

AOS SPRING MEETING 2006

AOS Executive Board Meeting

By KAREN WILSON, *Secretary*



THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AOS MET ON DAUPHIN Island, April 22, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Stan Hamilton at 2:05 pm. The minutes of the January 28 meeting were approved as written.

Frank Farrell presented the treasurer's report which showed AOS having a balance of \$12,405, noting the spring meeting costs had not been yet entered. The past president's report encouraged AOS to move toward sending more e-newsletters as postage costs continue to rise.

The Conservation report was presented by Greg Harber and the board reviewed a letter he had sent to the USDA Forest Service regarding sale and loss of public lands due to proposed federal budget cuts.

Larry Gardella presented the Membership Committee report informing the board he will be sending out a revised welcome letter to new members. We also discussed recruiting of new members and plans are in the works for a membership drive with prizes for the person who recruits the most new members.

The Bird Records Committee reported that many new records have been approved and will be added to an updated Field Checklist for Alabama.

Rick West reported that the Breeding Bird Atlas regional coordinators have their materials and are ready to start the final season gathering data.

John Porter gave a DIBS report and announced that our participation in the America's Birdiest City / County competition had produced a total of 170 species. The winners of this year's competition will not be announced until later in June. We were told that next year DIBS is planning to move the dates of the count to coincide with the spring AOS meeting. Also, DIBS is purchasing new lots in the Steiner Block.

Annabel Markel presented the final design for a new AOS t-shirt that should be available by the fall meeting. Work also continues on a new AOS brochure.

President Stan Hamilton is looking for an alternate location for the fall meeting in case Dauphin Island is affected by another hurricane.

Eric Soehren made a presentation to the board concerning the Marion Fish Hatchery in Perry County. The hatchery property has been obtained from the federal government by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Fisheries Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, which operates the facility, is developing a long-term management plan for the property's resources. The board was made aware that we will need to take an active role during the comment period when the plan is made available to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

AOS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Contest!

By LARRY GARDELLA



IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD A CONTEST TO SEE what AOS member can recruit the most new members. Too long.

At its last meeting, the AOS Board decided to launch a contest. We are still putting together a prize package for the person who brings in the greatest number of new members before the spring 2007 meeting, where the winner will be announced. But one part of the contest may continue even after the fall meeting. Until we have a big winner.

The first person to bring us 25 new members after July 1, 2006, will get a grand prize: a free life membership in AOS.

I say all this with some trepidation. As membership chair, I send the letters welcoming new members. But I'm ready to send a bunch!

One thing I do in the welcoming letter is to give a new member the addresses and emails of many of the officers and a few others. A directory would also be nice, so that the new members could learn of others in their areas with whom they might bird.

Our last directory went out about as long ago as we had our last membership contest. It was so long ago that it was not practical to make it an electronic directory and email it

to the membership. We could do that now. Actually, we could use our address list to get a running start.

If we release a new directory and you DO NOT want your name, address and phone number included, please let me know by email at tapaculo@knology.net or snail mail at 33549 Audubon Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36111 no later than September 15, 2006.

Spring 2006 AOS Compilation List Dauphin Island, Alabama, April 21-23, 2006

BIRDS OF NOTE ON THIS COMPILATION are the Pacific Loon and Glossy Ibis.

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Mottled Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Pacific Loon
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Northern Gannet
American White Pelican
Brown Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Magnificent Frigatebird
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Reddish Egret
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Glossy Ibis
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Swallow-tailed Kite
Mississippi Kite
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon
Black Rail
Clapper Rail
Virginia Rail
Sora

American Coot
Black-bellied Plover
Snowy Plover
Wilson's Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Piping Plover
Killdeer
American Oystercatcher
Black-necked Stilt
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Marbled Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Dunlin
Stilt Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Common Tern
Forster's Tern
Least Tern
Black Skimmer
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Common Nighthawk

Chuck-will's-widow
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Empidonax species
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Loggerhead Shrike
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Black-whiskered Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Wood Thrush
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Blue-winged Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler

Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Swainson's Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Towhee
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Seaside Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting
Dickcissel
Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Boat-tailed Grackle
Brown-headed Cowhead
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

ALL REPORTED SIGHTINGS WILL BE accepted and published in *The Yellowhammer*. However, the meeting compilation list in *The Yellowhammer* is not an official record. Species that are **bold-faced**, or listed in the Hypothetical section of the AOS Field Card must be supported by complete written details and submitted to, and accepted by, the Records Committee to become an official AOS record. *Italicized species* usually need written details but these may be brief. Out of season and locally rare birds should also be documented. Refer to the front page of the AOS Field Card for additional details.