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REPORTS

Summary of the 1982 fall meeting.—The fall meeting of the FOS was held 22-24 October 1982 at the Holiday Inn, Titusville. Its great success was thanks to the efforts of Bob Brown, who outdid himself as host. He not only planned a fine meeting but also gave FOS a handsome wooden sign bearing the name of the society and supplied a canvas bag in which to ship it. Furthermore, he saw to it that we had no expenses but plenty of profits from the meeting. Before the photographers' round-up on Friday evening, Mark Trafton spoke on the "Birds of Merritt Island NWR and Port Canaveral". Herb Kale's skin quiz was won by Glen Woolfenden. Jack Dozier and Lyn Atherton were runners-up. The scientific session included papers on the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas by Herbert W. Kale, "The status and distribution of the Florida Scrub Jay" by Jeffrey A. Cox, "Vocal behavior of Seaside Sparrows" by Mary Victoria McDonald, "Wood Stork reproductive success and movement patterns in central and north Florida" by James A. Rodgers, Jr., "Bird remains from Indian sites in central California" by Diana G. Matthieson, and "Ecologic, geography and conservation of western Atlantic marine turtles: new evidence of the importance of south Brevard beaches and lagoons" by Llewellyn M. Ehrhart.

At the meeting of the board of directors, Wally George was reappointed to the Records Committee. Helen and Bill Dowling were given a vote of appreciation for their work on the Membership Committee. It was agreed to have a representative on the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas committee. A policy was adopted to sell our membership list (to be used one time only) to projects that are of interest or benefit to the members. Requests will be carefully considered by the executive committee in order to protect the members from unwanted mail.

Helen Cruickshank's program at the dinner Saturday evening entitled "Florida Audubon African Safari" was a delight, receiving rave reviews on her presentation and magnificent slides. FOS is fortunate to have this lovely lady as an honorary member and doubly fortunate that she so graciously shared her photography with us.

The Francis M. Weston Audubon Society invited the FOS to hold its annual meeting in Gulf Breeze on 15-17 April 1983 with Lucy and Bob Duncan as hosts. Bob Loftin extended an invitation to return to Jacksonville in the fall of 1983. Dave Goodwin, on behalf of the St. Petersburg Audubon Society, invited FOS for its annual meeting in 1984.—Barbara C. Kittleson, 5334 Woodhaven Drive, Lakeland, Florida, 33803.

FOS Records Committee annual report for 1982.—The FOS Records Committee was established in the fall of 1981 to review significant ornithological records from Florida.

The FOS bylaws state that the purpose of the Committee is to accept or reject sighting records, to promote the submission of unusual sightings that might otherwise remain unpublished, to encourage observers to provide ac-

curate details of unusual sightings, and to assure that all submissions are examined critically. Records to be reviewed include sightings of birds that are rare in Florida, within the AOU boundaries of the state, or those that represent significant deviations (temporal or spatial) from their usual occurrences.

Committee members and expiration dates of their terms are: Wally George 1982; Lucy R. Duncan 1983; Henry M. Stevenson 1983; Lyn S. Atherton 1984; Margaret C. Bowman, Sec. 1984.

Procedures for submitting data appeared in the FOS-FAS Newsletter vol. 7:3. Copies of the Documentary Form are available from Committee members or the Secretary at P.O. Box 1833, Vero Beach, FL 32960. A stamped legal size envelope is necessary. The submitter photocopies the form for immediate use and keeps the master. Submission of the FOS Documentary Form is not mandatory but recommended for uniformity. Reports, accompanied by any substantiating photos, drawings, pellets, tapes, or other evidence are permanently deposited at the Florida State Museum, Gainesville, Florida, and made available to qualified investigators. Records that are accepted by the Committee are published annually in the Florida Field Naturalist. The Committee also makes an annual report at the Fall FOS meeting, as stipulated in the bylaws. Reviews of the Committee are confidential. A unanimous vote is required for acceptance of a record. If new information arises, a decision may be reconsidered. All materials must be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee who will circulate them among the committee members.

Significant records published in *American Birds* and *Florida Field Naturalist* should be submitted to the Records Committee. The Editor of FFN sends to the Committee, prior to publishing, those manuscripts relating to birds that fall within the view of the Committee. Seasonal editors of *American Birds* are urged to submit records. The Committee members serve as technical referees advising the FFN editor on acceptability of papers based on distribution records. Only records approved by the Committee will be published in FFN.

During its first year the Committee received 26 reports of sightings, several of which were reported independently by more than one observer. Hence, there were more reports than birds. The more reports per sighting, the better the evidence available for consideration. Of the 20 birds reported, 10 (50%) were accepted (Table 1). Reports that were reviewed and not accepted generally lacked sufficient evidence. A good record cannot be damaged by too much detail nor by too many independent reports. Two reports were submitted and then withdrawn prior to review.

Contributors were Brooks Atherton, Lyn S. Atherton, Alan Barron, Frederick M. Barry, Ted Below, Jane M. Brooks, Robin Carter, James E. Cavanagh, Jr., Harriet Davidson, William E. Dowling, Lucy R. Duncan, Robert A. Duncan, Harlan B. Herbert, Larry Hopkins, E. Richard King, Claire Krusko, Barry Lenz, Jeffrey S. Moore, Martin T. Morris, Bruce D. Neville, Colleen R. O'Sullivan, Ellen Slater, Jim Stevenson, R. T. Walton.—Margaret C. Bowman, Records Committee Secretary, P.O. Box 1833, Vero Beach, Florida 32960.

Table 1. FOS Records Committee annual report 1982.

Date of report	Species	Serial number	Date observed	Location	Decision
09/02/81	Townsend's Warbler	81-001	05/05/81	Pigeon Key Monroe Co.	Not Accepted
09/03/81	Mountain Plover	81-002	03/03/81	Bahia Honda Monroe Co.	Not Accepted
10/26/81	Northern Wheatear	81-003	10/20/81	Crossbar Ranch Pasco Co.	Not Accepted
10/27/81	Baird's Sandpiper	81-004	03/25/81	Lakeland Sewer Polk Co.	Accepted
11/11/81	Baird's Sandpiper photo	81-005	10/01-03 /81	Ft. Pickens Escambia Co.	Accepted
11/17/81	Sage Thrasher photos	81-006	03/06/81	Hickory Mound Taylor Co.	Accepted
12/10/81	Sabine's Gull photos	81-007	10/26-28 /81	Ft. Pierce St. Lucie Co.	Accepted
01/22/82	Brant photo	81-008	10/24,31 /81	Duda Farms Lake Co.	Accepted
03/10/82	Wied's Crested Flycatcher	82-009	12/17/81	Royal Palm Hammock, ENP	Accepted
03/24/82	Franklin's Gull field sketch	82-010	03/23/82	Pensacola Escambia Co.	*Accepted
04/10/82	Baird's Sandpiper	82-011	04/10/82	Old Keystone Rd., Pinellas Co.	Not Accepted
05/24/82	Harlequin Duck photos	82-012	04/02/82	Ft. Pickens Escambia Co.	Accepted
06/18/82	Red-footed Booby field sketches	82-013	05/08/82	Bush Key Dry Tortugas	Accepted
06/30/82	Common Eider photo	82-014	11/12/81	Doctor's Pass Collier Co.	Accepted
07/01/82	Kirtland's Warbler field sketch	82-015	08/01/81	Saddlebunch Key, Monroe Co.	Not Accepted
07/07/82	Bahama Swallow	82-016	06/02/82	Cudjoe Key Monroe Co.	Not Accepted
07/07/82	Black Noddy	82-017	06/06/82	Garden Key Dry Tortugas	Not Accepted
08/24/82	Zenaida Dove	82-018	05/18/79	Garden Key Dry Tortugas	Not Accepted
09/30/82	Yellow-green Vireo	82-019	09/22/82	Escambia Co.	Not Accepted
10/08/82	Northern Wheatear	82-020	09/21/82	St. George Is. Franklin Co.	Not Accepted

* occurrence now too regular to merit further review