

REPORTS

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Summary of the 1990 Spring Meeting.—The spring meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society was held at the Sheraton Harbor Place in Fort Myers, Florida, from 4-6 May. The Audubon Society of Southwest Florida was the host chapter, and Cindy Bear was the local committee chair.

During the board meeting, it was reported that the FOS Checklist is in final draft. The Board voted to award the Helen G. and Allen D. Cruickshank Research Award of \$500 to Dr. Kenneth Meyer of the University of Florida for work on the "Social Behavior and Demographics of the American Swallow-tailed Kite in Florida." The Board also gave \$500 to the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas project. The Board extended an invitation to the Wilson Ornithological Society to hold a joint meeting in Florida in the spring of 1992. Lake Region Audubon Society has volunteered to host the meeting in the Orlando/Kissimmee area. During the annual membership meeting on Saturday, Dan Click, Judi Hopkins, and Bill Smith were elected Directors.

The Saturday afternoon paper session on Florida kites was moderated by Dr. Kenneth Meyer. Mr. John Cornutt spoke on the Black-shouldered Kite in Florida. Dr. Meyer spoke on the American Swallow-tailed Kite, and briefly, on the Mississippi Kite. Dr. James Rodgers spoke on Snail Kites. Dr. William Robertson provided concluding remarks on kites of the world.

The skin quiz was prepared by Dr. J. W. Hardy of the University of Florida. In addition to skins, it included bird calls to be identified and matched with sonograms. Herb Kale won the skin quiz.

After the banquet, Drs. Hardy and Kale spoke of the contributions of two prominent members of FOS who passed away in recent months. Dr. Hardy spoke of Johnnie Johnson, and Dr. Kale spoke of Johnnie Fisk. The banquet entertainment was provided by Storytellers of Sanibel, Bert and Noel MacCarry, who told folktales of birds and other wildlife from around the world.

Field trips were held to Six Mile Cypress Swamp, Cape Coral, Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the Nature Center of Lee County, Bowman's Beach, and Cayo Costa Island.

The usual good time was had by all. The fall meeting will be 12-14 October in the Tallahassee area. Tall Timbers Research Station will be the host "chapter." The spring 1991 meeting will be in Tampa; no date has been set for the spring meeting.—**Bruce Neville**, 8221 SW 72 Ave., #273, Miami, Florida 33143.

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FOS Records Committee Report.—This is the fifth report of the Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee, covering 1987. It contains 20 records of which 14 were accepted and 6 were not accepted. One record (87-124) was withdrawn. Committee members are Jocelyn Lee Baker (secretary), Wally George, Larry Hopkins, Rebecca Payne and Henry Stevenson.

Sightings of rare birds in Florida should be submitted to the secretary of the Records Committee. All records published thus far have been placed in a permanent file in the FOS Archives at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville where they are available for research. Documentation for birds listed in this report was submitted by: Brooks Atherton, Lyn Atherton, Jane M. Brooks, L. Page Brown, James E. Cavanagh, Robert L. Crawford, Robert A. Duncan, Davis W. Finch, Wally George, Wayne Hoffman, Johnnie Johnson, Howard P. Langridge, James Layne, Bruce Neville, Rebecca L. Payne, P. William Smith, Hal Wiedmann and Glen Woolfenden.—**Jocelyn Lee Baker**, Secretary, 851 North Surf Road, Apartment #302, Hollywood, Florida 33019.