

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ALABAMA BIRDLIFE

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The spring meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society was held at Cheaha State Park on April 24, 25, and 26, 1959. A total of 26 persons registered for the meeting. A total of 84 species of birds were counted by members on the field trips during Saturday and Sunday.

The A.O.S. members moved that the Society go on record as opposing any further treatments with insecticides, and/or zoocides (hydrocarbon compounds) for fire ant control by Federal and/or State Government Agencies, either directly or indirectly, except for experimental purposes.

Mr. Charles Broley, nationally known authority on Bald Eagles, was made an honorary member of the Alabama Ornithological Society.

New officers for the A.O.S. were: Mr. Thomas A. Imhof, President; Mr. Thomas Z. Atkeson, Vice President; and Mrs. J. C. Robinson, Treasurer.

The group voted to hold all fall meetings on the Gulf Coast since this area is an unusually good study area during the fall months.

The program was held after the banquet Saturday night. Mrs. James Mason gave a colored slide lecture on wildflowers of Alabama and Jim Keeler presented a colored film on the Cottontail Rabbit.

Spring Meeting Bird Count, Mt. Cheaha

April 24, 25, and 26, 1959

Species		Species	
Blue-winged teal	2	Downy woodpecker	4
Turkey vulture	25	Eastern kingbird	8
Black vulture	16	Red-shouldered hawk	3
Cooper's hawk	2	Bobwhite	10
Red-tailed hawk	5	Turkey	1
Pileated woodpecker	5	American coot	4
Yellow-b. sapsucker	1	Common snipe	1
Hairy woodpecker	7	Solitary sandpiper	2

Species		Species	
Willet	2	La. waterthrush	2
Mourning dove	10	Ky. Warbler	3
Chuckwillswidow	1	Yellow-breasted chat	3
Chimney Swift	11	Hooded warbler	C
Ruby-throated hummingbird	2	Canada warbler	1
Yellow-s. flicker	10	House sparrow	15
Carolina wren	C	Bobolink	14
Mockingbird	8	Eastern meadowlark	20
Catbird (and nest)	1	Eastern redwing	50
Brown thrasher	5	Orchard oriole	3
American robin	3	Brown-headed cowbird	10
Wood thrush	6	Scarlet tanager	15
Eastern bluebird (and nest)	16	Summer tanager	3
Blue-gray gnatcatcher (and nest)	C	Red-eyed vireo	C
Ruby-crowned kinglet	3	Philadelphia vireo	1
Cedar waxwing	6	Warbling vireo	3
Loggerhead shrike	2	Black and white warbler	C
Starling	6	Worm-eating warbler	1
White-eyed vireo	8	Myrtle warbler	C
Yellow-throated vireo	4	Black-throated green warbler	C
Great crested flycatcher	C*	Black-Polled warbler	2
Eastern phoebe	3	Pine warbler	1
Least flycatcher	3	Prairie warbler	C
Bank swallow	1	Palm warbler	C
Rough-winged swallow (and nest)	8	Cardinal	C
Barn swallow	1	Rose-breasted grosbeak	20
Blue jay	C	Blue grosbeak	3
Common crow	C	Indigo bunting	C
Carolina chickadee	C	Eastern goldfinch	6
Tufted titmouse	C	Rufous-sided towhee	C
White-breasted nuthatch	4	Savannah sparrow	4
House wren	1	Chipping sparrow	12
Ovenbird	A	Field sparrow	10
		White-throated sparrow	C
		Song sparrow	1

*C—Common, A—Abundant.