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REPORT

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Summary of the 1990 Fall Meeting.—The fall 1990 meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society was held at the Holiday Inn on Apalachee Parkway in Tallahassee, Florida, from 12-14 October. Tall Timbers Research Station was the host “chapter” and was assisted by Apalachee Audubon Society. Todd Engstrom was the local committee chair.

During the board meeting, Dr. Peter Merritt was appointed Editor of the *Florida Field Naturalist*. Retiring editor James Rodgers was appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board. Jocie Baker and Dr. William Robertson were appointed to three-year terms on the Records Committee. It was voted to proceed with immediate publication of an updated index to Florida bird records in *American Birds* prepared by Glen and Jan Woolfenden and Robert Loftin. A companion index to West Indian bird records and the FOS checklist are being investigated for publication in 1991. A committee to investigate hotlines and the participation by FOS was appointed.

The Saturday afternoon paper session was presented by Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and moderated by Dr. Charlie Chase of Florida State University. Papers were given by Doug Runde on “State-wide survey of wading bird colonies”; Jeff Gore on “Roof-nesting Least Terns in northwest Florida”; Stephen Nesbitt on “Sandhill Crane studies as a prelude to the reintroduction of the Whooping Crane in Florida”; Charlie Chase on “Snowy Plover: a worst case scenario”; and Brian Millsap on assigning priorities for nongame species.

The skin quiz was prepared by Jim Cox of FGFWFC and Katie NeSmith of the Florida Natural Areas Inventory. In addition to skins, it required participants to identify bird calls, identify the location of vagrants recorded in Florida, and match prominent early ornithologists with their works. Bill Pranty got the most correct answers and won a set of tapes of warbler calls. Paul Sykes came in second.

Field trips were held to Wakulla Beach, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Tall Timbers, and Alligator Point. The banquet was a barbeque at Tall Timbers Research Station. There was no banquet speaker. After dinner, Wes Biggs presented Ray Harms prints to several outstanding coordinators in the Breeding Bird Atlas project. Barbara Muschlitz was recognized for her work in 1989 in Gilchrist and Union Counties and for assistance in keypunching of data. For 1990, Peggy Powell was recognized for her work in north Florida and Mickey Wheeler was recognized for her efforts in south Florida. Tours of the station buildings were provided after the meal. The usual good time was had by all.

Future meetings are: 19-21 April 1991 near Ruskin, 4-6 October 1991 in Jacksonville, and 9-12 April 1992 with the Wilson Ornithological Society in Kissimmee.—**Bruce Neville**, Secretary, 3757 Maria Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.