

Cook (1977, Auk 94: 172) lists 5 sightings of the Lazuli Bunting east of the Mississippi River, all between 1950 and 1975. Thus, this first Florida record becomes only the sixth for the species in eastern North America. — HELEN G. CRUICKSHANK, 1925 Indian River Road, Rockledge, Florida 32955.

A Florida specimen of the Black-throated Sparrow. — On 4 February 1976 Menk discovered a Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*) at an abandoned airport in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida. The next day the authors and four other observers searched in vain, but Menk found it again on the 8th. When informed of the rediscovery, the second author went with him to the spot and collected the bird, a female (No. 3468, Tall Timbers Research Station), identified as *A. b. bilineata* by M. Ralph Browning, (Natl. Mus. Nat. Hist.). This is the easternmost race, and it breeds from west-central Texas to northeastern Mexico.

During the period of observation this sparrow inhabited the edge of the airport, loosely associating with Savannah Sparrows (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) in an area of short grass interspersed with clumps of higher grass or weeds. A flock of Vesper Sparrows (*Pooecetes gramineus*) was present nearby.

Although the A.O.U. Check-list (1957) cited no records of the Black-throated Sparrow appreciably east of its breeding range, the species has been recorded in Audubon Field Notes/American Birds eleven times during 1959-1976. It has occurred twice each in Massachusetts (Nichols 1960, Carleton 1963), New Jersey (Carleton 1962, Buckley and Kane 1975), and Virginia (Buckley and Buckley 1968, Scott and Cutler 1971). Single records were made in Minnesota (Maley 1975), Nebraska (Williams 1974), Wisconsin (Janssen 1976), Illinois (Mumford 1961), and Louisiana (Purrington 1976). Thus, prior to the Florida record, only one bird had been recorded farther south than Virginia — an indication of an eastward rather than a southeastward movement. Another coincidence is that those states closest to the species' breeding range had no more records than those bordering the Atlantic Ocean.

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Report on the 1977 fall meeting. — The FOS fall meeting was held on 30 September-2 October at the Red Carpet Inn, Altamonte Springs, with approximately 125 members attending. On Friday afternoon, the Directors unanimously passed a motion opposing collecting live birds