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As *The Audubon Ark* portrays, the Audubon Society involves more than birds. Its history owes its greatness to the people who worked for its causes and spread the message that humans are closely linked to the natural world. Graham's book captures the society's treatment of nature as delicate, interdependent ecosystems and stimulates environmental empathy.—**Victoria L. Merritt**, 8558 S.E. Sharon Street, Hobe Sound, FL 33455.

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Summary of the 1991 Spring Meeting.—The spring meeting of the Florida Ornithological Society was held at the Bahia Beach Island Resort in Ruskin, Florida, from 19 to 21 April. Tampa Audubon Society was the host chapter, and Gail Parsons was the local committee chair.

During the board meeting, the Board voted to award the Helen G. and Allan D. Cruickshank Research Award of \$500 to Mr. Reuven Yosef of Ohio State University for work on the "Evaluation of a technique for reversing the population decline of the Loggerhead Shrike." The Board gave \$800 to the Florida Breeding Bird Atlas project for the final year of field work. Dr. J. W. Hardy has resigned as Editor of Special Publications, and Dr. Glen Woolfenden was appointed to the position. During the annual membership meeting on Saturday, new officers and directors were elected. Glen Woolfenden was elected President, P. William Smith Vice President, Roberta Geanangel Treasurer, and Bruce Neville Secretary. New Directors are Reed Bowman, Todd Engstrom, and Bill Pranty, with Dr. William Robertson elected to fill the remaining year of P. William Smith's term.

The Saturday afternoon paper session on "Breeding Biology and Management of Florida Kestrels" was moderated by Reed Bowman. Dr. Robert Loftin spoke on "A Florida Kestrel nest box program." Dr. John Smallwood spoke on a "Nest box program for management of the southeastern American Kestrel," co-authored by Dr. Michael Collopy. Dr. James Layne spoke on "Nest sites and habitat associations of resident Kestrels in south-central Florida." Dr. Michael Collopy spoke on "Habitat protection guidelines for the southeastern American Kestrel."

Field trips were held to Little Manatee River, Alafia Banks, McKay Bay, Cockroach Bay, and Fort DeSoto Park. The "skin" quiz was a contest to add the most species to the Ruskin quad for the Breeding Bird Atlas project and was won by the team of Joe Ondrejko, Sue Smith, and Mickey Wheeler. The banquet speaker was Rich Paul, Manager of National Audubon's Tampa Bay Sanctuaries, who spoke on "Population, Wildlife, and Habitat: A Comparison of Bird Sanctuaries in Florida and Thailand."

The 1991 fall meeting will be 4-6 October in Jacksonville. The 1992 spring meeting will be a joint meeting with the Wilson Ornithological Society in Kissimmee 9-12 April.—**Bruce Neville**, 3757 Maria Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32303.