

written Junco hyemalis montanus x hyemalis. It was Mr. Short's guess that the Jacksonville bird was hatched in southwestern or west central Alberta. He had one other specimen very much like it in the national collection which was collected in December at Lawrence, Kansas. Both birds were subadults. Charles W. Summerour, Jacksonville, Alabama.

MINUTES OF FALL MEETING
ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 9-11, 1964

The regular fall meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society was held in Birmingham, Alabama, on October 9-11, 1964. Headquarters motel was the St. Francis Hotel Courts located on U.S. Highway 31 in Homewood. Thirty-two members and 10 guests attended the meeting.

The program began on Friday evening, October 9, with a planetarium show at Birmingham-Southern College, narrated by Dr. W.E. Glenn, Director of the Birmingham-Southern College Planetarium. Saturday morning, after an early field trip led by Harriett Wright to the home of Dr. Hathaway on the Cahaba River and a trip to the banding site set up by Tom Imhof, registration was held at 8:00 A.M. at the Shades Cahaba School in Homewood. Afterwards, field trips were made available to Lake Purdy, the Cahaba River Valley and Oak Mountain, led by F. Bozeman Daniel, Walter Coxe and Raymond Bates, respectively. In addition, Mr. Imhof, Julian and Rosemary Dusi and Jim and Margaret Robinson set up netting and banding stations, which could be visited by the members and guests.

A business meeting of the membership was called to order by the President at 2:15 P.M., October 10. Twenty-six members were present. The minutes of the spring business meeting held on April 25, 1964, were read and approved. The Treasurer reported that the membership of the society was 148 and its bank balance was \$132.48.

The President reported on the summer bird counts that had been inaugurated this year, stating that they had been held in Birmingham and Auburn and that they had produced informative data on our summering bird populations. He urged that the counts be expanded in the future to cover additional areas.

The President commended Mr. Jerome B. Couch and Mr. J.W. Johnson for their excellent publication of the society's newsletter. He also announced that the Calhoun County Bird Club had been organized and desired to affiliate with the AOS and that the executive council had approved its affiliation. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the affiliation of the Calhoun County Bird Club with the Alabama Ornithological Society be approved.

The President then urged the submission of articles for publication in the Newsletter and in Alabama Birdlife.

Mr. Tom Imhof then reported on banding activity, noting particularly the banding of 6 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, 3 Yellow-breasted Chats, a Yellow Warbler (which was a late record for the Birmingham area) and 32

White-eyed Vireos. At 2:45 P.M., upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the business meeting was adjourned.

Following field trips to the same areas as in the morning, a banquet was held in a private dining room at the King's Inn in Homewood. Several handsome door prizes were awarded. Mr. Thomas Z. Atkinson, Director of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, reported on the problem of waterfowl mortality from lead poisoning as a result of eating lead shot. He pointed out that it had been estimated that 3 million waterfowl died each year from lead poisoning contracted in that manner and that legislation was in the process of being introduced to forbid the use of lead shot and, thus, in effect to require that steel shot be used in the manufacture of shot-gun shells.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. M.L. (Jack) Miles of Selma. His very entertaining and inspiring talk centered about his trips to Central and South America, principally under the sponsorship of Louisiana State University, observing and collecting bird species of those areas.

The President expressed the appreciation of the AOS to the Birmingham Audubon Society, which had acted as host for the meeting, and particularly to its president, Mr. Raymond Bates.

On Sunday after a morning of field trips followed by light refreshments at the ford below the Lake Purdy Dam, Mr. Robert Waters conducted a compilation of the birds observed. A total of 101 species was recorded.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ALABAMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
JANUARY 30, 1965

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Alabama Ornithological Society was called to order by the President at 1:00 P.M. on January 30, 1965, at the Holiday Inn in Oxford, Alabama. The meeting was held in conjunction with the regular mid-winter meeting of the society. Those present were:

Dr. Dan C. Holliman	President
Mr. Robert E. Waters	Vice-President
Mr. Robert R. Reid, Jr.	Secretary
Mrs. Rosemary T. Dusi	Immediate Past President
Dr. Maurice F. Baker	Editor, <u>Alabama Birdlife</u>
Mr. Jerome B. Couch	Co-Editor, Newsletter
Mr. J.W. Johnson	Co-Editor, Newsletter
Dr. Julian L. Dusi	Director and Librarian
Mrs. Harriett Wright	Director
Mr. James E. Keeler	Director

The minutes of the executive council meeting of October 10, 1964, were read and approved.

Committees and Spring Meeting. The President appointed the following members of the society to the following committees: Nominating Committee to select nominees for officers to be elected at the spring meeting: Blanche Chapman, Chairman, Clustie McTyeire and Margaret Persons; Auditing Committee to audit the treasurer's books for the current year: Robert R. Reid, Jr., Chairman, James E. Keeler and J.W. Johnson. Plans for the annual spring meeting were discussed and, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, it was resolved that the 1965 annual spring meeting of the society would be held on April 23-25 at Dauphin Island, Alabama.

Alabama Birdlife. Dr. Baker reported that Volume 12 of Alabama Birdlife (the 1964 volume) was published in three issues with a total of 48 pages. There were six major articles reporting original research and two shorter research notes. The remainder of the space was devoted principally to notes of local interest, reports of bird counts, (Christmas and Summer) and minutes of meetings. The total cost of the three issues was \$208.81. Dr. Baker reported a need for more articles, both long and short, on results of ornithological research and, while noting that the society must lean heavily on professional biologists for such articles, he hoped other members of the society would contribute articles covering their observations. He also stated that regional reports from the various sections of the state are solicited and would add interest and value to the publication.

Library Exchanges. Dr. Dusi reported that the society had established exchange programs under which copies of Alabama Birdlife are made available to other ornithological organizations in return for copies of the publications of those organizations that can be placed in our library, which is kept in the library at Auburn University. Such exchange programs have the advantages of making Alabama Birdlife available to other ornithological groups and placing it in their libraries where it will be preserved for reference and of placing the publications of these other organizations in the AOS Library, thereby making them available to members of AOS, who may borrow them by applying at their local libraries for inter-library loans of the publications desired. Exchanges are presently in effect covering the following publications:

The Auk, American Ornithological Union
The Wilson Bulletin, Wilson Ornithological Society
The Living Bird, Cornell University, Laboratory of Ornithology
EBBA News, Eastern Birdbanding Association
The Oriole, Georgia Ornithological Society
Migrant, Tennessee Ornithological Society
Raven, Virginia
Maryland Birdlife, Maryland Ornithological Society
Atlantic Naturalist, Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States
Cassinia, Delaware Valley Ornithological Club
Sandpiper, Pennsylvania

ASWP Bulletin, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
The Redstart, Brooks Bird Club, Wheeling, W. Va.
Call Notes, Huntington W. Virginia Bird Club
New Hampshire Quarterly, New Hampshire Audubon Society
Indiana Audubon Quarterly
The Passenger Pigeon, Wisconsin Ornithological Society
Minnesota Bird Bander, Minnesota
Iowa Birdlife, Iowa Ornithological Society
Nebraska Bird Review, Nebraska Ornithologists' Union
Blue Jay, The Saskatchewan Natural History Society
The Nature Conservancy News

Additional exchanges are in the process of being arranged. Most of the exchanges start with the issues of 1964; however, the issues of The Oriole are complete and those of The Wilson Bulletin and The Auk go back to about 1941. Dr. Dusi stated that he will be glad to receive for the library any back numbers of the above publications or ornithological books that anyone might care to donate to the library. Books donated as memorials will be appropriately marked.

Blackbird Control. Mr. Keeler, of the Alabama Department of Conservation, reported that the department strongly desired that any control program found necessary be handled at blackbird roosts rather than through distributing avicides to farmers and others as this would permit the control program to be administered by professional biologists and would provide for more effective supervision of it. The unanimous consensus of the council was in accord with the view of the department.

Seasonal Bird Counts. The President urged that summer bird counts be extended to cover additional areas in the state and that all local ornithological groups also consider spring and fall counts for their areas. He reported that last year summer counts were held in Birmingham and Auburn and this year the Birmingham Audubon Society proposes to conduct spring, summer and fall counts in addition to the regular Christmas count. Dr. Holliman stated that counts held during each season in different areas of the state would be productive of much desirable ornithological information, particularly by way of comparisons of the differences between the seasonal bird populations in the different areas of the state.

Lead Poisoning of Waterfowl. Dr. Holliman reported that the problem of waterfowl mortality from lead poisoning resulting from eating lead shot was under consideration by the society and that he had made a survey of the current literature on this problem.

Constitutional Amendment. A proposed constitutional amendment designed to make it clear that the assets and receipts of the society would always be devoted to charitable, scientific or educational purposes

and would not inure to the benefit of any private individual or group was discussed. It was pointed out that other non-profit conservation societies had adopted similar provisions. Thereupon, it was, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, resolved that an amendment to the Constitution of the AOS by adding thereto a new Article IX, reading as follows:

Article IX. Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at any meeting, regular or special, provided that 30 days written notice of the proposed dissolution be given to each voting member. Upon dissolution of the Society, all of its assets and accrued receipts shall be distributed by the Executive Council to one or more organizations formed and then being operated for charitable, scientific or educational purposes and eligible for qualification as tax-exempt organizations under the United States Internal Revenue Code.

be approved and that there be presented for adoption at the business session of the regular spring meeting of the society a resolution proposing said amendment.

North American Nest Record Program. Dr. Dusi reported that a nest record program had been set up by the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. The goal of the program is to accumulate as much nesting data as possible on each species from all parts of its range and to centralize that data for study much as is done in the bird-banding program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No permits would be required and all serious bird observers are urged to participate. While even single nest observations would provide desirable information, additional observations over a period of time would increase the value of the record. The laboratory will provide the nest cards, which in our area may be obtained from Dr. Dusi.

The members of the Calhoun County Bird Club were commended by the President and all members of the Executive Council for their excellent job in serving as hosts for the mid-winter meeting and preparing such an interesting and enjoyable program for it. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.