



Meeting description taken verbatim from  
Earle Greene's  
***A Lifetime with the Birds***  
***An Ornithological Logbook<sup>1</sup>***

October 8-9, 1938  
Okefenokee Swamp, Georgia

About the first of October I began planning and preparing for the Fourth Semi-annual Meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society to be held on October 8 and 9. Guests began to arrive before that time and ably assisted me in the preparations, and dispensed doughnuts and coffee to the incoming members. Many thanks to these kind ladies of the GOS. Lem Griffis provided a fish supper, after which the 64 members and guests gathered in the large cabin living room for the main business session and discussions of birds. Among those taking part were Miss Mabel Rogers, Mr. Ivan Tomkins, Mrs. James C. Oliver, Dr. R. J. H. DeLoach, Mrs. G. K. Berrie, Mr. Robert McClanahan, Dr. Charles Carpenter and others. Mrs. Grannis and Mrs. Layson, of the Kentucky Garden Club were welcomed as guests.

Mr. Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Southern Representative of the National Association of Audubon Societies, spoke on certain problems in the southeast.

Mr. William T. Vogt, Editor of "Bird-Lore", who had traveled down from New York, spoke at length upon the necessity of conserving water in Georgia. His talk on drainage problems in the name of malarial control brought on a hot discussion pro and con. However since none of the heads of the Fish and Wildlife Service were present, those members of the service there could hardly speak with authority. However the society did adopt as a project for study, "How we can conserve water in Georgia."

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Earle R. Greene; First Vice-President, Dr. Wallace Rogers; Second Vice-President R. J. H. DeLoach; Regional Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Sam Anderson, Milledgeville; Mrs. Victor H. Bassett, Savannah; Mr. Herbert L. Stoddard, Thomasville; Mr. Don Eyles, Atlanta; Dr. Eugene E. Murphey, Augusta; Executive Secretary, Mrs. James C. Oliver; Treasurer, Mr. Ray C. Werner; Editors-in-Chief of "The Oriole", Ivan R. Tomkins and Herbert L. Stoddard; Business Manager, Mrs. Hugh Harris; Editors of the Educational Department, Miss Mabel T. Rogers and Miss Hattie Rainwater; Regional Reporters, Miss

Malvina Trussel, Mr. William Griffin, and Mrs. James R. Cain; Historian-Librarian, Miss Anne Pfeiffer.

A field trip to Billy's Island the next day concluded the session. Although a number of birds were recorded, the most unusual one was an Arkansas or Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) on Billy's Island, this being the second state record of this western species. It was positively identified by several competent ornithologists and is described by William Griffin and Georgia Sciple in "The Oriole", issue of September 1938.

<sup>1</sup>Out of print, but a few copies can be found [online](#).