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as a function of palatability, sex, and habitat. *Amer. Midl. Nat.* 98: 50-58. — Twenty-five percent of all butterflies collected in Everglades Nat. Park in January 1970 had beak-marks on the wings (evidence of attempted predation).

- ROHWER, S., AND J. BUTLER. Ground foraging and rapid molt in the Chuck-will's-widow. *Wilson Bull.* 89: 165-166. — Butler's observations of a Chuck capturing tree frogs from the road under a street light in Ft. Myers, Lee Co., shows that ground feeding is possible for Chucks during the stages of molt when their flying ability may be hampered.
- STEVENSON, H. M. A comparison of the Apalachicola River avifauna above and below Jim Woodruff Dam. Pp. 34-36 *in* R. J. Livingston and E. A. Joyce, Jr., eds. Proceedings of the conference on the Apalachicola Drainage System, 23-24 April 1976, Gainesville, Florida. *Fla. Mar. Res. Publ. No.* 26.
- STEWART, P. A. Migratory movements and mortality rate of Turkey Vultures. *Bird-Banding* 48: 122-124. — Of 130 recoveries in eastern North America, three concern Florida birds.
- STEWART, P. A. Radial dispersal and southward migration of Wood Ducks banded in Vermont. *Bird-Banding* 48: 333-336. — Of 1403 recoveries, 2.85% are from Florida.
- TABB, E. Winter returns of American Kestrels in southern Florida. *N. Am. Bird Bander* 2: 163. — Seventeen Kestrels have been recaptured, one to six years from their banding dates and all at approximately the site of original capture.
- WILLIAMS, T. C., P. BERKELEY, AND V. HARRIS. Autumnal bird migration over Miami studied by radar: A possible test of the wind drift hypothesis. *Bird-Banding* 48: 1-10.
- WILLIAMS, T. C., J. M. WILLIAMS, L. C. IRELAND, AND J. M. TEAL. Autumnal bird migration over the western North Atlantic Ocean. *Amer. Birds* 31: 251-267. — Includes observations made from Miami in 1973.
- WOOLFENDEN, G. E., AND J. H. FITZPATRICK. Dominance in the Florida Scrub Jay. *Condor* 79: 1-12. — At Archbold Biological Station, Highlands Co.

Report on the 1978 spring meeting. — The Tampa Audubon Society hosted 186 FOS registrants at the Causeway Inn, Tampa, on 21-23 April 1978. Susan Bird, in charge of arrangements, William D. Courser, James A. Rodgers, Jr., Ronald L. Mumme, Anita Sharf, and others were meticulous in their planning — even to the full moon which arrived punctually for the 153 luau participants. We are grateful to all those who made the weekend so pleasant. Friday evening's Photographers' Roundup, led by Brooks and Lyn Atherton, was augmented by a discussion of "Identification of gulls in Florida" by Wayne Hoffman. The field trips to Fort Desoto Park, McKay Bay, the lower Hillsborough River, and Courtney-Campbell Causeway on Saturday and Sunday mornings were well attended and many birds of interest were enjoyed. The skin quiz, created by W. Hoffman and G. Thomas Bancroft, was won AGAIN by Dan Heathcote. At the scientific paper session, J. A. Rodgers, Jr., introduced the following papers: "Courtship behavior of subadult Little Blue Herons" by Rodgers; "Burrowing Owl rectric numbers" by W. D. Courser; "Notes on the Reddish Egret in Florida" by Rich Paul; "Avian utilization of dredge-deposit islands" by Roy R. Lewis; "Courtship behavior of the Black Skimmer" by Fred H. Groves; and "Nest-site selection of colonial herons and egrets on Seahorse Key" by Kim Riddell.

At the business meeting, Theodore H. Below, Robert A. Duncan and Virginia Markgraf were elected to the Board of Directors. Treasurer Caroline Coleman, with help from assistant treasurers John H. Hintermister (newly appointed) and Betty Valkenburg (current), now will handle financial matters as well as maintain the membership records. A resolution of thanks will be sent to FAS for all their help during our initial years. Two committees were established: by-laws revision, and finance and investments. Student memberships in the FOS were created

at \$2.00 annually, and members are urged to notify students of this change. Contributions to the *FFN* are requested, and interesting observations on the distribution and status of Florida birds made after 1 June 1978 should be reported to John H. Hintermister, compiler of a new *FFN* feature. — *Barbara C. Kittleson, Secretary.*

NOTES AND NEWS

Noteworthy observations on the distribution and status of Florida birds. — Noteworthy field records made after 1 June 1978 should be sent to John H. Hintermister for a regular column in the *Florida Field Naturalist*. This column will include brief mention of interesting breeding records, of unusual counts or dates of occurrence, as well as of strays and rarities. Pertinent details would include accurate locality, inclusive dates, full name(s) of observer(s), observation conditions, and disposition of any tangible proof (i.e. skin, nest, photograph, tape recording, etc.). It should be emphasized that this column will NOT signal the end of acceptance by the *FFN* of manuscripts about significant observations. Instead, this column will be the place to record observations that might not warrant a general note in the *FFN* but that are still noteworthy. Thus, this column will expand the coverage of Florida's bird life by the *FFN*.

Although such a column might duplicate information published in *American Birds* and *The Florida Naturalist*, this column should become THE place to check for the full account of noteworthy field observations. The success of this new column depends in part on your participation; John cannot cover the state singlehandedly. It is expected that this column will grow and evolve to suit the needs of the FOS membership and reflect the quality of information submitted.

Send your records and any suggestions about format or organization to the compiler, *John H. Hintermister, Rt. 3, Box 38H, Gainesville, Florida 32601.*

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Resident White-winged Doves in Florida. — In the early 1960's, several White-winged Doves escaped from an aviculturist near Homestead when a hurricane crushed one of the pens holding the captive stock. Birders in south Florida have watched this population expand for about 15 years and now take White-winged Dove more or less for granted in the Homestead to Ft. Lauderdale area. This notice is to alert birders in the rest of the peninsula that they may begin to see White-winged Doves as a result of a small scale relocation program by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Small numbers of trapped white-wings from the Homestead population have been released at nine localities between Highlands County and northern Marion County to establish the species as a resident breeder in citrus groves, one of their favorite nesting habitats. Persons observing White-winged Doves in Florida north of the Ft. Lauderdale-Miami area are encouraged to report the sightings to the *Wildlife Research Laboratory, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, 4005 S Main Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601.*