

LAKELAND FARM, MARION, ALABAMA (Locations of lakes and ponds are only approximate.)

Mammals--One of the principal attractions of Lakeland Farm is the large number of Muskrats, which can usually be found swimming about in the various lakes. In addition, the farm is probably one of the best places to find the Cotton Rat although, as with most rodents, their secretive habits make them difficult to locate.

There are some picnic shelters still located at the farm and an office area one mile south of the front entrance where permits for fishing may be obtained. The College Inn on Ala. Route 5 has restaurant and overnight accommodations; and a good restaurant at the intersection of Ala. Routes 5 and 14 is the Steak House, there also being a Dairy Queen located at that intersection.

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LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unfortunate passing of Clustie McTyeire, the Society is left without a Librarian. This notice is a call for volunteers to serve on a Library Committee formed to carry on these very important duties and, it is hoped, to assume an expanded role in service to our organization. Membership on the committee will be limited to six and will be chosen from among the volunteers so as to give broad regional representation. A chairperson, to be officially titled Librarian, will be selected on recommendation by this committee to take executive responsibility for committee action.

The primary responsibility of the committee involves the fate of back issues of Alabama Birdlife. Auburn University Library is the repository for uncirculated copies of our publication and is authorized to disperse these for the purpose of enhancing its own ornithological collection via exchange with other libraries. The committee is requested to review these procedures to insure that they are consonant with the aims of our organization. The committee is also requested to assess the feasibility of installing collections of past volumes of Alabama Birdlife in the libraries of other of the major colleges and universities in Alabama and northwesternmost Florida. Alabama Birdlife is the publication of record for our area, and the editors are making commendatory efforts to improve its scope and format. It is imperative that we now reevaluate our dispersal procedures.

The responsibilities of this committee should prove a rewarding challenge for those interested in fostering the aims of the Society. The committee is encouraged to broaden the scope of its concerns and should expect to receive the fullest cooperation of the Society's administration. Those interested are encouraged to contact Howard Einspahr as soon as possible.

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