

pinching and pulling. Tail pulling was described by Goodwin (1976, *Crows of the world*, Ithaca, New York, Comstock Publishing Assoc.) for a number of corvids. Kleptoparasitism, the main subject of this report, was reviewed by Brockmann and Barnard (1979, *Anim. Behav.* 27: 487-514). Our studies were made while staying at the Archbold Biological Station.—LAWRENCE KILHAM, *Department of Microbiology, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755.*

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Summary of the 1981 fall meeting.—Bob and Margie Sokol, ably assisted by hospitable members of the Sarasota Audubon Society, hosted a fine, well organized meeting of the FOS on 16-18 October at the Holiday Inn-North in Sarasota. Field trips to Myakka River State Park led by Ken Alvarez and Ruth Hollister and to City Island and Beer Can Island led by Jack and Lou Newton were pleasant and productive. The papers given were: "A raptor roadside census in SW Florida" by Jeffrey L. Lincer; "Seasonal expectations in Myakka River State Park" by Capt. Robert Dye; "Banding birds on Casey Key" by Annette Stedman; "Little Tern fledglings—Comparison of beach nesting vs. roof top nesting" by Lisa Miller; "Laughing Gulls in the Tampa Bay Area—Then and now" by Lise Hanners and Steve Patton; and "Red Knot study" by Brian Harrington. Our delightful dinner speaker, Malcolm M. Simons recounted the many values and facets of birding and the enjoyment of birds and proved his appreciation of them all in his talk entitled "Don't call me a bird watcher." The skin quiz, prepared by Glen Woolfenden, was won by Bob Loftin.

A nominating committee has been appointed of Bob Loftin (Chairman) Jerry Cutlip, and Herb Kale. Wes Biggs will have a table promoting FOS at the meeting of the American Birding Association in Miami in the spring of 1982. The board decided to delay publication of the "Checklist of Florida birds" until 1983 so that we can follow the revised AOU checklist, which is nearing completion. Rare bird sightings may be reported to the newly appointed Records Committee of Maggy Bowman (Secretary), Lyn Atherton, Lucy Duncan, Henry M. Stevenson, and Wally George. Discussion at the board meeting led to a decision that we should not get involved in tours. Therefore, we will not sponsor a birding trip to Cuba. Committees are working on a handbook for local hosts of FOS meetings. This should be very helpful to those in charge of meetings, and we are looking for places to have meetings. The arm patches are now available for \$4.00 each. Fred Lohrer has them for sale now and at FOS meetings. The Alabama Ornithological Society is planning a Bird-A-Thon at Dauphin Island in April 1982. Contact Ted Below for details and phone numbers. A resolution of appreciation for Bill Courser's services as president was voted by the board. The spring 1982 meeting will be held at Flamingo, Everglades National Park, with Jim Kushlan as host. Fred Lohrer, outgoing editor of FFN, was commended for his diligence and sustained hard work on behalf of FOS.—BARBARA C. KITTLESON.