

## AOS - 1978 SPRING MEETING

We had a good time at the AOS spring meeting on Dauphin Island. On Friday night, Mike Dardeath, who has participated in the study with Paul Johnson, presented the Cat Island Heronry Study illustrated with color slides. Cat Island is a most important nesting place for herons and egrets with an estimated three to four thousand birds having nested there in 1977.

On Saturday, field trips went to the Shell Mounds and Audubon Sanctuary (Bob Reid and Jim Thompson - leaders), to the Airport and West End (Fairly Chandler and Ralph Havard - leaders) and to Blakeley Island in the Mobile Delta (John Winn - leader). An Upland Sandpiper, American Avocet, and colonies of Black-necked Stilts, Gull-billed Terns and Caspian Terns highlighted the Blakeley Island trip. Painted Bunting, Gray Kingbird, Swainson's Warbler, Whimbrels, Stilt Sandpiper, Reddish Egret, 3 Swallow-tailed Kites and an American Alligator were among the species seen on Dauphin Island (including Cedar Point).

Attending the Directors Meeting were Russell Bailey, Fairly Chandler, Bob Duncan, Curtis Kingsbery, Eric Lefstad, Bob Reid and Jim Thompson. The Directors asked the AOS Slide Committee (Bob Reid, Chairman; Helen Kittinger, Custodian) to proceed with plans to sell for educational purposes only entire sets to interested subscribers, with the charges providing for the cost of the slides, for expenses of the photographer and for a modest profit for AOS. The Directors also unanimously approved two resolutions:

1. Resolution supporting inclusion of West Dauphin Island in Gulf Islands National Seashore.
2. Resolution supporting preservation of Little Dauphin Island as Barrier Island Resource.

Each of these resolutions were later unanimously adopted by the Society at the business meeting at the Dauphin Island Community Center.

The Directors voted to hold the 1978 Fall Meeting at Gulf Shores on October 20-22 and to hold the 1979 Spring Meeting - a joint meeting with the Florida Ornithological Society - at Dauphin Island on April 27-29. At the business meeting, the following officers were elected:

Dr. James C. Thompson, President  
Dr. Tom Rogers, Vice President  
Mrs. Martha Rogers, Treasurer

Door prizes were a portfolio of bird pictures, the World of Birds by James Fisher and Roger Tory Peterson and The Pleasure of Birds - An Audubon Treasury edited by Les Line.

The Saturday night program was presented by Dr. Judy Stout, Assistant Director, Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Alabama's Tideland Resources concerns the tremendous value of the tidelands and the vitally important need to protect them. This was one of the first showings of this program which was developed by the League of Women Voters and financed by a grant from the Office of Coastal Zone Management.

Come to the next meeting!