

## The Georgia GOShawk

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The GOShawk Says WELCOME to our new members: Scott Alison, Tifton; Dr. Alexandra Pietrewicz, Emory University, Atlanta; Betty Murphy, Savannah; Freeman Dennis, Atlanta; Anne Garner, Rockmart; Dennis Racoss, Atlanta; George Ehnat, Savannah; John Anderson, Savannah (gift from W. L. Anderson); Dr. Kemp Mabry, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro; John B. Biewnsner, Atlanta; M. I. Longacre, Atlanta.

Editorial Comment - The question from all over Georgia was the same, where are the winter birds? From Dalton to Valdosta; from Augusta to Columbus, this same comment was heard.

Evening Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Fox Sparrow, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush were in slim numbers. Purple Finch, Dark-eyed Junco, Yellow-rumped Warbler were in lesser numbers. White-throated Sparrows held their own; Ruby- and Golden-Crowned Kinglets, especially the Ruby-crowns, recouped their numbers after a winter die-off.

This does not necessarily reflect a downtrend in the above species. If the wild food crop is excellent; if populations are stable, winter birds do not need to roam very far south. In years of poor food crops and explosive numbers, birds are pressed further south to survive. Why spend energy flying to Georgia when Virginia will do?

Sandhill Cranes continue to make news as they did in the last issue. More sightings are being reported to this editor than in previous years. This can be the result of two factors - more cranes to report or more observers in the field reporting cranes. More birders afield watching birds = more birds reported. Sandhill Cranes were observed from Macon, Whitfield County, Atlanta area (with one seen 7 January over Grant Park) and Monroe County.

A Peregrine Falcon was reported from Monroe County; Whistling Swans swam on lakes at Rome and Augusta. High in the sky over the Georgia Institute of Technology, a Golden Eagle was spotted for a first Atlanta sighting.

Red Crossbills were found on the Cohutta Ranger District, Chattahoochee National Forest, and at Columbus; a Redpoll was also at Columbus; a Snow Goose appeared at Rome, along with a Redhead, a Canvasback and Bufflehead.

Augusta gives us Dunlin, Least Sandpiper, Merlin, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Lesser Yellowlegs. A Yellow-crowned Night Heron strolled down a street in Doraville; Common Goldeneye, Black Duck, American Wigeon turned up in Atlanta, and a Black-crowned Night Heron was on a coastal island. Ten Bald Eagles and three nests were found on the mid-winter Bald Eagle Survey; Bald Eagles were reported from Savannah River Wildlife Refuge, Valdosta, Baldwin County.

### Christmas Bird Counts Around the State -

Rome - 17 December - 97 species.

Macon - 30 December - 67 species; 5,725 individuals. Canvasback\*-2; Bufflehead\*-18; Hawks - Red-tailed-2, Red-shouldered-1, Marsh-1, Am. Kestrel-8, unidentified-10; Herring Gull\*-7; Horned Lark\*-1; Loggerhead Shrike-7. Im. Bald Eagle\* during count period.

Callaway Gardens - 1 January - 86 species.

Columbus - 16 December - 93 species. Oldsquaw\*-1.

Augusta - 95 species. Whistling Swan\*-1; Cinnamon Teal - possibly a hybrid as it has spots on its body (Cinnamon Teal have been reported from Augusta last winter. This bird is not on the official or hypothetical lists for Georgia-Ed.); No. Oriole-1; Yellow-throated Vireo\* (Editor's Note ...Accidental in winter at Warner Robins 1 January 1961 and on Sapelo Is. 31 December 1966); Yellow-throated W\*-1 (Editor's Note ...Rare in winter in Coastal Plain).

Sapelo Is. - 135 species. Tufted Titmouse-1, a first for this count; Marbled Godwit\*; Prairie W\*. No loons or scoters.

Dublin. Snow Goose\*-1.

Albany - 23 December - 90 species; 6,702 individuals. Snow Goose\*-1; Bald Eagle\*-im. 1; King Rail-1; Least Sandpiper\*-7; Great Horned Owl\*-7; Solitary Vireo\*-2; Black-and-white W\*-3. Gray Catbird during count period.

Atlanta - 17 December - 92 species; 17,548 individuals. Pintail\*-11; Am. Wigeon\*-10; Redhead\*-4; Bufflehead\*-5; Hawks - Sharp-shinned\*-10, Cooper's\*-1, Red-tailed-45, Red-shouldered-12, Am. Kestrel-21; Spotted Sandpiper\*-1; Great Horned Owl\*-2; Ruby-throated Hummingbird\*-1 (Editor's Note - At the feeder of the Jesse Walls ...Accidental in winter at Waycross 8 January 1974); Gray Catbird\*-1; Loggerhead Shrike-13; Solitary Vireo-8; Evening Grosbeak-9; House Finch\*-2; Pine Siskin-3; Fox Sparrow-15.

Glynn Co. - 31 December - 142 species; 27,609 individuals. Louisiana Heron-14; Black-crowned Night Heron\*-15; Gadwall\*-6; Pintail-5; Am. Wigeon-72; N. Shoveler-6; Canvasback-1; Bufflehead-98; Black Scoter\*-24; Hawks - Sharp-shinned\*-4, Red-tailed-9; Red-shouldered-5; Marsh-17; Osprey\*-1; Am. Kestrel-45; Great Horned Owl\*-3; Hummingbird\*sp.-1; Gray Catbird-15; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher\*-8; Loggerhead Shrike-8; White-eyed Vireo\*-14; Seaside Sparrow-5; Fox Sparrow\*-1.

Dalton - 30 December - 62 species. Hawks - Cooper's\*-1, Red-tailed-2, Red-shouldered-3, Marsh-2, Am. Kestrel-3; House Wren\*-5; Loggerhead Shrike-2; Pine Siskin-12. Green Heron\*, Sharp-shinned Hawk\* during count period.

Bird News - Records listed in this newsletter are largely unchecked and do not constitute an official sighting. Publication of these records is intended to bring interesting sightings to the attention of the membership and to remind them to be alert for unusual species in the areas indicated.

An asterisk following the name of a bird denotes it is listed as occasional, rare, uncommon, casual for that particular area/season in the Annotated Checklist of Georgia Birds, J. Fred Denton. Editor's notes are taken from this book.

Abbreviations used in this newsletter - Audubon Society-AS; National Wildlife Refuge-NWR; adult-ad; immature-im; male-m; female-f; River-R; Lake-L; Creek-Cr; Island-Is; Mountain-Mtn; Fort-Ft; County-Co; Common-Com; American-Am; Warbler-W; Eastern-E; Northern-N.

The Fall Line - Ocmulgee AS - Macon: Two large flocks of Sandhill Cranes\* were reported by the Clarks. Cedar Waxwings are in the area. (January newsletter)

Birding About - Withlacoochee Watchers - Valdosta: Hawks are to be found in the treetops along I-75 according to Wayne Faircloth. On a recent trip to Macon, he counted 22 perched in trees along the highway. (This is a demonstration of how land changed for man's benefit can benefit birds. Grassy shoulders and medians offer excellent hunting territory - Ed.)

Virginia and Bill Culpepper spotted Am Kestrel-15, plus several Red-tailed Hawks and Marsh Hawk-5 along the roadside to Savannah. On Jekyll Is (JI) and Skidaway I, they observed a Red-throated Loon, pair of Black-crowned Night Herons\*.

Tony and Edna Criscuolo watched an Am Kestrel swoop down on their feeder, scattering the assembled birds. During Christmas week, they visited Grassy Pond, finding White Ibis\*-20, mostly im; a Louisiana Heron\*, Little Blue Herons, im bald Eagle\*. (All news from January newsletter)

N. Orioles have been visiting area feeders. Black-and-white Ws, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Yellow-rumped W have been in the Fred Plateaus' yard. Bobwhite-16 leisurely crossed Carlton and Phoebe Slocum's backyard. Ken George and Maxine Scala have heard a Great Horned Owl\* hooting in their neighborhood. (February newsletter)

The Albany Limpkin - Albany AS: Mae Heldt reports a Purple Martin scout 13 February at her home.

Augusta AS: Clarence Belger gives us a Great Horned Owl\* at Merry Ponds (MP) 18 December; Dunlin\*-4, Lesser Yellowlegs\*, Least Sandpiper\*, Merlin\*, same date. 16 January he spotted a Western Sandpiper\*, Dunlin\*-4 (same birds? - Ed.); 21 February brought Purple Martin-6 to the Gracewood Lawn.

An Am Kestrel has taken up winter residence on the banks of the Savannah R. Bill and Lee Gibbs see it every day as they cross the Fifth St. Bridge. Joe Knipps saw a Red-headed Woodpecker on Walton Way. Again, on this same street, 26 January, Bill Gibbs saw a Red-tailed Hawk. Ann Waters found a Red-shouldered Hawk at her home in early January.

Two groups of advanced students from N Augusta Elementary School were guided on a birdwalk at MP by Gerald Knighton and Clarence Belger. Whistling Swan\*-7 and N Shoveler\* were enjoyed.

10 February a group of A ASers took a field trip to the Savannah R NWR. Bird numbers were low; species count was good. A Bald Eagle\* was seen on a nest. (It was stated in the newsletter that, due to lack of funds, grains for food haven't been planted for several years. - Ed.)

Two Red-shouldered Hawks were seen in city yards. One knocked itself out against a picture window; the other took a Mockingbird from an enclosed patio.

Report of field trips - 13 January; Least Sandpiper\*-6; Lesser Yellowlegs\*-1; Black-crowned Night Heron\*-15; Whistling Swan\*-7 (same birds? - Ed.); Long-billed Marsh Wren\*. 27 January Merlin\*, Dunlin\*, Lesser Yellowlegs\*.

Atlanta AS - November Field Notes: Frank McCamey saw an im Yellow-crowned Night Heron\* from 7-14 November in his yard in Doraville. It was observed walking through front yards and along the street. A Reddish Egret\* was found on the Georgia side of the Eufaula NWR 19 November by Joe Greenberg and class (Editor's Note - Accidental at St. Mary's 20 April 1877-specimen; on Little St. Simon's Is 14 September 1967-specimen; in Okefenokee NWR 25 June 1971). Four Green-winged Teal were noted at Emory University's President's Estate (EPE) on 24 November and Am Wigeon\*-2 from 18-26 November by Billy Pulliam. The Wigeon were seen through January. A good count of Sharp-shinned Hawks\*-3 were seen 2 November between Emory and Georgia Tech by Billy.

A most unusual report was a Golden Eagle\* seen 8 November flying high over the Georgia Tech campus by Ann Forster. (Perhaps it wanted to be a Ramblin' Wreck! - Ed.) This is a first for Atlanta.

Sandhill Cranes\* are much in the news. Bayard Cole saw a flock of approximately 50 over Marietta 20 November. Sally Rogers saw perhaps the same flock the same day in the Upper Flint R area north of Atlanta. Another flock of 38 was seen over Decatur 21 November by Sally Putnam.

Pat Thompson observed a flock of about 100 gulls - most likely Ring-billed over the Atlanta Waterworks 30 November. Mary Ann Vernocy saw Western Kingbird\*-2 on Jl 21 November. Orange-crowned Ws-3 were spotted at EPE 5 November by Billy Pulliam.

Bill Ritson reports Am Wigeon\* and Black Ducks\* from L Eleanor south of Atlanta 11 January, while Van McWorter observed Com Goldeneye\*-2 on L Lanier 16 January. Sharp-shinned Hawks\* were reported: one by Billy Pulliam 6 January at EPE; one by Van McWorter at Buford 16 January; one flying over South DeKalb Mall by Frank McCamey 11 December. Truly unusual was a Sandhill Crane\* seen flying over Grant Park 7 January by Howard Hunt.

Billy Pulliam mentions that Red-headed Woodpeckers are more common in the Avondale, Ponce de Leon, Lullwater areas than usual. He saw large numbers of blackbirds (Com Grackle-4000) and many more sparrows than usual at EPE, including a Fox Sparrow 19 December. Jane Ryan had Purple Finches, House Finches\*, Brown Creepers, Hairy Woodpeckers at her feeder.

Extract from Joel Volpi's Cumberland Is Tundra Peregrine Falcon survey for one month, Fall 1978. Peregrine Falcons-29 were banded. Although a low number, the overall count for the eastern US and Texas Gulf Coasts was high, second only to the record year, 1977. Other diurnal raptors counted: Cooper's Hawk\*-6, Sharp-shinned Hawk\*-61, Am Kestrel-160, Merlin\*-31, Marsh Hawk-43, Broad-winged Hawk-1, Red-tailed Hawk-4. No Golden or Bald Eagles were seen. Sharp-shinned Hawks\* were too numerous to accurately count. On one day, they passed at a rate of about three per minute.

Several shore birds were noted with fixed colored wing markers; one was a first year Herring Gull, another was a Caspian Tern. A surprising number of birds were banded with the standard U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service aluminum band. Black Skimmers, Royal and Caspian Terns, Herring and Laughing Gulls, Brown Pelicans were among the banded.

11 February pelagic trip report by Vince Jackson. Terry Moore led the veteran and novice pelagic birders out onto the ocean from Jl. Although no alcids, shearwaters, Long-tailed or Pomarine Jaegers were seen, two groups of phalaropes were found 30 plus miles offshore. Gannets-300 plus were enjoyed. Greater Black-backed Gulls\* were observed on shore and at sea. No adults, these were first or second winter plumaged birds. It is not yet known if these Georgia sightings represent a range consolidation between the northern breeding and southern wintering range for this larid; but, these birds are now nesting south of their former range and are usually seen in Florida every winter. Bob Manns spotted the only Parasitic Jaeger\* as it almost playfully chased a Bonaparte's Gull.

Floyd Co AS - Rome - Field trip results: Over at Paris L - Whistling Swan\*-1 im; Bufflehead\*-2; Am Kestrel-1; Am Coot-1,000 plus; Loggerhead Shrike-1. On to Padget L - Whistling Swan\*-1 ad; Snow Goose\*-blue morph-1; Am Wigeon\*-200 plus; Belted Kingfisher-1. (From 5 February newsletter) 1 February - Gadwall\*-47; Redhead\*-1; Canvasback\*-1; Red-tailed and Marsh Hawks.

George Dorsey has a banded Purple Finch coming to his bird tray. Loggerhead Shrike-2 were noted 11 March on a field trip to Hall's Land Morrison Camp Ground. Lenn Sisson and George found Com Snipe-14 at Darlington School 16 March. Lenn found a Loggerhead Shrike 27 February at Floyd Jr. College. Mary Swanson told of seeing a Sharp-shinned Hawk\* get a small bird at her feeder. Emily Ford watched a Red-tailed Hawk grab a large rat at the Atlanta Airport.

The Observer - Columbus AS - Harris Sparrow\* 23 November at Columbus by Grace Martin; same date a Fox Sparrow in Harris Co (HCo), Florence Lynn. On 1 December Florence saw Pine Siskins in HCo. Jerry Turner, 23 December, watched a Red-tailed Hawk feed on a possum carcass with two Turkey Vultures. A f Yellow-headed Blackbird\* was seen by Jim Shirah 18 February and on 19 February Grace Martin reports a Redpoll\* and a Red Crossbill\*. Fox Sparrows came into feeders on 18 February. An Oldsquaw\*, originally seen on the CBC, has been in the shallows of Cooper Cr (March newsletter). Grace Martin reports a Veery\* in her yard around 23 December (no winter record for state - Ed.).

The Kingfisher - Cherokee AS - Dalton - Sandy Pongle says he saw Red Crossbill\*-7 and Pine Siskin-15 on the Chattahoochee National Forest, Cohutta Ranger District, Forest Service Rd. (FSRd) 18 Murray County 22 January. Harriett DiGioia saw Hermit Thrush-2 on FSRd 630, Murray County for the only sighting for the winter 26 January. On 20 February, she noted a Fox Sparrow in her yard.

Sandhill Cranes\*-45 were seen passing over on 1 March by Donald and Linda Coker in north-west Whitfield Co. Delano, Doris, David Crowe saw three flocks totaling 75 birds flying north over their home 4 March. Billy Jump tells of seeing and hearing 50 plus birds high in the sky on that same day and feels they were Sandhill Cranes\*. Jeff Dixon watched birds in the far distant sky in a V formation, same day, that could have been Sandhill Cranes\*. Enrollees in the U. S. Forest Service Young Adult Conservation Corps report geese-32 passing over FSRd 630, Murray County 6 March. (Possibly Sandhill Cranes\*. I believe a great number of the "geese" reported flying over are in reality cranes. - Ed.)

Letters to the Editor - Terry Johnson, Senior Wildlife Biologist, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, sent in these sightings - "19 October 1978 - An ad Peregrine Falcon\* in Monroe Co. This marks the first time I had seen this bird in Georgia and it came as quite a surprise. 10 November 1978 - Sandhill Crane\*-19 observed in Monroe Co flying due south. 4 December 1978 - Sandhill Crane\*-12 flying over Monroe Co. 11 January 1979 - while flying a winter waterfowl survey over L Sinclair, Baldwin Co, an ad Bald Eagle\* was observed perched in a pine at the water's edge."

Joe Jones, Albany, writes that seven Red-tailed Hawks have been found dead or disabled near Gravel Hill Rd. Two were nursed back to health and released; five were dead or died. Showing no wounds, it is felt pesticides are the culprit. John Robinson, a special agent of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, did an autopsy on one hawk, finding it had eaten a Red-winged Blackbird. Poisoned grains/peanuts have been spread in pecan orchards in this area. 4 March.

Results of the first annual Bald Eagle Survey late January in Georgia, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, coordinated by the Game and Fish Division, Non Game/Endangered Species Program, Department of Natural Resources -

Eighteen areas were surveyed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Game & Fish, Georgia Department of Natural Resources; National Park Service; Atlanta AS; E. J. Noble Foundation; U. S. Forest Service, turning up 1 ad and 1 nest on Ossabaw Is; 1 ad on I-95, Danden Co; 1 ad at Ft. Pulaski National Monument; 2 ad, 1 old and 1 new nest on St. Catherines Is; 4 birds, plus 1 unknown eagle at Jim Woodruff Reservoir. 10 Bald Eagles, plus an unknown; 3 nests sighted.

News of People - Gerald Knighton, good birder, president of the Augusta AS, environmentalist, GOSer, died 27 February in Augusta. Gerald will be missed by the birders of Augusta; his bird sightings will be missed by GOS. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

Illness - Clyde Connell and Frank Munn have been hospitalized. Both are now doing well; we hope they continue in better health.

Frank McCamey will be teaching "Birds and Their Ways" at Mercer University, Atlanta, spring quarter. Joe Greenberg will again instruct his bird course in the "Evenings at Emory" series.

Harriett DiGioia went to Chattanooga, TN to give a slide narrative to the Chattanooga Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society on Even-Age Management. Anne Hamilton, Grace Boddiford, Harriett DiGioia attended a three-day conference on "Contemporary Crises in Values of Rural Communities in Georgia" at the University of Georgia. Anne then went on to visit her sister, Grace, in Screven Co.

Travelers - Bill and Virginia Culpepper went to Merritt Is, Fl., finding White Pelican, Scrub Jay, Gray Kingbird. Ken George went down to the Ichetucknee R, FL, seeing Screech Owl, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Am Goldfinch. He found what he believes to be a Bald Eagle nest. Ocmulgee ASers journeyed to Wakulla Springs, FL on a field trip. Bald Eagle, Sora, Glossy Ibis were among the birds enjoyed. Anne and Don Mitchell were on the trip. Bald Eagles and White Pelicans were at St. Marks NWR, FL, seen by Sam Pate and students.

Miscellaneous - Ron Odum, Non-game/Endangered Species Program, Game & Fish Division, Department of Natural Resources, writes the following: "We are seeking information on the location of active Osprey nests and wading bird rookeries (including Ibis, heron and egret) throughout the state.

If you have made, or know of, a sighting, please contact this office: Non-Game/Endangered Species Program, Route 2, Box 119, Social Circle, GA, 30279."

Thought for the Day - "The early-warning systems in our modern life include plants and animals of no known commercial value. By noticing their condition, we can know in time to save ourselves, much as a coal-miner underground may do when a caged canary in the same tunnel shows distress. Lowly lichens, growing slowly on tree bark and tombstones, reveal where invisible gases (particularly sulfur dioxide) are poisoning the outdoor air. Many kinds thrive where air is pure, but few where the pollution continues."  
Ecology Out of Joint - Lorus J. Milne and Margery Milne.

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AT JEKYLL ISLAND THE WEEKEND  
OF OCTOBER 5-6-7. CAROLINA BIRD  
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The business session of the GOS Spring Meeting, 1979, met at the Regional Education Center, Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Georgia, on the afternoon of April 21, 1979, at 4 p.m. The president, Georgine Pindar, called the meeting to order. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with since they had previously been mailed to the membership.

In the absence of the treasurer, John Swiderski, his report was presented by Frank McCamey. He reported acquisitions of \$1,932.78 and disbursements of \$1,699.04 since September 30, 1978, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$4,193.54, as of April 2, 1979. The treasurer's full statement is filed with the minutes. The treasurer's summary of the 1979 membership shows 125 individual members, 31 life members, and 51 libraries for a total of 207.

Mr. McCamey next presented the report of the business manager in the absence of McRae Williams. He reported 78 publications and 5 shoulder patches sold in the period October, 1978, to April, 1979. The June-September issue of The Oriole was mailed in January, 1979, to 374 members and 50 exchanges. The December, 1978, issue of The Oriole is in the process of being mailed to the membership. A copy of the business manager's report will be filed with the minutes. He further reported that a list of GOS publications to be circulated by Flying Carpet Tours of Kissimmee, Florida, has been delayed because of a revision of the list necessitated by the fact that a number of items are now out of print. The revised list will be distributed, and discounts from resulting sales will go into the GOS treasury.

Georgine Pindar stated that the edition of Birding in Georgia has been exhausted and should be redone. The president thanked Editor Les Davenport for the fine edition of The Oriole (December, 1978) just issued. She announced that he has asked to be relieved of the editorship and that a search for a new editor will be made. The membership gave a round of applause to Mr. Davenport in appreciation of his fine service.

The president announced the appointment of the nominating committee consisting of Wilson Baker, Milton Hopkins, and Dick Parks.

The **second** vice president, Jeanine Angerman, reported that she has had difficulty getting people to serve as regional representatives, and has had discouraging results from some of those who do serve. She asked the membership to consider ways of getting more people involved in the work of GOS.

Georgine Pindar announced that GOS has received an invitation from CBC to join in a fall meeting in October, 1979, in the North Carolina mountains. Joe Meyers asked about a previous proposal that the fall meeting of GOS be at the coast every other year (1979 being the appropriate year). Lee Gibbs said that such a proposal had been made but had not been adopted as a policy. Frank McCamey spoke of the difficulty of getting anyone to host a coastal meeting. There was discussion of a no-host meeting. Joe Meyers moved that the fall meeting, 1979, be held at Jekyll Island. The motion was seconded and passed. The invitation of CBC was declined. October 5-7 was decided on as the date for the GOS fall meeting.

The next order of business was consideration of changes in the By-Laws of GOS which were proposed by the executive committee. The changes considered were all in various sections of Articles VII and VIII. Georgine Pindar read each section; Frank McCamey explained the differences between the original By-Law and the proposed change. Action was taken as follows:

Article VII, Sections 2, 3, 4. Jonny Howell moved that the new wording be accepted. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Article VIII, Section 1, paragraphs 1 and 2. Frank McCamey moved acceptance. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Article VIII, Section 1, paragraphs 3 and 4. Frank McCamey moved acceptance. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Article VIII, Section 2. Frank McCamey moved acceptance. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Article VIII, Section 3. Frank McCamey moved acceptance. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Article VIII, Section 4. Les Davenport moved that paragraph 1 be amended by inserting the words "with the consent of the executive committee" after the words "The nominating committee shall consist of three persons appointed by the president." The section as amended was approved.

Article VIII, Section 5. McCamey moved acceptance. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Article VIII, Section 6. Already approved (Fall, 1978).

Article VIII, Section 7. Anne Waters moved acceptance. Seconded, discussed, and passed.

Georgine Pindar thanked Frank McCamey and the committee who worked with him for the revision of the By-Laws.

Les Davenport moved that the By-Laws as changed be in effect from the time of the action taken at this business meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

The president announced the death of Gerald Knighton. Les Davenport suggested that a memorial statement be put in The Oriole. Georgine Pindar asked that Jeanine Angerman and Anne Waters write the statement.

Les Davenport reported that Milton Hopkins is in charge of developing a memorial edition of The Oriole in honor of Dr. Fred Denton.

Joe Meyers asked if GOS would be interested in sponsoring an annotated list of birds of the Okeefeenokee Swamp. Such a list had been worked up in the past but would need revision. After discussion the membership decided that the matter should be referred to the editorial committee and that Joe Meyers be asked to submit a proposal to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonny Howell, Secretary