored Heron, 22; Reddish Egret, 4; Cattle Egret, 1; B-cr N-Heron, 11; Canada Goose, 100; Wood Duck, 1; Mallard, 4; G Scaup, 1; scaup, 4; Oldsquaw, 1; Com Goldeneye, 21; Bufflehead, 69; Hooded Merganser, 18; Red-br Merganser, 638; Turkey Vulture, 25; Bald Eagle, 5; N Harrier, 3; Sharp-shin Hawk, 3; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-shldrd Hawk, 9; Red-tail Hawk, 6; Am Kestrel, 25; Merlin, 1; Bobwhite, 1; Clapper Rail, 12; Black-b Plover, 114; Snowy Plover, 7; Semipalm Plover, 7; Piping Plover, 26; Killdeer, 20; Am Oystercatcher, 2; G Yellowlegs, 32; L Yellowlegs, 1; Willet, 327; Spotted Sandpiper, 3; Whimbrel, 2; Long-b Curlew, 1; Marbled Godwit, 5; Ruddy Turnstone, 85; Red Knot, 407; Sanderling, 90; W Sandpiper, 165; Least Sandpiper, 1g; Dunlin, 1091; S-b Dowitcher, 245; Am Woodcock, 2; Laughing Gull, 642; Bonaparte's Gull, 40; Ring-b Gull, 497; Herring Gull, 102; Gt Black-bk Gull, 3; Royal Tern, 144; Forster's Tern, 233; Black Skimmer, 80; Rock Dove, 19; Mourning Dove, 8; Ground Dove, 37; Screech Owl, 11; Gt Horned Owl, 5; Barred Owl, 2; B Kingfisher, 28; Red-b Wdpkr, 30; Y-b Sapsucker, 3; Downy Wdpkr, 10; Red-cockaded Wdpkr, 2; Flicker, 16; E Phoebe, 27; Tree Swallow, 441; Blue Jay, 16; Am Crow, 20; Fish Crow, 389; Caro Chickadee, 32; Tufted Titmouse, 1; Brown-hd Nuthatch, 14; Caro Wren, 26; House Wren, 23; Sedge Wren, 8; Marsh Wren, 19; Ruby-cr Kinglet, 49; Bl-gr Gnatcatcher, 14; E Bluebird, 44; Hermit Thrush, 5; Am Robin, 643; Catbird, 46; Mockingbird, 49; Brown Thrasher, 8; Starling, 73; Solitary Vireo, 6; Orange-cr Warbler, 3; Yel-rp Warbler, 1210; Pine Warbler, 82; Palm Warbler, 2; Com Yellowthroat, 43; Cardinal, 42; E Towhee, 95; Chipping Sp, 52; Field Sp, 37; Vesper Sp, 15; Savannah Sp, 58; Grasshopper Sp, 1; Sharp-tl Sp, 33; Seaside Sp, 4; Song Sp, 37; Swamp Sp, 47; White-thr Sp, 30; Red-wg Blackbird, 204; E Meadowlark, 107; Boat-tl Grackle, 7; Com Grackle, 102; Brnhd Cowbird, 1; Am Goldfinch, 4; House Sp, 24. Count Week, Virginia Rail, Caspian Tern, L Shrike, Le Conte's Sp.

**Total species, 123; individuals, 10,704.**

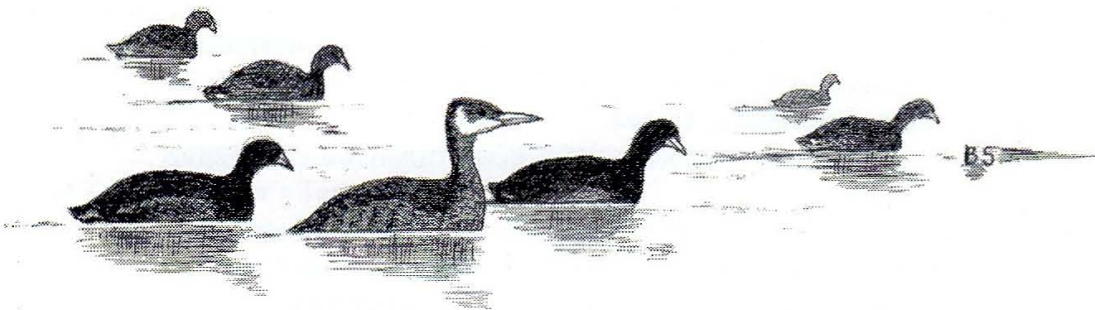
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## 1991 SPRING AND SUMMER SIGHTINGS

Greg D. Jackson

During the spring and summer of 1991 we were blessed with an abundance of birds in our area. Migrants were often plentiful on the coast, and several rarities were discovered, including two new species for Alabama. Temperatures were generally normal for the season; rainfall totals were elevated, particularly in May and June.

Spring migration was punctuated by several moderate fallouts of transients at the coast, particularly in April. The top days for passerines at the coastal "hotspots" were 19 (best), 21, 23, and 27 April. Shorebirding was good at the coast, especially after a wet front 25 April. Passerine migration inland was a little disappointing, but shorebirds passed through in good numbers. The best shorebird day in north Alabama was 6 May, again following a wet frontal system.

This report covers the period from March through July in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle (east to the Apalachicola River). The appearance of observations in this column does not suggest verification or acceptance of records for very rare species, as these must be considered by the appropriate state records committees. It is important that all submissions for birds that are rare, either in general or for a particular season or region, be accompanied by adequate details of the observation. The extent of this documentation depends on the rarity of the species and the difficulty of identification. Reports should always describe the conditions of observation and the diagnostic characters observed. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

County names are in *italics*. "GC" = Gulf Coast (Alabama), "ICP" = Inland Coastal Plain, "MR" = Mountain Region, "TV" = Tennessee Valley. Records not specifying Florida are in Alabama. "ABRC" = Alabama Bird Records Committee, "acc." = accepted, "mob" = many observers, "NWR" = National Wildlife Refuge, "p.a." = pending acceptance, "ph." = photographed, "SP" = State Park, "WMA" = Wildlife Management Area.

**LOONS - RAPTORS:** The **Red-throated Loon** is a rarity in our area, though it is recorded in most years. One was at Dauphin I. 10-21 April (J&JP,mob,acc.ABRC). Common Loons were scarce during the winter in *Bay* and *Gulf*, FL, but in early spring numbers increased considerably (*fide* ACM). The Am. White Pelican sometimes summers in Mobile Bay; on Gaillard I. 15 were seen 29 June (PB,GF,FL). The 125 Double-crested Cormorants in flight s. of Birmingham, *Jefferson*, 28 April (ALM,ADM) set a new MR maximum. Forty adult Cattle Egrets were nesting in July near Leighton, *Colbert*, and a pair of Black-crowned Night-Herons was suspected of breeding at the same site (GNP,WCB,PDK). There are no previous nesting records for these species in n.w. Alabama. A Glossy Ibis, rare in spring, was identified 15 April at Blakely I., *Mobile* (GDJ,GM,PJB).

Three Am. Swallow-tailed Kites were unusual as far north as Wetumpka, *Elmore*, 17 April (IK). The immature Bald Eagles 11 March at Panama City, *Bay*, FL (MB,LS,PC) and 30 March at Ft. Morgan, *Baldwin* (GF) were noteworthy. The first successful Alabama nesting of our national bird since 1962 occurred this spring near Camden, *Wilcox*. This nest did not appear to involve hacking-program birds. A Broad-winged Hawk 13 March in *Perry* (ALM,HHF,ASC) established a new early ICP date. Rarely seen, a **Golden Eagle** graced the skies of n. *Jefferson* 6 March (ALM,HHF,BJ,ASC). For many years the Am. Kestrel has been rare in summer in our region. It was encouraging to have four separate reports from late May



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to July in *Morgan* (GDJ,JH) and near Birmingham (TAI). Several Merlins and Peregrine Falcons were seen along the coast this spring, as is usual; the Peregrine 7 May at Ft. Morgan (RAD) was late.

**RAILS - SHOREBIRDS:** The elusive **Black Rail**, rarely encountered but seemingly regular (? resident), was discovered at Dauphin I. 8-12 April (J&JP,mob). Black-bellied Plovers are rare inland in the spring, so four near Muscle Shoals, *Colbert*, 6 May (GDJ,BCG) were noteworthy. Two uncommon summering birds were at Ft. Morgan 22-23 June (GDJ,DGJ). The single Am. Oystercatchers spotted at Ft. Morgan 28 March (PB,GF,FL) and 12 April (JH) were odd for that site. A southward-bound Solitary Sandpiper 13 July at Gulf Shores, *Baldwin* (PB,JL,GF,FL) established a new early GC arrival date. Eighty Willets were downed by a storm on the Mobile Causeway, *Mobile*, 25 April (GDJ,DGJ). The four Upland Sandpipers in s. *Baldwin* 27 April (GDJ,DGJ) were late. Two Long-billed Curlews, regular on the Mobile Causeway, returned to that area as early as 27 July (PB). A Marbled Godwit was unusual at Blakely I. 23 April (GDJ,RAD,WJB,PCT) and nearby on the Mobile Causeway 25 April (GDJ,DGJ). Uncommon in summer, two Ruddy Turnstones were at Ft. Morgan 22-23 June (GDJ,DGJ); both were in alternate (breeding) plumage, which is unusual for summering shorebirds. A molting Western Sandpiper was seasonally rare 22 June at Ft. Morgan (GDJ,DGJ). The 10 White-rumped Sandpipers near Marion, *Perry*, 1 May (GDJ,RRS) were early.

Setting a new early arrival date for Alabama, two alternate-plumaged Baird's Sandpipers were scrutinized 1 April near Marion, *Perry* (GDJ). This species is rare in spring, particularly inland. One was spotted 7 May at Bon Secour, *Baldwin* (JH). Five Pectoral Sandpipers set a new GC early date 13 July at Gulf Shores (PB). Nearby at Bon Secour, 170 Stilt Sandpipers were noteworthy 21 April (GDJ). The five Buff-breasted Sandpipers at a sod farm in s. *Baldwin* 30 March (A&DF,BG) were interesting on that date; up to 13 were present 27 April (GDJ,DGJ). Three early Short-billed Dowitcher were at Swan Creek WMA, *Limestone*, 17 March (SWM). The wet front 25 April produced 530 Long-billed Dowitchers on the Mobile Causeway, *Mobile* (GDJ,DGJ), establishing a new state maximum. This species is difficult to find inland in spring; three were at Decatur, *Morgan*, 6 May (GDJ,BCG). It was a good spring for Wilson's Phalarope in our area; this delicate shorebird is much easier to locate in autumn. Most noteworthy of the records included the first spring ICP record 1 May near Marion, *Perry* (RRS,GDJ), and a new inland maximum of seven birds at Decatur 6 May (GDJ,BCG).

**GULLS - SWALLOWS:** An alternate-plumaged Laughing Gull was a rare inland find 26 May at Waterloo, *Lauderdale* (GNP). An adult **Great Black-backed Gull**, rare but regular in the state, was at Ft. Morgan and Dauphin I. 21 March to 7 April (GF,PB,*et al.*). The 54 Common Terns identified at Ft. Morgan 7 May (JH,RAD) represented a good number for the spring. At least two **Eurasian Collared-Doves** were present at Ft. Morgan 12 April to 7 May (JH,mob,ph.JH,acc.ABRC). The population of this species, presumably originating from birds released in the Bahamas, has exploded in recent years in s. Florida. It has bred for several seasons in our region near Destin, *Okaloosa*, FL, and is now spreading along the Gulf Coast in small numbers. This was the first documented record for Alabama, though it is not officially recognized on the North American list. White-winged Doves are uncommon along the coast in spring; single birds were noted 27 April at Ft. Morgan (LRD,mob) and as late as 22 May in *Okaloosa*, FL (BLM). The species is not expected in summer, so it was a surprise to have one at Ft. Morgan 22 June (GF,PB).



Alabama *finally* recorded the **Buff-bellied Hummingbird**! This species has appeared several times in n.w. Florida and coastal Mississippi, usually in residential areas at feeders. The bird discovered 8 April was at a migrant trap, not a yard; no feeders were present. It is somehow fitting that this Ft. Morgan sighting was by RRS (acc.ABRC)! Good numbers of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds arrived 19 April, with 50+ at Ft. Morgan (BCG,mob), and 60+ at Ft. Pickens, FL (FAP). A wintering female **Calliope Hummingbird**, Alabama's second, continued in *Shelby* to 29 March (*fide* RRS).

Least Flycatchers are reported infrequently in spring; single birds were observed 21 April at Ft. Morgan (JH,JB), and 17 May near Florence, *Lauderdale* (PDK). A pair of Scissor-tailed Flycatchers appeared 27 April w. of Florence (PDK,DCP,PN,GE), at the site where they nested in 1990. There was no evidence of breeding this year. The second July GC record of this elegant bird came 13 July at Ft. Morgan (PB,JL,GF,FL). Three Tree Swallows were at Copeland Ferry, *Walker*, 15 June (TAI,DW), representing only the third MR June sighting. There were several early swallow reports this spring. A new early TV date for N. Rough-winged Swallow was set 10 March, when one was at Guntersville, *Marshall* (HHK,MS,BJ). Two Rough-wingeds 9 March at Gulf Shores (GDJ,DGJ), and three 11 March at Marion (GDJ,HHK), were also early. An early Cliff Swallow was in Decatur 29 March (SWM). This species has been expanding its range in recent years, and the southernmost inland Alabama nest was discovered 17 July on the Cahaba R. in *Perry* (ALM,ASC,HHF). Twelve Barn Swallows at Ft. Morgan 7 March (PB,GF) set a new early record for the state. At Guntersville two birds established a new TV arrival date 9 March (ALM,ADM).

**CROWS - WOOD-WARBLERS:** Up to 17 Fish Crows were seen 30 May to 28 July in n. *Bibb* and w. *Jefferson* (TAI,mob), higher than usual numbers for that area. House Wrens are rare breeders in Alabama, but nesting in the MR is becoming regular. Six young were banded at a nest near Birmingham 26 May (RRS,MO). A late Ruby-crowned Kinglet was observed 27 April at Ft. Morgan (GDJ,DGJ). It is difficult to find Am. Robins beyond early April on the coast, so one 23 April near Hurricane, *Baldwin* (PCT,RAD,WJB) was interesting. Warbling Vireos are rare in our area any time. One was near Florence 19-22 April (PDK), and another was at Ft. Morgan 27 April (GDJ,DGJ,mob). Black-whiskered Vireo is a regularly-occurring rarity on the coast in spring. At least six were seen 6 April to 7 May. A sighting on Dauphin I. 6 April (HH) tied the early arrival date for the state.

Twenty Blue-winged Warblers provided a new GC maximum 19 April at Ft. Morgan (BCG,mob). A single bird 20 April at St. Andrews SP, *Bay*, FL (PG,JR,ACM) was considered locally rare. The rare "Brewster's" Warbler, a Blue-winged X Golden-winged hybrid, was seen 21-22 April at Ft. Morgan (JH,JB,GDJ,mob) and 1 May at Ft. Pickens, FL (OEF). Orange-crowned Warblers were late 20 April in *Montgomery* (LG) and 23 April at Ft. Morgan (WJB). The 100 Yellow Warblers at Ft. Morgan 19 April (BCG,mob) set a new GC maximum. A late Magnolia Warbler was singing 2 June in Wheeler NWR, *Morgan* (SWM).

Black-throated Blue Warblers, which generally follow an East Coast route, were seen in higher-than-usual numbers this spring. Peak counts were of 10-12 birds 27 April at Ft. Morgan (GDJ,GF,mob) and eight at Ft. Pickens, FL, 28 April (FL,GF). This species is rare inland, so two males were noteworthy 4 May at Cheaha SP (BCG). Over 70 Black-throated Green Warblers appeared at Ft. Morgan during the fallout 19 April (BCG,mob). A Cerulean Warbler at Ft. Morgan 6 May (JH) provided a new late GC record. Conversely, a new early



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date for the ICP was set by the sighting of a Worm-eating Warbler 31 March in *Montgomery* (LG). A Wilson's Warbler that day at Ft. Pickens, FL (FL,GF) was also early. **Mourning Warblers** are rare throughout our region; a singing bird was heard 25 May in Birmingham (BCG,HHK,p.a.ABRC).

**TANAGERS - FINCHES:** The male **Western Tanager** was a rare find at Dauphin I. 24 April (MLB,VB,acc.ABRC). A Blue Grosbeak observed at Ft. Morgan 9 March (GDJ,DGJ) provided a new early arrival date for Alabama. The 150 Blue Grosbeaks 23 April at St. Joe SP, *Gulf*, FL (R&AI) must have been impressive. This was a great spring for observing transient Dickcissels at the coast. A new GC maximum was set 23 April by the 250 birds at Dauphin I. and Ft. Morgan (GDJ,RAD,WJB,PCT). The same day, 100 were at St. Joe SP, FL (R&AI), and over 75 were present 24 April at Ft. Pickens, FL (GF). Lark Sparrows are difficult to find in spring; a lone bird was at Ft. Morgan 27 April (LRD,WWD,RAD). A rare **Harris' Sparrow** was very cooperative at Ft. Morgan 19 March to 4 May (WF,mob,acc.ABRC), establishing a new late date for the state.

**Shiny Cowbirds** returned for the second year, but not in the numbers of the prior spring. This season, at least four were at Ft. Morgan 12 April to 7 May (JH,mob,acc.ABRC), and four to five birds were at Dauphin I. 12-23 April (AOS,*et al.*). Alabama's fourth record of **Bronzed Cowbird** was provided by a single bird in poor condition at Ft. Morgan 11 April (PB,GF,FL,acc.ABRC). A pair of House Finches, rare but increasing on the coast, was at Marianna, *Jackson*, FL, 18 April (FAP).

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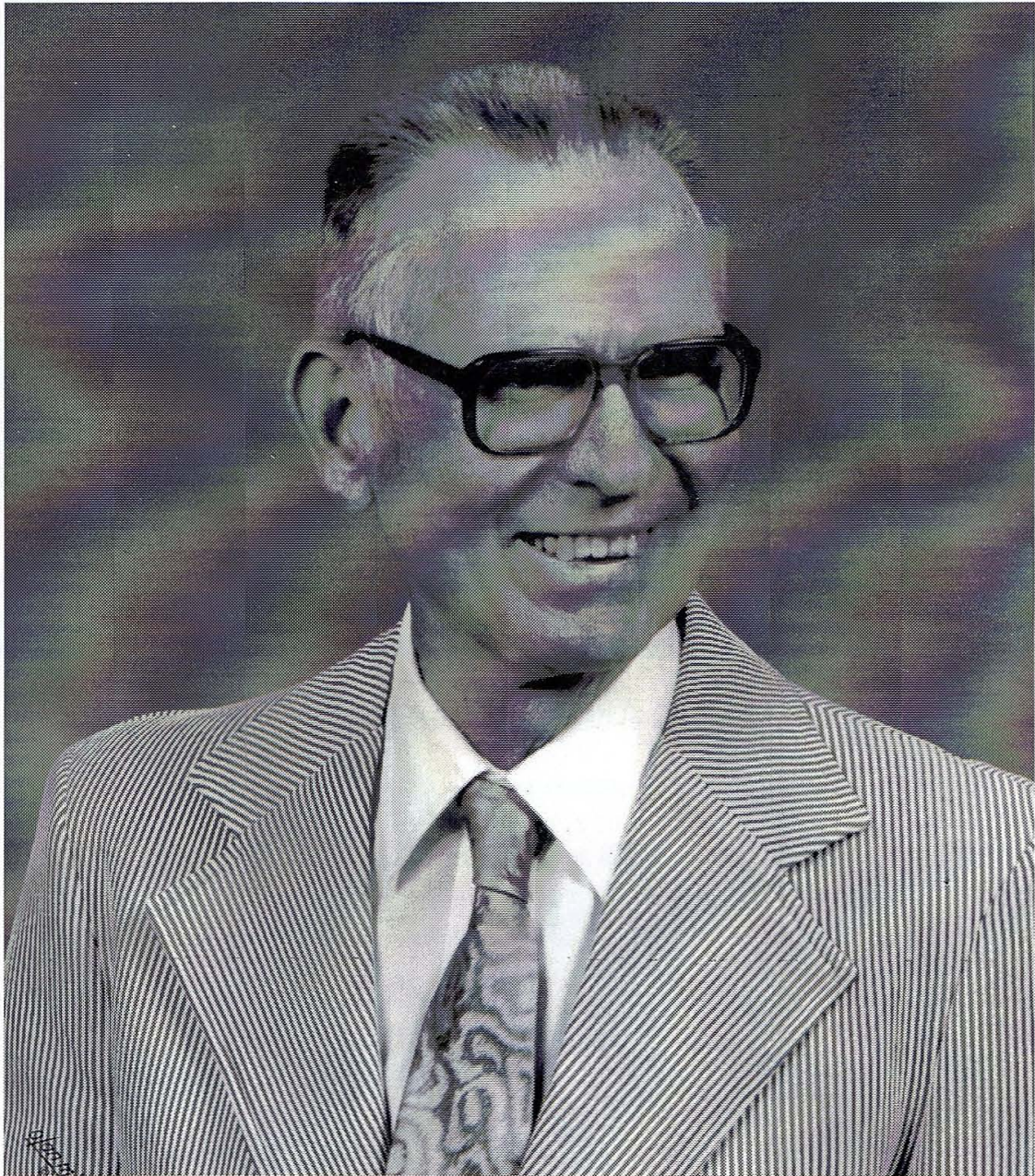




**IN MEMORIAM**

**Henry M. Stevenson**

**1914-1991**



**Henry M. Stevenson, 1914-1991**

On 4 November 1991, Dr. Henry Stevenson of Tallahassee had a severe heart attack at his desk at Tall Timbers Research Station and died. Dr. Stevenson was born in Birmingham, graduated from Birmingham-Southern College, received a Master's degree in science from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in Ornithology under Dr. Arthur Allen at Cornell.



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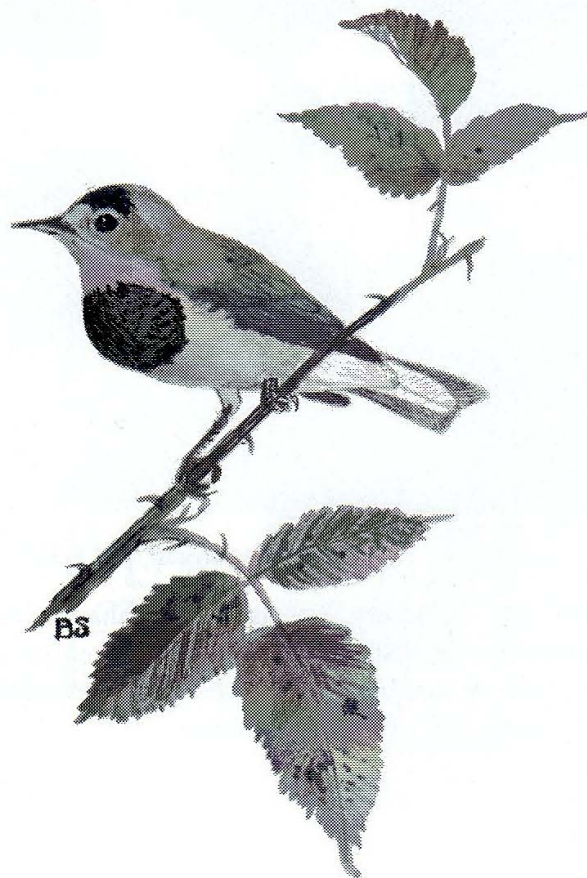
He compiled the first Christmas Bird Count in Birmingham in 1934 and several subsequent years. In 1946 he became professor in Ornithology at Florida State University at Tallahassee, but still helped found the Birmingham Audubon Society and worked with Blanche Dean, Blanche Chapman, Harriet Wright (now Findlay), Mary Hafling, Thomas Imhof, Morton Perry, Millard Prather, Walter Coxe, and others. He also helped in the founding of the Alabama Ornithological Society, the publishing of *Alabama Birds*, many Christmas Bird Counts, and other birding activities around Alabama.

Among Dr. Stevenson's graduate students were Horace Loften of Panama City, John Ogden of Everglades National Park, and Storrs Olson of the Smithsonian Institution. In 1975 he retired from Florida State and began many fruitful years of research mainly toward the publication of *The Birdlife of Florida*, which, with the help of Bruce Anderson for the last five years, will be published as probably the most detailed state bird book ever.

As a personal friend of mine, I remember Henry as a man who took his religion seriously, a good bass soloist, was always helpful, loyal, attentive to detail, a good scientist, modest. He is survived by his wife, RosaBelle, formerly an Ard from Foley; his brother Thomas, a retired minister at Pinson, formerly pastor at Cahaba Heights Methodist Church; another brother Leon, a retired high school principal of Memphis; a sister, Alma Ledyard of Nashville; daughter, Nell, teaching in Atlanta; son Earnest, director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in N. Florida; Henry Jr., electronics technician and strong Christian laymen in Houston; and James, Tallahassee high school biology teacher, the best birder and a herpetologist. His influence was wide!

May he rest in peace and May God Bless him!

For help in preparation, I wish to thank Henry's wife, RosaBelle, and Dr. Frances C. James, his successor on the FSU faculty. — **Thomas A. Imhof**, 1036 Pike Road, Birmingham, AL 35218.





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