

fowl 32%, woodland borders and brushy areas 32%, lakes, rivers and ponds 10%, short grass 7%, tall grass and farmland 7%, residential 6%, hardwoods 4%, pine plantations 2%).—December 31, 5:50 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Complete overcast, 10 minutes rain; temp. 29° to 49°; wind SE, 6 m.p.h. Ground bare, water open, Tennessee River level very high after 6 inches of rain on December 29 and 30. Fifteen observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours 24¼ (11 on foot, 13¼ by car), total party-miles, 134 (9 on foot, 125 by car). Piedbilled Grebe, 29; Double-crested Cormorant, 2; Great Blue Heron, 90; Canada Goose, 9,022; Snow Goose, 15; Blue Goose, 188; Mallard, 16,000; Black Duck, 1,457; Gadwall, 113; Am. Widgeon, 1,462; Pintail, 342; Green-winged Teal, 309; Blue-winged Teal, 35 (flock); Shoveller, 72; Ring-necked Duck, 176; Canvas-back, 67; Lesser Scaup, 2; Am. Golden-eye, 1; Buffle-head, 6; Ruddy Duck, 2; Hooded Merganser, 167; Unidentified ducks, 1,000; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 32; Red-shouldered Hawk, 4; Marsh Hawk, 10; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Bob-white, 36 (4 coveys); Am. Coot, 28; Killdeer, 106; Wilson's Snipe, 2; Greater Yellow-legs, 1 (M. P.); Least Sandpiper, 8; Herring Gull, 15; Ring-billed Gull, 74; Mourning Dove, 114; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 7; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 10; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 11; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Eastern Phoebe, 2; Horned Lark, 52; Blue Jay, 108; Am. Crow, 75,000+ big roost estimated on several nights during previous week as 75 to 100 thousand by F&WS; Carolina Chickadee, 57; Tufted titmouse, 6; House Wren, 1; Winter Wren, 1; Bewick's Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 46; Mockingbird, 79; Brown Thrasher, 7; Am. Robin, 297; Hermit Thrush, 5; Eastern Bluebird, 9; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 10; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 3; Water Pipit, 26; Cedar Waxwing, 156; Loggerhead Shrike, 23; Common Starling, 310; Myrtle Warbler, 4; House Sparrow, 605 (400 flock); Eastern Meadowlark, 304; Red-winged Blackbird, 1,178; Rusty Blackbird, 81; Purple Grackle, 50; Brown-headed Cowbird, 519; Cardinal, 168; Purple Finch, 17; Am. Goldfinch, 65; Eastern Towhee, 41; Savannah Sparrow, 84; Vesper Sparrow, 30; Slate-colored Junco, 98; Field Sparrow, 223; White-crowned Sparrow, 43; White-throated Sparrow, 187; Fox Sparrow, 9; Swamp Sparrow, 59; Song Sparrow, 254; Lapland Longspur, 35. Total, 85 species, about 111,284 individuals. Seen Dec. 20, Common Loon, 1; Dec. 24, Am. Egret, 1; Bald Eagle, 2; Dec. 30, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture and Wood Duck. Thomas Z. Atkeson, William J. Calvert, Palmer Calvert, Donnie Calvert, Malcolm E. Harden, Jr., Robert Helle, Thomas A. Imhof (compiler), John Owen, Merl Parker (refuge manager), Paul Robinson, Idalene F. Snead, Grace Snead, Alfred Walker, Durward O. Wright, Harriet Wright (Alabama Ornithological Society and Fish and Wildlife Service).

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 1954

Birmingham, Alabama (7½ mile radius centering in New Merkle, mostly South and East of the City, East Lake to Oak Mt. and Elmwood Cemetery to Lake Purdy and all intervening areas, 19th Annual Count; oak-pine woodland 31%, woodland borders 23%, short grass areas 22%, tall grass including cultivated fields 8%, lakes 7%, suburban areas 5%, bottomland hardwoods 4%).—December 26, 6:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Clear; temp. 37° to 60°; wind NE, 4 m.p.h., ground bare, water open, during past month no snow but temperature several times down in the low twenties; water levels very low; year's rainfall deficiency 12.85 inches. Seventeen observers in 5 parties. Total party-hours, 48¼ (36¼ on foot, 11½ by car), total party-miles, 169 (39 on foot, 130 by car). Pied-billed Grebe, 20; Great Blue Heron, 3; Mallard, 22; Redhead, 1; Ring-necked Duck, 34; Canvas-back, 13; Lesser Scaup, 4; Turkey Vulture, 2; Cooper's Hawk, 4; Red-tailed Hawk, 8; Red-shouldered Hawk, 6; Sparrow Hawk, 4; Bob-white, 48; Am. Coot, 100; Killdeer, 169; Wilson's Snipe, 11; Mourning Dove, 106; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 13; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 51; Pileated Woodpecker, 10; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 17; Red-headed Woodpecker, 12; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 6; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 21; Red-cockaded Woodpecker, 4; Eastern Phoebe, 5; Blue Jay, 107; Am. Crow, 68; Carolina Chickadee, 111; Tufted Titmouse, 50; White-breasted Nuthatch, 13; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Brown-headed Nuthatch, 7; Brown Creeper, 1; House Wren, 2; Winter Wren, 7; Bewick's Wren, 3; Carolina Wren, 61; Mockingbird, 131; Brown Thrasher, 17; Am. Robin, 51; Hermit Thrush, 14; Eastern Bluebird, 53; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 52; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 33; Water Pipit, 150; Cedar Waxwing, 134; Loggerhead Shrike, 20; Common Starling, 700; Myrtle Warbler, 9; Pine Warbler, 10; House Sparrow, 225+; Eastern Meadowlark, 349; Red-winged Blackbird, 347; Rusty Blackbird, 144; Purple Grackle, 616; Brown-headed Cowbird, 118; Unidentified Blackbirds, 155; Cardinal, 235; Purple Finch, 11; Pine Siskin, 1; Am. Goldfinch, 495; Eastern Towhee, 152; Savannah Sparrow, 25; Vesper Sparrow, 8; Pine-woods Sparrow, 1 (MFP); Slate-colored Junco, 291; Chipping Sparrow, 22; Field Sparrow, 185; White-crowned Sparrow, 22; White-throated Sparrow, 493; Fox Sparrow, 14; Swamp Sparrow, 66; Song Sparrow, 183. Total, 75 species; about 6,664 individuals. Lane Park roost of 30,000 Blackbirds broken up one week ago. Waterfowl poor. Seen recently, Dec. 19, Am. Widgeon, 1; Dec. 20, Black Vulture, 2; Turkey, 9; Dec. 24, Screech Owl, 2; Horned Owl, 1; Dec. 30 and Jan. 3, Ring-billed Gull, 1; Jan. 1, Peregrine Falcon, 1.—Lee Brewer, Blanche H. Chapman, F. Bozeman Daniel, Sara Davis, Mildred Ferris, Virginia Hamilton,

Malcolm Harden, Jr., Thomas A. Imhof (compiler), Robert Martin, Morton H. Perry, M. F. Prather, J. Fisher Rothermel, Idalene F. Snead, J. Bolling Sullivan III, Alfred Walker, Adele West, Eugene M. West (Birmingham Audubon Society and guests).

A BIRD LIST FROM DeSOTO STATE PARK

At the annual meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society, DeSoto State Park, DeKalb County, Alabama, May 6-8, 1955, those who attended contributed to a composite bird list. Weather was warm and clear. The number of individuals is omitted because of much duplication; however, the few species that were outstandingly abundant will be indicated as such. Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Bob-white, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Barred Owl, Chuck-will's-widow, Whip-poor-will, Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Peewee, Bank Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Purple Martin, Blue Jay, Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Prothonitry Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Parula Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler (abundant), Chestnut-sided Warbler; Bay-breasted Warbler, Black-poll Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler (abundant), Palm Warbler, Oven-bird, Louisiana Water-thrush, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-throat, Yellow-breasted Chat, Hooded Warbler, Canada Warbler, Redstart (abundant), English Sparrow, Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager (abundant), Summer Tanager (abundant), Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, Towhee, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bachman's Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow. Total species, 108—Julian L. Dusi, Auburn, Ala.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1955

The Alabama Ornithological Society held its annual meeting at DeSoto State Park, May 6 to 8, 1955. It was held in conjunction with the Alabama Wildflower Festival.

The Wildflower Festival held its meeting the first evening in the auditorium of the Ft. Payne School. Dr. James Wilkes of Jacksonville State Teachers College organized and conducted the festival.

The Ornithological Society and Wildflower Festival groups carried on extensive field trips through DeSoto Park on the second day and third morning. A bird list was compiled and appears among the field notes of this issue.

The second evening a program meeting was led by the A. O. S. President, James Keeler. During this program Dr. O. L. Austin, Jr., discussed some of the problems of an ornithological society; Dr. Julian L. Dusi talked on publication problems; and Mr. Gordon L. Hight explained how the Georgia Ornithological Society had solved some of its problems. Mr. George M. Kyle talked with the group and showed them an excellent film on the Bobwhite Quail of Missouri.

The Annual Business Meeting was held at 11 a. m. the last day. President Keeler led the initial portion of the meeting until Dr. O. L. Austin, Jr., the newly elected President, replaced him. Among items of business, the revision of the constitution was important. It appears in this issue as revised. The Treasurer's report was given and is also printed in this issue. The list of officers as elected is recorded inside the front cover of this issue.

Many of those present expressed their satisfaction at the success of the meeting.