

exhausted the supply in the course of about 18 days. Kushlan (1976, Auk 93: 464-476), in a study of seasonally fluctuating ponds, found that fish moved into them with the drying up of adjacent swamps. He noted that herons of several species reduced the biomass of fish concentrated in ponds with lowering levels by 76 percent. My observations suggested that the otters, more efficient than the waders in being able to move close to the shore as well as being able to dive into all parts of the pool, may have caught most of the walking catfish in the pool.

We thank James H. Hendrie for permitting us to study otters on his ranch and James N. Layne for his comments on the manuscript. Our observations 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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## REPORT

**Summary of the 1982 Spring meeting.**—It was with great enthusiasm that FOS members journeyed to Everglades National Park for the meeting of 16-18 April 1982 at the Flamingo Inn, and they were not disappointed. Field trips yielded Cape Sable Sparrows, eagles, anis, a tropical (?) kingbird, warblers, and waders. From the roundup to the roast, the programs excelled. Dr. Jack P. Hailman, University of Wisconsin, spoke on "Watching Bird Behavior", a perfect topic for FOS members; and Dr. John W. Fitzpatrick, Field Museum, took us from Florida to Peru in a comparison of insular habitats entitled "A Thousand 'Floridas'". Members were then able to ask questions on south Florida birds of a panel of specialists on the subject: Oron Bass, Paula Frohring, Jim Kushlan, Oscar Owre, and Bill Robertson. The skin quiz, courtesy of Oscar Owre, was won by Paul Sykes. A just for fun feature, the ornithological "weird quiz", courtesy of Paula Frohring, was won by Glen Woolfenden. Both winners were honored with prints of the superb photographs of Caution Singletary, whose work was on display at the meeting. Bob Loftin was given a photograph by Wes Biggs for having the best answer to the final essay question on the "weird quiz".

A beautiful sunset cruise preceded the banquet, which was superb, and the evening culminated in a roast of Bill Robertson. Roasters included Fred Lohrer, Oscar Owre, Jonnie Fisk, Glen Woolfenden, and Oliver Austin. This singular tribute was evidence of the esteem and affection in which he is held. Items of business included the election to Honorary Membership of Oliver L. Austin and Pierce Brodkorb, two pre-eminent men who we are privileged to have in Florida, and the appointment of James A. Kushlan as editor of the FFN, replacing Fred E. Lohrer who received a resolution of appreciation. Oron Bass and Bill Robertson will serve as associate editors. Fred Lohrer will be review editor. Lenore McCullagh and Phyllis Robertson are co-chairmen of the membership committee. In honor of the tenth anniversary of FOS, back issues of the FFN will be sold for \$1.50 in 1983. At the annual membership meeting, Mary Clench, Malcolm Simons, and Brooks Atherton were elected to the board. Bob Brown will be local chairman of the 22-24 October 1982 meeting in Titusville. We thank Jim Kushlan and his committee for an outstanding meeting.—BARBARA C. KITTLESON, Secretary.