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western United States and Mexico. However, light conditions were poor and no field marks were observed. On subsequent afternoons the diagnostic whitish underparts from throat to lower belly, small size, square tail, and flickering wing beats were clearly visible at distances as close as 15 m (many observers). A maximum of 22 (one flock) was seen on 7 December 1980 (G.R.G., Sidney Graves) and after this date up to 13 were present daily until the 13 January 1981 cold snap (down to 8°F.), after which the maximum number seen was only 4 or 5. Vaux's Swifts were last observed during the "first few days" of March 1981 (C. NeSmith). The first locally arriving Chimney Swifts (*C. pelagica*) were observed on 19 March 1981 (G.R.G.). Attempts to discover the night roosts of *C. vauxi* or to obtain voucher specimens or diagnostic photographs were unsuccessful. These sight observations, 4 December 1980-early March 1981, represent the first record of Vaux's Swift in the southeastern United States. Lowery's (1974, p. 398) statement, "any swift seen in Louisiana after the first week of November and before the second week of March is almost certainly of this species [*C. vauxi*], since there is no unequivocal evidence that the Chimney Swift is ever present anywhere in the United States in this period", is probably applicable to the entire Gulf coast (e.g. Howell 1982; Stevenson 1959, 1960, 1973; Imhof 1962; Edscorn 1978).

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**Twenty-nine year synopsis of the Coot Bay Christmas Bird Count.**—William Bolte and Oron L. Bass, Jr. 1980. South Florida Research Center Report T-605, 19 pp. Available from the second author, SFRC, Everglades National Park, P. O. Box 279, Homestead, FL 33030.—This CBC has been conducted since 1950, although the first count was conducted with the center 2 miles NE of the center of all subsequent counts and therefore not included in this report. This report includes a brief introduction on the history, location, and habitat coverage of the count and a map. The bulk of the report is a 16 p table detailing the results of each count. A total of 241 species, 2 forms, and 1 hybrid has been recorded for the 29 counts, with 81 species observed on each of the 29 counts.