

and they mainly involved "territorial" conflicts of some kind (Drennen 1982, unpublished M.S. Thesis, Auburn University).

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YELLOW RAIL SPECIMEN

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An adult female Yellow Rail, Coturnicops noveboracensis, was captured in Tates Cove of the Skyline Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County, Alabama by area personnel, 29 September 1981.

The rail was flushed while a food plot in the cove was being mowed by a bush hog. The bird flushed and the worker ran after it and caught it. Mark Brown was called to make the identification and he brought the bird to Auburn for a museum specimen.

The bird was in good physical condition at the time of its capture. It has a total length of 160 mm and a wing chord of 76 mm. It is now specimen A-335 in the Auburn University Vertebrate Museum.

It seems odd for a rare rail to be found quite far from marsh habitat and for a poor flier to appear in the roughly dissected coves of this management area rather than in a river bottom.

Wade Manning, Manager of Skyline Wildlife Management Area, told Brown that he sees Yellow Rails each year when he mows the food plots in Tates Cove and that

August and September would be a good time to visit the management area to see them.

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PELICANS AT EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Pelicans are not usually seen at the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge.

Ortego, Dusi, Brown and Combs, 1979, in "Birds of Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge", 1967-1979, The Oriole 44(4): 61-87, reported the Brown Pelican, Pelecanus occidentalis, in late March, 14 April, and 12 November, 1977, one individual each date. The White Pelican, Pelecanus erythrorhynchos, has been reported only once, when Sam Pate saw 160 on 28 April 1977.

During 1981, I first recorded White Pelicans on 17 July and observed two together on several occasions through 6 September. The birds were seen mostly on the Kennedy Unit swamps with aggregations of wading birds.

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