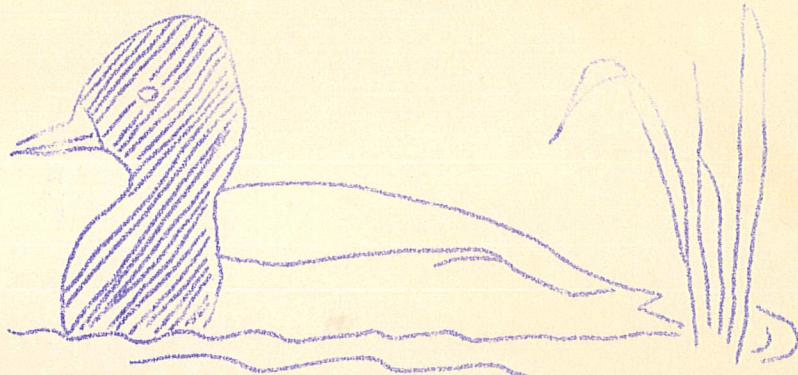


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PROGRAM FOR APRIL

April 13

Regular Meeting, 8:00 P.M. Lecture Room Charleston Museum
Speaker: Dr. Norman Chamberlain, Oceanography, Film.

SATURDAY, April 24

Short Field Trip to Folly Beach, Birds and Flowers.
Leaders, I.S.H. Metcalf, L.S. Barrington, W.M. Coleman
Leave S. Windemere Shopping Center at 6:30 a.m.

NOTE THIS TRIP WILL BE ON SATURDAY

BIRD MOVEMENT IN APRIL

Arrivals

1 Solitary Sandpiper
Swainson's Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
3 Yel.-billed Cuckoo
(Barringtons)*
4 Cliff Swallow
Indigo Bunting (Beckett)*
6 Blue Grosbeak
7 Worm-eating Warbler

7 Kentucky Warbler
8 Sandwich Tern
10 Purple Gaklinule
12 Bla.-thr. Blue Warbler
13 Gray-cheeked Thrush
14 Eastern Wood Pewee
15 Cape-May Warbler
16 American Redstart
17 Magnolia Warbler
18 Blu.-winged Warbler

19 Gray Kingbird
21 Swainson's Thrush
22 Red Phalarope
23 Bla.-billed Cuckoo
24 Chestnut-sided Warbler
27 Kirkland's Warbler
28 Bank Swallow (Blitch)*

early Scarlet Tanager
mid. Gull-billed Tern

Departures

2 Whistling Swan
3 Oldsquaw
5 Virginia Rail
6 Glaucous Gull
7 Rough-legged Hawk
8 Ipswich Sparrow
9 Golden-crown Kinglet
13 Henslow's Sparrow
14 Brown Creeper
16 Common Merganser

16 Robin
18 Canvasback
20 Common Goldeneye
21 Pine Siskin
22 Water Pipit
23 Song Sparrow
24 Bufflehead
Winter Wren
26 Blue Goose
Parasitic Jaeger
late Short-eared Owl

26 Louisiana Waterthrush
Evening Grosbeak
27 Solitary Vireo
Purple Finch
28 Whip-poor-will
Red-breasted Nuthatch
29 Rusty Blackbird
28 Palm Warbler
30 Pintail
early Greater Scaup

Casuals and Accidentals

Golden-winged Warbler

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Lark Bunting

Bay-breasted Warbler

Dickcissel

* Whenever the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.MARCH FIELD TRIP

On March 14th thirty-six members took part in one of the best field trips we have had in a long time. After stops along the Mt. Pleasant and Ben Sawyer Bridge causeways, several more stops were made prior to arrival at Middleburg Plantation, our main objective.

At Middleburg we were warmly welcomed by our host, Mr. Edward S. Dingle. Certainly Mr. Dingle proved the perfect host, to judge by the pleasure expressed by all members of our group.

After lunch (ably amended by our host), we were shown some fine bird paintings, (surely it is unnecessary to say Mr. Dingle is widely recognized as an outstanding artist) and study skins of a number of species of hummingbirds. Then, we were led around the gardens and grounds of this interesting old house.

For some thirty years a pair of Bald Eagles has nested at Middleburg. This year the birds are using a pine within a hundred or so yards of the oak avenue, affording an excellent view of the nest. With 'scopes and binoculars we studied the two adults and the two large fully feathered young present in or near the nest. Certainly this was an opportunity and an experience to be remembered for a long time. Incidentally, Mr. Dingle remarked that "his" eagles had raised but one bird last season (in another nest).

In all, seventy species were recorded during the day by the following members: Mrs. Mary Armstrong, Mrs. S. E. Baitary, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Barrington, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Button, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Teague Coleman, Miss Ruth Clements, Mrs. Jane Clarke, Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Clyde, B. R. Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, E. B. Chamberlain, E. R. Cuthbert, Jr., Mrs. Lois Doscher, Roy Holland, Mr. & Mrs. Julian Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. S. F. McCrackin, I. S. H. Metcalf, J. S. Metcalf, Mrs. Louis Miles, Mr. & Mrs. Abbott Middleton, Miss Sallie Middleton, Miss Nell Prior, Mrs. M. D. Richardson, Marvin Richardson, Miss Elizabeth Simons, Cdr. & Mrs. L. S. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Williams.

E. B. G.

HUMMINGBIRDS-CONTINUED

Mrs. McIlwaine and her father, Mr. Van Orsdell, of 209 Grove St., reported on March 9 that the Hummingbird they have been feeding all winter was still appearing daily, now coming in before 6:30 a.m. In addition to sugar-and-water, Mrs. McIlwaine has been putting out pieces of apple and orange which attract tiny fruit flies which she hopes may be providing supplementary food for the Hummer. This little bird has proved to be an accurate prognosticator of the weather, for whenever the night is going to be very cold it comes in late for an additional feeding, about 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Maner of 4 Shaftsbury Lane sadly report that on February 16, the day after they had reported their Hummer still with them, it failed to appear and they have not seen it since.

While beyond the fifty mile radius of "Charleston and vicinity", a sighting of interest for the State came from Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Freeman of Williston, S.C. They reported that on January 26, 1965 at about 1:30 p.m. a male Redpoll ate bread from their feeder, flew to a nearby live oak, and preened for a considerable time, giving ample opportunity for observation through binoculars, and for checking in several bird books. It was seen only this once.

L. S. B.

Audubon Screen Tour.

The second Audubon Screen Tour of this season will be given at the Baruch Auditorium on Wednesday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. The speaker is D.J.Nelson, subject "Inherit the Wild". These Audubon films and talks are unusually fine. Don't miss this one. There is a small admission charge.

ROBINS.

On February 6 a good-sized flock of Robins landed on our lawn looking for food. It was a lucky worm that escaped that day. However, what interested us most, it being low tide, was that a considerable number of the flock flew down to the exposed mud flats, walking about in the pluff mud searching for food and apparently finding it. The receding tide had left a salt water pool in a low spot behind an old mud-imbedded log. The Robins gathered around it, took an experimental drink, evidently liked the salt as seasoning for their food, and drank again and again from the pool. We had the glasses on them and could see that they were actually drinking. This is the first time we have ever nojticed a non-water bird drinking salt water.

Francis Barrington.

SKY-WATCHER'S GUIDE.

During the first part of April, two planets will be visible in the early evening hours: Jupiter in the west in the Pleiades, and Mars in the east, near Leo. Later in the month, Jupiter will set a little north of west shortly after the sun.

This month Orion, now shining in the southwest, presents its last appearance until late November. By the end of April, Sirius will set about an hour after the sun, but since it is so bright, it may be detected as a sparkling jewel in the afterglow.

The topic of the Planetarium showing on April 19 will be "APRIL SKIES". Hope to see some of you there.

Elizabeth D. Simons.

This is the sixth Sky-Watchers' Guide which Miss Simons has prepared at our request. Do you wish them continued? If those interested will send a card to the editor expressing their interest they will be continued, provided enough members wish them to justify asking Miss Simons, who is a very busy person, to take on this additional task.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Society.

Mrs. Judith Auld Johnson
 Mrs. Jean Auld King
 Mr. & Mrs. G. Abbott Middleton, Jr.
 Miss Sallie E. Middleton (ju.mem)
 Mr. John D. Miller
 Mrs. J. O. Murray, Jr.
 Cdr. L. S. Smith
 Mr. Harold Wade.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The President announces that the following members have agreed to serve as Nominating Committee for next year; Mrs. M. D. Richardson (Chairman), Francis Barrington and Ellison A. Williams. Elections to be at the May meeting.