

Sec. 12 THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian shall gather and preserve all scientific material of the Society, either as records, publications, or other property. He shall, with his judgment, assist members to make proper use for research purposes, whatever material is in his care.

Article V. Local Groups

Sec. 1. Local Groups may be formed by 5 or more members who reside in any one county.

Sec. 2. These groups shall be autonomous regarding their local constitution and officers, except that the local treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and submission of state dues to the state treasurer.

Sec. 3. Any existing organization containing 5 or more members of the Alabama Ornithological Society may affiliate with said Society. Approval of the membership of the local organization and of the AOS Executive Council is required.

Sec. 4. Advantages of organizing into local groups:

- a. Develop and maintain local interest in birds.
- b. AOS officers are available with information and assistance on methods of organizing field trips and programs for meetings of local groups.

Sec. 5. Objectives of such local groups should be:

- a. Teach birds to beginners and advanced alike.
- b. Keep a county bird list.
- c. Maintain interest in birds during the interval between statewide meetings.
- d. Reconnoited local places for statewide meetings and field trips.
- e. Act as hosts on such occasions.

Article VI. Admendment to By-Laws

The By-Laws of this Society may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular meeting, provided that written notice of such amendments shall have been received by the membership at least 30 days prior to said meeting.

Proposed Revision Approved:

By the Executive Council February 18, 1962

By the Membership at the Annual Meeting April 28, 1962

Christmas Bird Count 1961, Auburn, Alabama

The 1961 Christmas bird count at Auburn, Alabama was made on December 23. The same area was used as in previous years, using three parties for a total of 24 party-hours. Weather was variably cloudy and clear with a westerly wind 20-25 miles per hour. Temperature averages about 45 degrees.

The following list of birds was counted: Pied-billed Grebe 4, Great blue Heron 2, Mallard 5, Ring-necked Duck 37, Lesser Scaup 3, Common Goldeneye 2, Turkey Vulture 11, Black Vulture 67, Red-tailed hawk 2, Red-shouldered Hawk 1, Marsh Hawk 1, Sparrow Hawk 6, Bobwhite 11, Killdeer 27, Common Snipe 5, Spotted Sandpiper 1, Mourning Dove 30, Screech Owl 1, Belted Kingfisher 3, Yellow-shafted Flicker 11, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Red-headed Woodpecker 2, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3, Hairy Woodpecker 1, Downy Woodpecker 15, Eastern Phoebe 6, Blue Jay 26, Common Crow 35, Carolina Chickadee 37, Tufted Titmouse 9, Brown-headed Nuthatch 30, Brown Creeper 2, Winter Wren 2, Carolina Wren 16, Mockingbird 15, Brown Thrasher 4, Hermit Thrush 1, Eastern Bluebird 27, Golden-crowned Kinglet 4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 19, Water Pipit 27, Cedar Waxwing 6, Loggerhead Shrike 15, Starling 30,000, Myrtle Warbler 29, Pine Warbler 16, Palm Warbler 1, Yellowthroat 1, House Sparrow 300, Eastern Meadowlark 50, Redwinged Blackbird 600,000, Rusty Blackbird 30,000, Common Grackle 100,000, Brown-headed Cowbird 40,000, Cardinal 23, American Goldfinch 200, Rufous-sided Towhee 15, Savannah Sparrow 3, Bachman's Sparrow 1, Slate-colored Junco 87, Chipping Sparrow 42, Field Sparrow 117, White-throated Sparrow 300, Fox Sparrow 9, Swamp Sparrow 8, and Song Sparrow 21. Total species - 67. Total individuals - 801,761.

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