

List of Birds Seen on and in the Vicinity of
Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

Decatur, Alabama
November 15 to 17, 1963

Common Loon	Belted Kingfisher
Horned Grebe	Yellowshafted Flicker
Pied-billed Grebe	Pileated Woodpecker
Great Blue Heron	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Little Blue Heron	Red-headed Woodpecker
Canada Goose	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Snow Goose	Downy Woodpecker
Blue Goose	Eastern Phoebe
Mallard	Horned Lark
Black Duck	Blue Jay
Gadwall	Common Crow
Pintail	Carolina Chickadee
Green-winged Teal	Tufted Titmouse
Blue-winged Teal	White-breasted Nuthatch
European Widgeon	Red-breasted Nuthatch
American Widgeon	Brown Creeper
Shoveller	Winter Wren
Wood Duck	Carolina Wren
Redhead	Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Brown Thrasher
Canvasback	American Robin
Lesser Scaup	Hermit Thrush
Bufflehead	Eastern Bluebird
Hooded Merganser	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Common Merganser	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Red-breasted Merganser	Water Pipit
Turkey Vulture	Cedar Waxwing
Cooper's Hawk	Loggerhead Shrike
Red-tailed Hawk	Starling
Red-shouldered Hawk	Myrtle Warbler
Marsh Hawk	Pine Warbler
Peregrine Falcon	House Sparrow
Sparrow Hawk	Eastern Meadowlark
Bobwhite	Eastern Redwing
American Coot	Rusty Blackbird
Killdeer	Common Grackle
Black-bellied Plover	Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Snipe	Cardinal
Spotted Sandpiper	Purple Finch
Greater Yellowlegs	Eastern Goldfinch
Lesser Yellowlegs	Rufous-sided Towhee
Pectoral Sandpiper	Savannah Sparrow
Least Sandpiper	Vesper Sparrow
Dunlin	Slate-colored Junco
Dowitcher	Chipping Sparrow
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Field Sparrow
Herring Gull	White-crowned Sparrow
Ring-billed Gull	White-throated Sparrow
Bonaparte's Gull	Fox Sparrow
Common Tern	Swamp Sparrow
Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
November 17, 1963

A meeting of the Executive Council of the A.O.S. was called to order by the president at 11:20 A.M., November 17, 1963, at the headquarters of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, Decatur, Alabama.

Those present were:

Mrs. Julian Dusi	President
Mr. George J. Brabender	Treasurer
Mr. Robert E. Waters	Secretary
Dr. Maurice F. Baker	Editor, Alabama Birdlife
Dr. Julian Dusi	Executive Director

The president stated that both Foley and Dauphin Island had been proposed as meeting places for the twelfth annual meeting of the A.O.S. The president asked for discussion of these two proposed meeting places. After some discussion, the Council voted in favor of holding the twelfth annual meeting at Dauphin Island on the week-end of April 24-26, 1964.

The treasurer asked about accepting the regular annual membership fee and reinstating members who have been delinquent for more than one year. It was the understanding of those present that payment of only one years' dues was sufficient for reinstatement into the A.O.S.

The treasurer reported a membership of about 140 and a bank balance of about \$183.00 on November 2, 1963.

The treasurer brought the following to the attention of the Council:

1. That there is a need for more membership-card forms.
2. That there is a need to reprint the checklist. The treasurer said that he was going to investigate the cost of these items as well as the cost of a supply of dues-reminder notices and report his findings at the next Council meeting.

The president mentioned using appropriate markers, either on automobiles or along travel routes during future A.O.S. field trips. Such markers would lessen the chance of someone's getting lost from an automobile caravan or missing the road on field trips. These markers were discussed, but no official action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

EDITORIAL PLEA

If this issue seems dull and less interesting than usual, it may be due to the shortage of field notes. This is something the editor cannot help. If field notes do not come in for publication, they just can't be published. This is a plea for you to get your Christmas Bird Count and other field notes in to the editor by February 1, so they may appear in the next issue of ALABAMA BIRDLIFE.