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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members:

In order to make Alabama Birdlife more entertaining and interesting to all A.O.S. members, it is essential to have as many members as possible contributing articles for publication. To contribute, you do not have to write a long technical article; in fact, shorter articles of one-half to two pages are the ones most needed. Suitable topics for such an article include a state or regional record, a big day, a favorite birding site, an unusual observation or a humorous experience while birding.

In submitting such articles, it is best if they are typed; however, hand-written articles will be accepted. Those which concern the summer or fall seasons (June-Nov.) should be in by December 10, while those which concern the winter or spring seasons (Dec.-May) should be in by June 10. Each article must be accompanied by the writer's name and address and should be sent to William R. Maner, Editor; Alabama Birdlife; P. O. Box 74005; Birmingham, Alabama 35223.

I look forward to receiving articles from many of you for future issues. Your participation will make Alabama Birdlife a more complete and enjoyable publication for all members.

William R. Maner Editor

P.S. Any suggestions or criticisms concerning format or content are also welcome. Alabama Birdlife is your publication. YOUR help is needed!

FLORIDA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

I am sure all A.O.S. members are aware of the excellent birding the state of Florida has to offer; however, you may not know that in 1972 the Florida Ornithological Society was founded. Their journal, The Florida Field Naturalist, is published twice a year, and I am sure any A.O.S. member who occasionally visits Florida will find the F.O.S. journal to be quite useful, while for those who do not get a chance to travel South, it will supply an excellent arm-chair substitute. If you would like to join F.O.S., the dues are as follows: Members (also members of Florida Audubon Society), \$5; Associate Members (not members of Florida Audubon Society), \$6; Library Subscriptions, \$6. Dues or subscription fees should be sent to the Florida Audubon Society; P. O. Drawer 7; Maitland, Florida 32751.

--W.R.M.