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Summary of the 1989 Fall Meeting.—The fall 1989 meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society was held at the Holiday Inn in Titusville, Florida, from 6-8 October. Indian River Audubon Society was the host chapter, and Bob Brown was the local committee chairman.

During the board meeting, it was announced that volunteers had been found to compile a field notes section for the *Florida Field Naturalist*. This will be compiled on a regional basis, with Jim Cox as the general editor. Glen and Jan Woolfenden submitted a manuscript of an updated index of Florida bird records in *American Birds* for consideration as a special publication. Jocie Baker, Wally George, and Henry Stevenson were appointed to the Records Committee. FOS has been approached by the Wilson Ornithological Society to hold a joint meeting.

Johnnie Johnson of the Brevard Museum presented a workshop on pelagic birds of the east Florida coast on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday afternoon paper session was presented by researchers at Archbold Biological Station. Papers were presented on "Galapagos Mockingbirds: Cooperative Breeding in a Variable Climate" by Robert L. Curry and "Conservation of the Florida Scrub and Its Jays" by John W. Fitzpatrick.

The skin quiz, primarily of pelagics, was prepared by Dr. J. W. Hardy of the University of Florida. Glen Woolfenden won first prize, and Mort Cooper won second prize. Wes Biggs presented a framed Ray Harm print of a Yellow-breasted Chat to Becky Payne, Region IV Coordinator, as Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator of the Year.

Before the banquet on Saturday evening, several speakers presented a testimonial to Helen Cruickshank. A selection of her slides, now in the VIREO collection, were shown during the testimonial. Dr. Llewellyn Ehrhart of the University of Central Florida was the banquet speaker. He spoke on "The Turtles of East Florida's Beaches, Lagoons, and Warm Reefs: Is This What Dr. Carr Had in Mind?"

Field trips were held to Oak Hill and Hog Valley; Black Point Drive in Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge; Port Canaveral and Cocoa Beach Hammocks; and Windover Farms, Sarno Marsh, and Duda Ranch. FOS field trips were permitted to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge despite the closing of the refuge because of the controversial Shuttle launch. A pelagic trip was conducted on Sunday.

The usual good time was had by all. The spring meeting will be in Fort Myers. No date has been set for the spring meeting.—Bruce Neville, 8221 SW 72 Ave., #273, Miami, Florida 33143.