

DR. THOMAS M. HAGGERTY APPOINTED EDITOR

Dr. Thomas M. Haggerty, Associate Professor of Biology at the University of North Alabama in Florence has been appointed Editor of *Alabama Birdlife*. The appointment will become effective on 1 January 1999. Haggerty succeeds Dr. Bill Summerour who has served as Interim Editor for several months.

In addition to a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Arkansas, Haggerty holds a M.A. in Biology from Appalachian State University, and a B.A. in Biology from the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Haggerty has done extensive research on the Reproductive Ecology of Bachman's Sparrow and has published his findings in the *American Midland Naturalist*, the *Southwestern Naturalist*, and the *Wilson Bulletin*, as well other journals.

Dr. Haggerty has made a presentation on Bachman's Sparrow to the Alabama Ornithological Society and has published several articles in *Alabama Birdlife*. With this appointment he becomes a member of the AOS Board of Directors.

In response to an inquiry about his leisure activities Haggerty commented that in addition to family activities, he spends his spare time "continuing my research on the Carolina Wren."

Dr. Haggerty resides in Florence with his wife Lib and sons Ken and Mike.

An Appreciation from AOS President Charles Kennedy

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Bill Summerour for his assistance in publishing this issue of *Alabama Birdlife*. Bill served AOS well for many years as Editor of *Alabama Birdlife* and it was with a great deal of hesitancy that I asked him to un-retire for a while to be the Interim Editor. He agreed to my request and immediately began to solicit and review articles for publication. Thanks to my good friend for a job well done.