

## EDITORIAL

**Acknowledgments.**—This concludes my fourth and final volume as editor of the *Florida Field Naturalist*. No tears please! I have enjoyed my duties and power as editor, but look forward to all the spare time I will now have at my disposal to write my own manuscripts for submission to the *Naturalist*. I want to thank the officers and board of the Florida Ornithological Society for making my editorship an easy one. I appreciate the assistance of the Associate Editors in producing these past four volumes. My editorship also was made easier with the support of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Special thanks go to Fred Lohrer for all his advice and to Jim Cox for taking on the job as compiler for the new section on field observations.

The excellence of a scientific journal is due in large part to the quality of manuscripts that it publishes. I thank all those authors who submitted their observations and study results, especially those who submitted manuscripts in the correct style and format of the journal, and revised their papers and returned them in a reasonable time. I am reminded of a very appropriate quote by my favorite author Kurt Vonnegut Jr., "This is what I find most encouraging about the writing trades: they allow mediocre people who are patient and industrious to revise their stupidity, to edit themselves into something like intelligence." However, the hidden strength and support of a journal are the referees who read the manuscripts and make my job much easier. I again thank all the reviewers of manuscripts published in previous volumes, and now thank the following individuals who accepted the arduous, thankless, blithe, and labor-of-love task of reviewing manuscripts in this volume during the past year: M. Collopy, D. Cooley, M. Delany, J. Gore, H. Kale, H. Langridge, F. Lohrer, D. Maehr, K. Marti, B. Millsap, P. Moler, S. Nesbitt, J. Ogden, R. Paul, W. Post, D. Runde, P. Stangel, J. Stout, M. Sunquist, P. Sykes, B. Toland, and S. Winterstein.

**Change of Editor.**—The Florida Ornithological Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter Merritt as the next editor of the *Florida Field Naturalist*. All new manuscripts submitted for possible publication in the *Naturalist* should be submitted to the editor-elect: Dr. Peter G. Merritt, Editor, Florida Field Naturalist, P. O. Box 1954, Hobe Sound, Florida 33475-1954.