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## Fos Records Committee Report

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**The naturalists' guide to Cedar Key, Florida.**—Harriet Smith. 1987. Publ. by author, P. O. Box 82, Cedar Key, Florida 32625. iv + 52 pp. \$3.25.—Although a relative newcomer to Cedar Key, Harriet Smith has made her presence felt and has helped many appreciate more fully the natural world in which they live. She founded and directs Cedar Key Seabird Rescue and writes a column entitled "Of Birds and Such" for the weekly *Cedar Key Beacon*. Her enthusiasm for nature is evident. I assume that her book was written primarily for residents of or visitors to Cedar Key who are not already naturalists. Although any knowledgeable naturalist should be able to find the good spots within the community of Cedar Key by just cruising around, this book should be of special value for nearby areas outside the town itself. A map of the Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve is included with suggestions on spots to visit. Information on the relatively new Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge should prove useful. Suggested boating trips, some by canoe, sound interesting. Included are visits to several offshore keys, one trip around the islands on which the town is located, and two canoe trips on the Waccasassa. As a birder, I was disappointed in the only bird list, "Year-round bird residents." Some species are included that occur only in the summer or winter, a few are rare at best, and a few common residents are omitted. While I have a few reservations about this book, it is easily worth the price.—**Barbara P. Muschlitz**, 4850 NW 20th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32605.

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## REPORTS

**FOS records committee report.**—This is the third report of the Florida Ornithological Society Records Committee, covering 1985. It contains 18 records of which 12 were accepted and 6 were not accepted because the identification was not considered certain. One record received in 1985 is not included because the Committee has not yet reached its final decision.

Sightings of rare birds in Florida should be submitted on the FOS Documentation Form to the current secretary of the Records Committee. All records published thus far have been placed in a permanent file in the FOS Archives at the Florida State Museum in Gainesville where they are available for research. Documentation for birds contained in this report were submitted by: Lyn Atherton, Bob Barber, Tom Barbig, Byrum Cooper, Robert Crawford, William Dowling, Robert Duncan, Wally George, H. P. Langridge, Bruce Neville, Peggy Powell, and Richard Webster.—**Helen P. Dowling**, Secretary, 203 Tumblin Kling Road, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34982.

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Number	Date received	Species	Date observed	Location (County)	Decision
85-071	01/05/85	Townsend's Warbler	09/26/84	Tallahassee (Leon)	Not accepted
85-072	01/06/85	Ferruginous Hawk	11/16/84	St. Marks, N.W.R. (Wakulla)	Not accepted
85-073	01/19/85	Loggerhead Kingbird	10/05/84	Hypoluxo Is. (Palm Beach)	Not accepted
85-074	01/19/85	Cassin's Kingbird	10/29/84	Ft. DeSoto Park (Pinellas)	Accepted
85-075	01/23/85	Bachman's Warbler	03/30/77	Melbourne (Brevard)	Accepted
85-076	11/28/84	Varied Thrush	11/08, 12/84	Ft. Pickens (Escambia)	Accepted
85-077	03/08/85	Lark Bunting <sup>1</sup>	02/01 - 03/15/85	Alligator Point (Franklin)	Accepted
85-078	04/09/85	La Sagra's Flycatcher <sup>1</sup>	12/01/84	Matheson Hammock (Dade)	Accepted
85-079	04/19/85	Black-shouldered Kite <sup>1</sup>	09/21 - 10/25/84	Weston Rd. (S of SR 84, Broward)	Accepted
85-080	04/19/85	Antillean Nighthawk	04/13/85	Ft. DeSoto Park (Pinellas)	Not accepted
85-081	05/09/85	Sabine's Gull	04/27/85	Dry Tortugas (Monroe)	Accepted

85-082	06/29/85	Shiny Cowbird	06/14 - 12/01/85	Lower Matecumbe Key (Monroe)	Accepted
85-083	07/06/85	Snail Kite (out of range)	04/26 - 05/01/85	Jacksonville (Duval)	Accepted
85-084	09/- /85	Bachman's Warbler	03/10/81	Mullet Key (Pinellas)	Not accepted
85-085	09/- /85	Little Stint	03/13/81	Campbell Causeway (Pinellas)	Not accepted
85-087	12/05/85	Sabine's Gull	11/19/85	Dania Beach (Broward)	Accepted
85-088	12/15/85	Townsend's Warbler	12/08 - 02/26/86	Winter Haven (Polk)	Accepted
85-089	12/18/85	Razorbill <sup>1</sup>	11/15/85	Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie)	Accepted

<sup>1</sup>Documentation includes photograph(s).