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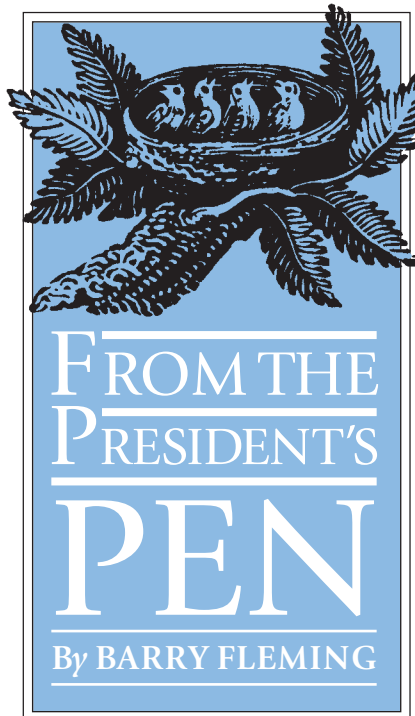
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**T**HE PANDEMIC HAS BEEN difficult on so many members of our society. My heart goes out to all that have experienced loss during this time. In addition to personal loss, we have witnessed disturbing news for birds in the form of natural and human-caused disasters. We learned roughly one-third of birds have disappeared in the past fifty years. It was also inspiring during this time to see human responses of creativity, ingenuity, and acceptance of the need for change. Many of us found time to reconsider our relationship with birds and nature and found a new commitment to broadening and enhancing that relationship.

Many of us found new ways to experience birds and nature close to home. In my own yard I added two species of frog, one salamander, one turtle, and welcomed my third species of nuthatch. White-breasted Nuthatch, which has been inching steadily into this part of the Piedmont, has finally found my one acre suitable for nesting. The lockdown also permitted me time to put down the binoculars in order to learn more about birds. I was able to attend many zoom meetings, webinars and documentaries, which opened my eyes to new connections and ways of thinking about or experiencing birds, nature and our need to evangelize for biological diversity and habitat protection.

This time of rapid change has caused rapid problem-solving. Advancements in understanding more about birds seem exponential. There has never been a better time for opportunities in bird research, especially those related to climate change and its effects on birds. This break in normalcy has also permitted re-focus, fresh strategies and viewpoints, and a new group of scientists ready to put this energy and interconnectedness to the test. AOS is committed to supporting this research.

I want to thank the society for making wise decisions during the past two years. The board, with excellent leadership from Geoff Hill, who, like a fine quarterback, called audibles from the field as response to changes in Covid protocols were needed, cancelling meetings, holding virtual ones and



instituting a birding-from-home compilation. At the fall meeting we were successfully together again in person on Dauphin Island, and the energy and excitement were palpable. It was good to be meeting in person. A big shout out to Kathryn Palmore, meetings coordinator, Hal Smith from Wild Birds Unlimited of Auburn for the door prizes, and of course Wilton's Catering for the freshest seafood and the traditional bananas foster.

Looking back, I will always remember the spring meeting six months earlier, as we sat at home attending a virtual meeting, staring at our small faces on the computer screen, when Scot Duncan came online and announced that "mama and daddy" just called and were having the biggest fallout they've ever seen at Fort Morgan. The zoom meeting went silent. Finally, Scott

Weidensaul, our speaker, and one of the top names in the bird world, said, "This is killing me!" Geoff Hill added that we have been waiting on a major fallout for many years at a spring meeting, and here we sit at home while it's happening. In crazy birder fashion, I left at 3:00 am. the next morning and made it to Fort Morgan by daybreak, where Peregrines and Merlins circled the fort, warblers were dripping from the trees and Baird's and White-rumped Sandpipers strutted around my feet.

As we get back in the swing of things, here are a few basic tips on how you can better experience AOS. First, annual dues are always due in January, which should be the month you are reading this newsletter. Consider becoming a life member and forget about the annual dues. Please also avail yourself to our AOS website, which contains much useful information such as the latest field checklist, reports from the bird records committee, a great read on the first fifty years of AOS history and the current AOS featured photographer. This is also the place to pay dues. If you change your email address, please contact myself or Larry Gardella. Check out and support the excellent work of Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, DIBS, in purchasing and preserving undeveloped land on the island. Please sign up for ALBirds, our on-line discussion group. It is still the quickest way to get out a rare bird notification, or ask questions about tertiary feather pat-

terns of dowitchers. I would encourage you to establish an eBird account. It is a great resource for status and distribution of Alabama birds, locating rare birds and keeping county and state lists. At the winter meeting we will talk more about a new challenge for society members to interact with eBird.

California bird expert Jon Dunn once said that AOS is the friendliest birding group he has ever been around. So, my suggestion at this time of getting 'live' meetings going again is we go with our strengths, and use our persuasive Southern hospitality to invite folks into the fold, especially young

people. Many people stuck at home became bird watchers during the pandemic. If you know one of these, let them know about AOS. Reach out to existing members you haven't seen in a while as well.

It is certainly my pleasure to serve as president for the next two years. A familiar sight most mornings on Pelican Island, and international bird guide, Drew Haffenden, will be your vice-president. So please contact either of us about any questions you may have, to inquire about volunteering or just to relate general good ideas. Into our seventieth year we go!

AOS FALL MEETING, DAUPHIN ISLAND, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 8-10, 2021

## AOS Fall 2021 Meeting Report

By LARRY GARDELLA, KEN HARE, & BOB REED

**B**Y FAR THE BEST THING ABOUT THE FALL AOS meeting was that we were THERE. We had missed gathering for far too long, and though we didn't hug and shake hands as much, the ability to look each other in the eye and share birds and memories made for a wonderful weekend.

A brisk northerly wind was both a blessing and a bit of a curse. It brought a fair number of birds in to the island on Friday, but it also catapulted many more right on past, and gave them a good head start on their trip across the Gulf.

One of the highlights of the October meeting for many of us was another winged critter: butterflies. On the west shore of Mobile Bay, a steady river of Gulf Fritillaries rode the breeze past Bay Front Park, while Brown Pelicans fished a large school of fish just off shore. Other than all facing north when perched, they ignored the breeze.

Another highlight of the weekend for many birders was a brilliant male Vermilion Flycatcher seen at Rolston Park, a small park on Coden Belt Road. The road is a Birding Trails site near the small town of Coden, and the park and road overlook Portersville Bay.

Ken Hare said that, as he drives down to Dauphin Island, he makes a habit of taking a brief stop or two to check eBird reports to see if there are interesting sightings that other AOS members have made along Interstate 65, especially at the Splinter Hill Bog site just a couple of miles off the interstate.

"This trip when I checked eBird I didn't see any reports from the bog, but I did see that Eric Soehren had found a Vermilion Flycatcher on Coden Hill Road that morning. So when I approached the island, I made the short side trip west to check the park. When I got there, the bird was extremely cooperative, sitting up on a wire in plain sight. I got a little too close trying to get a photo and flushed it, but it soon returned to the wire and eventually moved to a nearby tree. Another birder was there with me, and it wouldn't let us get very close," Ken said. "But as long as we kept our distance, it was glad to pose for us.

"That was a great start to the weekend for me; I found a Nelson's Sparrow and a couple of Marsh Wrens at the airport, as well as the always present Clapper Rails."

It was wonderful to catch up with friends while birding around the area, and especially at the Friday night social. We enjoyed photos from four members: Park McGhee, Patsy Russo, Drew Haffenden, and Geoff Hill.

Park showed pictures of birds from the April meeting that didn't happen. Patsy showed pictures of her impressive yard birds, plus some incredible close-up dragonfly portraits. Drew showed a wonderful series of shots of Black Skinkers from egg to adult, plus shots of Caspian and Royal Terns. Geoff showed pictures of his recent research trip to California studying the mitochondrial differences in two subspecies of White-crowned Sparrows: *gambelii*, which breeds in Alaska

and winters in California and *nuttalli*, a non-migratory bird of California.

Saturday birding was one of the best October days in recent history. The plan had been not to have organized field trips because of the close proximity of birders, but the brisk breeze, and just the simple desire to be together trumped Covid concerns, and birders naturally gravitated into small groups, where the birds were putting on shows for us. Chestnut-sided, Black-and-white and Magnolia Warblers and American Redstarts were common, as were Wood Thrushes. Both tanagers were seen by many folks. All in all, the birding was quite good and the speaker and food Saturday evening were both excellent.

Larry Gardella picks up the story.

On Saturday morning, I led a group of birders onto Pelican Island looking for gulls and shorebirds and whatever else might show up—Pelican is known for unexpected avian treats. We rather quickly caught up with Geoff Hill and our speaker, Dr. Scott Robinson, and for the most part we stayed a bit ahead of Drew Haffenden, who was conducting a shorebird identification workshop for Alabama Birdfest. Because the South Alabama Land Trust has changed the date for Birdfest to the end of September, this should be the last time that it will conflict with AOS fall meeting.

We heard and saw Clapper Rails as we walked the pier to get to Pelican. Right from the start we were seeing shorebirds, including the first of what turned out to be eight Snowy Plovers. We ended up with the five expected species of plover, adding Black-bellied, Semipalmated, Piping, and a lone Killdeer. Scott was talking some about his adventures with the late Ted Parker, one of the best birders of all time. It didn't keep Scott from being alert for birds, and he was the first to spot the Marbled Godwit working a puddle. Everybody ended up with great views of this stunner.

The most common shorebirds were Western Sandpipers and Dunlins, which largely stayed in separate groups but were often flying back and forth from one puddle to another. In amongst them were some of the 60 Sanderlings, Willets, the lone Greater Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitchers, Least Sandpipers, Semipalmated Sandpipers and four Red Knots, always a nice bird even when lacking brilliant rufous breasts.

Almost all the 400 gulls we saw were Laughing Gulls, but there was one Herring, and we were pleased to find one adult Lesser Black-backed Gull. Lesser Black-backs are rare

in Alabama but becoming quite regular in some places, including Pelican Island. The sands of Pelican Island are always changing, and you never know what the end of the peninsula (which Pelican Island has been for quite a few years now) will look like. Fortunately, the sands continued uninterrupted to the end, and we were able to go all the way and then return on the other (north) side without ever getting our feet wet.

The vast majority of the terns were near the very end, where we found a Common Tern, Forster's, Sandwich, Royal, and Caspian Terns in with many of the Laughing Gulls. There were also 240 Black Skimmers. Three Northern Gannets swung by near enough for everyone to study. One Reddish Egret was dancing to try to stir up some food. Some raptors appeared overhead on the return trip, including two Bald Eagles, three Ospreys, Red-tailed Hawks and Broad-winged Hawks.

All in all, a very good morning on Pelican.

The weekend ended with a tally of 155 birds, compared to 170 in 2018 (Dauphin Island) and 125 in 2019 (Auburn).

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### *The Duck and the Hawk*

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A FEW WEEKS AGO, MY WIFE DEBBIE BENNETT RETURNED TO our home in the woods between Lake Purdy and Leeds to the most extraordinary sight. As she drove around to the back of the house she was greeted by the sight of a large hawk feeding on a duck—on the ground, right by our back door. The hawk immediately flew away, leaving the somewhat gruesome remains, and about a thousand feathers scattered in the vicinity. I came home just a few minutes later, and we set about clearing up the mess. Debbie did not get a good look at the hawk, but her description leads me to believe it was a Red-tailed. The partially eaten head of the duck was mostly green and I made the quick assumption it was a Mallard, but there was some bright red near the bill and a lot of beautiful golden feathers on the ground, and I am now certain it was a Wood Duck drake. This raises many questions: How did a large buteo catch a Wood Duck, a rather shy bird, and where? There are several small lakes nearby, and the Little Cahaba River, but I have never seen a Wood Duck. And why bring it to a house to eat? I would welcome any ideas.—Robin McDonald (rmcdgd@aol.com)

*2021 AOS Fall Meeting Compilation List  
Dauphin Island, Alabama, October 8–10*

**N**OTEWORTHY BIRD OF THE WEEKEND WAS A SWAINSON'S Hawk. Count total was 155 species.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Great Black-backed Gull	Northern Flicker	Golden-winged Warbler
Canada Goose	Caspian Tern	American Kestrel	Black-and-White Warbler
Wood Duck	Common Tern	Merlin	Prothonotary Warbler
Blue-winged Teal	Forster's Tern	Peregrine Falcon	Tennessee Warbler
Mallard	Royal Tern	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Common Yellowthroat
Mottled Duck	Sandwich Tern	Eastern Phoebe	Hooded Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Black Skimmer	Vermilion Flycatcher	American Redstart
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Northern Gannet	Eastern Kingbird	Cape May Warbler
Mourning Dove	Double-crested Cormorant	Loggerhead Shrike	Northern Parula
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Anhinga	White-eyed Vireo	Magnolia Warbler
Common Nighthawk	American White Pelican	Yellow-throated Vireo	Bay-breasted Warbler
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Brown Pelican	Blue-headed Vireo	Blackburnian Warbler
Clapper Rail	Great Blue Heron	Philadelphia Vireo	Yellow Warbler
Sora	Great Egret	Red-eyed Vireo	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-necked Stilt	Snowy Egret	Blue Jay	Pine Warbler
American Avocet	Little Blue Heron	Carolina Chickadee	Yellow-throated Warbler
American Oystercatcher	Tricolored Egret	Tufted Titmouse	Prairie Warbler
Black-bellied Plover	Reddish Egret	Tree Swallow	Black-throated Green Warbler
Snowy Plover	Cattle Egret	Barn Swallow	Canada Warbler
Semipalmated Plover	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Wilson's Warbler
Piping Plover	White Ibis	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Scarlet Tanager
Killdeer	Roseate Spoonbill	House Wren	Summer Tanager
Marbled Godwit	Turkey Vulture	Sedge Wren	Northern Cardinal
Ruddy Turnstone	Osprey	Marsh Wren	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Red Knot	Mississippi Kite	Carolina Wren	Blue Grosbeak
Stilt Sandpiper	Bald Eagle	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Indigo Bunting
Sanderling	Northern Harrier	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Dunlin	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Eastern Bluebird	
Least Sandpiper	Cooper's Hawk	Veery	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Red-shouldered Hawk	Swainson's Thrush	
Western Sandpiper	Broad-winged Hawk	Wood Thrush	
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Swainson's Hawk</i>	Gray Catbird	
Wilson's Snipe	Red-tailed Hawk	Brown Thrasher	
Spotted Sandpiper	Eastern Screech-Owl	Northern Mockingbird	
Lesser Yellowlegs	Great Horned Owl	European Starling	
Willet	Barred Owl	House Sparrow	
Greater Yellowlegs	Belted Kingfisher	House Finch	
Laughing Gull	Red-headed Woodpecker	Savannah Sparrow	
Ringed-bill Gull	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Nelson's Sparrow	
Herring Gull	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Seaside Sparrow	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Downy Woodpecker	White-crowned Sparrow	
		Baltimore Oriole	
		Red-winged Blackbird	
		Brown-headed Cowbird	
		Common Grackle	
		Boat-tailed Grackle	
		Northern Waterthrush	

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.

AOS FALL MEETING, DAUPHIN ISLAND, ALABAMA, OCTOBER 8-10, 2021

# Minutes of the AOS Board Meeting

By PAT REED, *Secretary*



RESIDENT GEOFF HILL OPENED THE MEETING AT 1:30 p.m., October 9, 2021, via Zoom, stating it was extremely nice to once again have an in-person AOS meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hill stated Eric Soehren talked with the publisher of *Alabama Birdlife* regarding their mistake. The publisher is correcting this at no cost to AOS. Also, arrangements have been worked out with the Coastal Birding Festival leadership so that there will not be an overlap of the festival and AOS in the future.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Barry Fleming reported the winter meeting is tentatively scheduled for Guntersville; however, no speaker has been booked as of this date.

VP Fleming also reported he had not been successful in obtaining a treasurer. Discussion was held as to hiring an accountant outside the organization or continuing with a volunteer. The consensus was to keep the position within the organization if possible. Joan Dixon pointed out that AOS has Quick Books and Excel to assist the treasurer. President Hill stated we have three months to find a treasurer. Barry Fleming stated he would continue to search. Bob Reed suggested this matter be deferred to the Executive Committee as the slate of officers was to be presented for vote at the evening meeting.

VP Fleming brought up the need for a new logo design which had been discussed at the spring meeting. He stated that, with the approval of the Board, he would look into this further and present procedures on how to approach this at the winter meeting.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Dixon reported income of \$9,571.62 and expenses of \$9,692.63, leaving net income loss of (\$121.01).

There was a discussion about membership during COVID. Joan Dixon reported income from dues was \$7,340. Ken Hare stated a complete membership list is needed. Membership chair Larry Gardella stated he would send out reminders.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**EDUCATION**—Shirley Farrell reported she and Frank participated in the 2021 Black Belt Birding Festival in Greensboro by leading tours and displaying our wingspan banner. Also, a booth for the 2022 festival has been secured. The teacher workshop at the end of February at the Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA) is a possibility where she will run the workshop and AOS will provide the curriculum guides. AOS continues to support Green Ribbon Schools.

**CONSERVATION**—Greg Harber reported the Migratory Bird Treaty Act has been reinstated.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Ken Hare reported Anne Miller has done an outstanding job of updating the website. He stated social media is the way to contact prospective members, and, also we need to urge the membership to join ALBirds.

**PUBLICATIONS**—Bob Reed reported the deadline for the Winter *Yellowhammer* is November 10. There is a need to do away with the print copies or charge for those copies. Another possibility is to raise dues. This might be a matter for the Executive Committee to handle.

**DAN C. HOLLIMAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE**—Greg Harber presented an update on the Holliman Fund, stating he will have a report to AOS Board at the January meeting. Ken Hare stated there are currently two awards for \$1,000 each and suggested better participation might be obtained if this is changed to one \$2,000 award. President Hill suggested this decision be left to the Holliman Committee.

**RECORDS**—Drew Haffenden reported that the Records Committee is basically up to date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

AOS WINTER MEETING, LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK, JANUARY 28-30, 2022

# AOS Winter Meeting Schedule



UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL ACTIVITIES FOR the AOS Winter Meeting begin or occur at the Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge, 1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976

To register online for the Winter Meeting, go to:  
[www.aosbirds.org](http://www.aosbirds.org)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

**5:00 p.m.** Registration Camelia Room

**6:00 p.m.** Member social—Light dinner/heavy hors d'oeuvres

**7:00 p.m.** Member slides

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

### 7:00 a.m. FIELD TRIPS

**1. Lake Guntersville State Park.** Explore the wooded mountaintops and lakeshores of beautiful Guntersville State Park looking for wintering songbirds, sparrows and waterfowl with trip leader Linda Reynolds, former Guntersville State Park naturalist and one of the state's best birders.

**2. Lake Guntersville Waterfront.** Explore the waterfront along Sunset Drive and other locations around the lake looking for ducks, grebes, loons and gulls with trip leader Drew Haffenden, international bird guide. This area is also on his Christmas Bird Count route, so Drew will know of the latest sightings.

**2:00 p.m. Board Meeting:** Camelia Room,  
Lake Guntersville State Park

**5:30 p.m.** Social Hour

**6:30 p.m.** Banquet Buffet

**7:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker:** Dr. R. Scot Duncan  
*Alabama's Birdlife and the Climate*  
*Crisis: Changes, Challenges, and Choices*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

### 7:00 a.m. FIELD TRIPS

**High Falls and Morgan's Cove.** This is a new destination for our Guntersville meetings, one that Linda Reynolds said is a "must see." After viewing the falls and searching for winter visitors, a drive through Morgan's Cove offers opportunities to observe open-land birds, hawks and eagles.

**12 Noon** Compilation—Lodge Lobby

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## ROOM INFORMATION

*Group Code 9332*

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**Rooms: Arriving Friday, January 28, 2022 for 2 nights**

**18 Double Queen Bed, Bluff-Side: \$119.00**

**4 One Queen Bed, Park-Side: \$102.00**

Please note that room rates are subject to lodging tax, city and state surcharges, as well as a 4% resort fee. Rates reflect occupancy by up to two people. There is a \$10.00 per person charge for each additional person. Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. and check out any time before 11:00 a.m.

Call the Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge reservationist at 256-505-6621 to make reservations and **mention that you are with the Alabama Ornithological Society (not AOS)—Group Code 9332.** You may also make reservations online at <https://www.alapark.com/lake-guntersville-state-park-reservations>. Please note that a deposit is required for each reservation made. Deposits are the sum of one night's lodging plus taxes and a resort fee, and are due at the time the reservation is made.



A O S WINTER MEETING, LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK, JANUARY 28-30, 2022

## Meet the Speaker: Dr. Scot Duncan

### *Alabama's Birdlife and the Climate Crisis: Changes, Challenges, and Choices*

**C**LIMATE CHANGE IS RESHAPING THE ALABAMA LANDSCAPE. More intense flooding and droughts. Stronger hurricanes. Sea level rise. Longer, hotter summers. How are these and other changes affecting Alabama's birdlife? And, what should Alabama's avian allies (that's us!) do about it? Join Dr. R. Scot Duncan, Professor of Biology at Birmingham-Southern College and author of award-winning *Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity*, as he explores the impacts of climate change on our state's bird populations, and how we can ensure Alabama's birdlife enjoys the best possible future.

In 2017, Scot began investigating how climate change is impacting the Southeast. The stories he discovered will be

published in a forthcoming book provisionally entitled *Creeks to Coast: Restoring the Rivers at the Heart of America's Freshwater Biodiversity* (University of Alabama Press, Spring 2023). Scot is one of two children born to the renowned birding power couple, Bob and Lucy Duncan of Gulf Breeze, Florida. Scot has been birding since he was in utero, and is passionate about birding and bird conservation. His research and explorations have taken him to Antarctica, New Zealand, East Africa, Central and South America, the Pacific Northwest, and across the southeastern US. Scot served on the board of the Cahaba River Society (2006-2012), and currently is on the board of the Alabama Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

BANDING COALITION OF THE AMERICAS

## *Fall Fort Morgan Banding: Continuing the Legacy*

By EMMA RHODES, *Director of Conservation and Scientific Research*

**S**INCE OUR INITIAL PILOT-RUN IN 2019 of a fall banding station at the Fort Morgan State Historic Site, Kyle Shepard and I had been working on preparations for a fully operational station for fall 2021 through our newly founded non-profit, Banding Coalition of the Americas (BCA). Due to the pandemic, we were unable to operate the station in 2020, so we were excited about



our plans for this fall. Kyle and I were both trained as teens at Fort Morgan by Bob and Martha Sargent with help from the rest of the Hummer Bird/Study Group crew. We founded BCA to help us continue the Sargents' work, not just at Fort Morgan but through many other projects as well. We see this as a great opportunity to continue studying long-term migration trends at this site as well as a fantastic outreach effort to the public. After



ABOVE: Emma Rhodes and Kyle Shepard (seated) banding at Fort Morgan in October, 2021. RIGHT: This male Golden-winged Warbler was one of the 436 birds banded. (Photos by BCA)



nearly a year of planning, we were ecstatic to finally arrive at Fort Morgan. Our crew of volunteers included folks from all over Alabama and beyond representing a variety of backgrounds including academic professionals, birding enthusiasts, and university undergraduates and graduates. The undergraduates that attended are being trained through a program that I operate at Auburn University. Training is a part of a larger project that we are working on to give committed volunteers free opportunities to participate long-term in our banding projects and to teach competitive banding skills for professionals.

We set up our banding station at the Stables, the primary location where the Sargents operated for nearly 30 years. We banded for a short period the first day after we set up on September 30 for the VIP sponsors event and banded through October 7. In total, we banded 436 birds comprised of 57 species with roughly 400 visitors throughout the week. We had great weather for most of our banding days. A front moved in early in the week and brought in rain but as a result, we banded 129 birds on October 5, our busiest bird day. Our top five species by highest number banded were: Magnolia Warbler, American Redstart, Tennessee Warbler, Red-winged Blackbird, and White-eyed Vireo. Our most notable records

were a Blackpoll Warbler on October 1, Rufous Hummingbird on October 4, and a Wilson's Warbler on October 7.

We would like to thank everyone who supported this effort. We as BCA could not do this work without the support of the public and our wonderful volunteers. Our event sponsors this year were Hummingbird Research, Inc., Bird Watcher Supply Company, and Mobile Bay Audubon Society. If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor or in volunteering, please email Kyle at [kyle@bandingcoalition.org](mailto:kyle@bandingcoalition.org). Please check out our website and follow us on social media at [bandingcoalition.org](http://bandingcoalition.org) or look up @Bandingcoalition on Facebook and Instagram. We hope to see you at our events in the near future!

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### *New Members*

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Bill Carswell • Juliana Hitchcock  
Patricia Hyde • Brad Newsom  
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NEW LIFE MEMBERS  
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DONATIONS  
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### *Upcoming Meetings*

**SPRING MEETING**—April 15–17, 2022  
Dauphin Island, Alabama

**FALL MEETING**—October 14–16, 2022  
Dauphin Island, Alabama

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