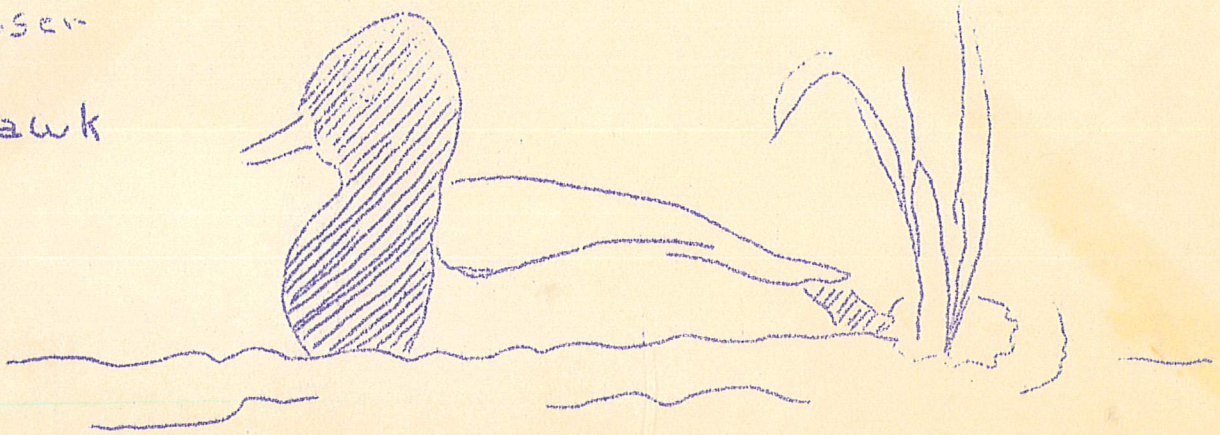


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PROGRAM FOR APRIL

April 12

Regular Meeting, Lecture Room, Charleston Museum, 8:00 p.m.
Beautiful Slides and Talk by our Travelers-The Barringtons

April 17

All Day Trip to Glover Place near Adam's Run
Meet Dupont Crossing 6:30 a.m. Proceed south on U.S. Hwy 17
to Osborne Post Office. Turn right, drive 2 miles to house on left
Bring lunch and insecticide. Leader, Mrs. Leonard Glover

April 30

Spring Bird Count in cooperation with the Carolina Bird Club
Meet Gregories' Store 6:30 a.m.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN APRIL

Arrivals

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| 1 Solitary Sandpiper | 7 Kentucky Warbler | 18 Blue-winged Warbler |
| Swainson's Warbler | 8 Sandwich Tern | 19 Gray Kingbird |
| Yellow Warbler | 10 Purple Gallinule | 21 Swainson's Thrush |
| Blackpoll Warbler | Bobolink | 24 Chestnut-sided Warbler |
| 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo° | 12 Blk.-thr. Blue Warbler | 27 Kirkland's Warbler |
| (Barringtons)° | 13 Gray-cheeked Thrush | 23 Black-billed Cuckoo |
| 4 Cliff Swallow | 14 Wood Pewee | 28 Bank Swallow (Blitch)° |
| Indigo Bunting (Beckett)° | 15 Cape May Warbler | Early Scarlet Tanager |
| 6 Blue Grosbeak | American Redstart | Mid. Gull-billed Tern |
| 7 Worm-eating Warbler | 17 Magnolia Warbler | |

Departures

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| 2 Whistling Swan | 18 Robin | 27 Broad-winged Hawk |
| 3 Oldsquaw | 18 Canvasback | Solitary Vireo |
| 5 Virginia Rail | 20 Common Goldeneye | Purple Finch |
| 6 Glaucous Gull | 21 Pine Siskin | 28 Whip-poor-will |
| 7 Rough-legged Hawk | 22 Water Pipit | Red-breasted Nuthatch |
| 8 Ipswich Sparrow | 24 Bufflehead | Palm Warbler |
| 9 Golden-crowned Kinglet | Winter Wren | 30 Pintail |
| 11 Baltimore Oriole | 26 Blue Goose | 29 Rusty Blackbird |
| 13 Henslow's Sparrow | Parasitic Jaeger | |
| 14 Brown Creeper | Louisiana Waterthrush | Early Greater Scaup |
| 16 Common Merganser | 27 Evening Grosbeak | Late Short-eared Owl |

Casuals and Accidentals

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| Red Phalarope | Bay-breasted Warbler | Dickcissel |
| Golden-winged Warbler | Yellow-headed Blackbird | Lark Bunting |

*When the dates are not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.

SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE

April finds the winter constellations retreating closer to the western horizon. By the middle of the month, the Pleiades will have disappeared from view at 8:00 p.m., and Taurus and Orion will follow in less than an hour. Leo, the Lion will be overhead on the meridian. The brightest star in this constellation, the "dot" under the "backwards question-mark", is Regulus, a white-hot sun sixty-seven light-years away. Following Leo, south of east is Virgo, the Virgin. With one exception, the stars in this group are quite faint and wide-spread. By a stretch of the imagination, one may see the constellation appearing as a lop-sided open book. Spica, the bright star, is at the bottom of the center "binding" of the book. The Big Dipper is high in view in the northern sky at this time, while Cassiopeia is too near the horizon for easy viewing.

The only planet visible during the evening hours is Jupiter, which will be west of overhead at dark, and setting about midnight at the beginning of the month. The early morning sky, however, will bring three of them into view: Venus, and Mercury; Saturn and Mercury, in that order. Venus will reach greatest western elongation during the first week of the month, when it will rise about 3:45 a.m.; Saturn will rise about 1 1/2 hours before the sun; and Mercury will appear about 15 minutes later. Mercury reaches greatest western elongation during the last week of the month.

The April topic at the Planetarium will be "FROM EARTH TO VENUS IN 109 DAYS:"

Elizabeth D. Simons.

ANNUAL SPRING BIRD COUNT.

The Spring Bird Count will take place on Saturday, April 30, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the usual meeting place- "Gregory's Store" at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 17 and S.C. Hwy. 41. Also as usual, Burnham Chamberlain will be in charge. He asks those who are interested to get in touch with him in time for him to arrange teams and routes.

While this is not an Audubon project, it is equally as important as the Christmas count because it enables us to check on summer residents and is a joint enterprise of all the clubs belonging to the Carolina Bird Club.

Come equipped with binoculars and lunch prepared for good hard work!

MARCH FIELD TRIP

On the morning of March 13 31 members of the Charleston Natural History Society enjoyed what was a most special field trip to Middleburg Plantation. Our gracious host, Mr. Edward von Seibold Dingle, met us with the good news that the eagles were nesting again this year. We found them in an old tree near the nest. However, no young eaglets were spotted from my scope. We found the great horned owl 'at home' resting on the edge of its nest partially obscured by a veil of spanish moss.

The spacious grounds, woodland trails, and lily-jeweled ponds and the old rice fields revealed a perfect setting unhurried by time for the lovely old home of Middleburg known to be the oldest frame house in South Carolina.

Mr. Dingle served refreshments adding generously to our lunch which was enjoyed on the front porch and on the front lawn.

We wish to thank Mr. Dingle for his kind hospitality. It was a special treat to have a tour through Middleburg and into Mr. Dingle's studio where we were happy to see his newest bird paintings. (The charm of his lovely paintings always inspires this artist, and it is always a treat to see them)

Those attending were: Members and guests. Nell Prior, Herriot Allen, John Almeda, Jack Button, Alice and Calvin Clyde, Louise Anderson, Stan and Dory Smith, Ruth Clements, Louise Button, Laura M. Bragg, Peg Metcalf, Jane Clarke, Bill Huggins, Leila Miles, Ted Metcalf, H.S. Cochran, Jr. Zenobia and Philip Stockton, Mrs. Betty Rife, Mrs. Shain Baitary, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Belknap, Edward von S. Dingle, E.R. Cuthbert, Jr. Caroline Borowsky (Wilhelmina) and Anne Richardson. Fifty-nine species of birds were recorded.
(M. Coleman) Anne Worsham Richardson.

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING.

From the April arrival list it will be seen that this month, like last, is a joy to the bird-watcher; with 26 new comers- watch for them.

But April is not only a wonderful bird month, it is also a bonanza for the botanist. The following notes, unashamedly filched from the April Squawk of 1962, seems worth repeating. Those listed are not all that should be blooming in April, but some of the more common ones. All except two are described and illustrated in that excellent little book for the amateur botanist, Flowers of the South by Greene and Blomquist. How many can you identify?

Woody Shrubs

Horse Sugar- *Symplocos tinctoria*
Fetterbush- *Desmodium lucida*
Swamp Azalea- *Rhododendron atlanticum*
Storax- *Styrax americana*
Sweet Bay- *Magnolia virginiana*
Red Choke-berry- *Aronia arbutifolia*
Virginia Willow- *Itea virginiana*
Dogwood- *Cornus florida*

Flowers in Water or Wet places.

Bladderwort- *Utricularia inflata*
Yellow Butterwort- *Pinguicula lutea*
Purple Butterwort- *Pinguicula caerulea*
Golden-club- *Orontium aquaticum*

Vines.

Yellow Jessamine- *Gelsemium sempervirens*
Woodbine- *Lonicera sempervirens*
Trumpet Vine- *Campestris radicans*
Cross Vine- *Rhynchospora capreolata*
Wild Wisteria- *Wisteria frutescens*
Climbing Leather Flower- *Clematis crispa*

Low-growing Flowers

Toadflax- *Lineria canadensis*
Lyre-leaved Sage- *Salvia lyrata*
Rock Rose- *Helianthemum carolinianum*
Violet Wood-sorrel- *Oxalis violacea*
Sundrops- *Oenothera fruticosa*
Yellow Star-grass- *Hypoxis* sp.
Sunbonnets- *Chaptalia tomentosa*

W.H.C.

The Carolina Bird Club spring meeting and election of officers will be held at Wrightsville Beach (Wilmington, N.C.) April 22-23-24.