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## REPORTS

**Summary of the 1985 fall meeting.**—The fall meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society was held at the Ramada Inn in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Dot Freeman and the Orange County Audubon Society were our hosts from 13-15 September. President Bob Brown thanked the local committee for their efforts and announced the dates of the next spring meeting at Plantation Key (2-4 May). A trip to the Dry Tortugas is being planned for before the meeting.

During the board meeting, Oron Bass was elected to the Records Committee to complete the unexpired term of Wayne Hoffman, who has moved from Florida, and Larry Hopkins was elected to a full term. Rich Paul was appointed to the Research Awards Committee. President Brown proposed a series of informal Birding Weekends for socializing and birding at Florida's great birding locations during their peak season. Cost to participants would be \$10 to go to the Research Fund. The Board voted unanimously to rename the research fund the Helen G. and Allan D. Cruickshank Research Fund.

Field trips on Saturday and Sunday were held to Wekiva Springs State Park, Zellwood muck farms, and Discovery Island, where visitors were treated to a glimpse of the last Dusky Seaside Sparrows.

The faculty and graduate students of the University of Central Florida presented papers at the technical session. Dr. Llewellyn Ehrhart of UCF moderated the session. The papers presented were: "Vocalizations of the Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus* (L.)," by Walter K. Taylor; "Breeding biology of the Great Crested Flycatcher," by Mark Kershner; and "Comparisons of three recent episodes of marine turtle cold-stunning in Mosquito Lagoon, Florida," by Blair E. Witherington. Herb Kale and Wes Biggs presented a mini-workshop on the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas project.

Jeff Moore again prepared a song quiz, which was won by Henry Stevenson. His prize was a cassette of "Songs of New World Thrushes" from ARA Records. The skin quiz was prepared by Dr. Taylor and included eggs in addition to the traditional study skins. Peggy Powell was the winner of the skin quiz, and her prize was a carving of a wren.

The speaker at the Saturday evening banquet was Dr. Bernie Yokel, President of Florida Audubon Society. His topic was the economic values of wetlands.—**Bruce Neville**, 8221 SW 72 Ave. #273, Miami, Florida 33143.

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