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PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

!! There will be no regular meeting !!

Late in the month members of the Society will take part
on invitation in the annual Audubon Bird Census

BIRD MOVEMENT IN DECEMBER
(in the Charleston Area)

Arrivals

11 Evening Grosbeak (Beckett)
15 White-fronted Goose
29 Purple Sandpiper

Departures

1 Common Nighthawk
6 Bobolink
10 Black Rail (Coleman)
12 Glossy Ibis (Williams et al.)
17 Yellow-crowned Night Heron (Field Trip)
24 Saw-whet Owl
? Golden Plover

Casuals and Accidentals

Mute Swan
Cinnamon Teal (Beckett)
King Eider
Sandhill Crane
Lapwing
 Bairds Sandpiper
Red Phalarope
Long-tailed Jaeger
Dovekie
Burrowing Owl
Rufous Hummingbird
Great Crested Flycatcher
Vermillion Flycatcher (Wilcox)
Wood Thrush (Cutts)
Swainson's Thrush (E.B. and B.R. Chamberlain)
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat (Cuthbert)
Hooded Warbler (Coleman)
Bobolink
Western Tanager (Barringtons)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Gray-checked Thrush (Cutts)

If the arrival or departure date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life, the authority is given in parentheses.

T.A. Beckett 111 has established the fact that the Least Bittern winters at Magnolia Gardens. In the past it has been listed as departing on December 10th. The Editor

would like to receive reports from all those who observe this bird after that date. Let's see how common it is in the winter months.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to membership with the greatest pleasure:

Anne F. Deckett
Magnolia Gardens
Johns Island, S. C.

Dr. Norman Chamberlain
Marine Biological Laboratory
Fort Johnson Rd., Charleston, S. C.

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Route 1, Box 411, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Gray Temple
129 South Battery, Charleston, S. C.

Robert H. Coleman III reports a flock of 30 to 35 Cattle Egrets feeding among a herd of cows at Adams Acres on SC Highway 61, 12.6 miles west of the Edisto River, on Sunday, 28 October, at 10:45 a.m. This is well within the Charleston area, and is interesting because of the size of the flock, the distance inland, and the lateness of the date.

T. A. Beckett reports that he saw Cliff Swallows as late as 28 October at the Gardens. R. H. Coleman Jr. also saw them during the first part of November. This November sighting extends the departure date somewhat. I'm sure he will send us the exact date of his last sighting.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

One of the most important activities among local bird watchers takes place every year near the end of December. This is the annual winter bird census conducted under the auspices of the National Audubon Society. It is not an official activity of the Charleston Natural History Society, but many of our members participate. The count is conducted along exactly the same lines as our own spring bird census taken in co-operation with the Carolina Bird Club — and normally covers exactly the same territory. Whereas our spring count extends only over the two Carolinas, the Audubon Christmas Count covers all of North America north of the Rio Grande. The prospects are that the count this month will be under the general direction of Mr. E. B. Chamberlain, an honorary member of the Natural History Society, and will probably take place on Saturday, 29 December. If a member of CHNS feels qualified to take part in this important event, he should get in touch with Mr. Chamberlain at once.

Fall Migrants Reported
(For the period 15 Oct. through 14 Nov.)
In the Charleston Area

WALLARD: T. A. Beckett, Oct. 26 (7) Magnolia Gardens. BLACK DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 26 Oct. (3) Magnolia Gardens. WIT II: T. A. Beckett, 26 Oct. (2) Magnolia Gardens. WIT I: T. A. Beckett, 13 Nov. (7) Magnolia Gardens. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 3 Nov. (1) Magnolia Gardens. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 22 Oct. (7) Magnolia Gardens; E. I. Blitch, 31 Oct. (1) Charleston Harbor; R. E. Coleman, 1 Nov. (1) Charleston Harbor. WEST HAD: T. A. Beckett, 5 Nov. (1) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 4 Nov. (7) Magnolia Gardens; E. I. Blitch, 13 Nov. (1) Charleston Harbor. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 24 Oct. (7) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 10 Nov. (1) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 30 Oct. (1) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 30 Oct. (1) Magnolia Gardens; E. I. Blitch, 22 Oct. (1) Jones Island; R. E. Coleman, 30 Oct. (1) Rawholes. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: E. I. Blitch, 7 Nov. (1) Charleston Harbor. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: E. I. Blitch, 8 Nov. (1) Folly Beach. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: R. E. Coleman, 15 Oct. (7) Lowryville; E. I. Blitch, 27 Oct. (7) Cherry. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: R. E. Coleman, 10 Oct. (7) Magnolia Gardens; E. I. Blitch, 27 Oct. (7) Cherry. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 17 Oct. (7) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: R. E. Coleman, 30 Oct. (2) Doe's Ferry. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: E. I. Blitch, 15 Nov. (204) Cherry. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: E. I. Blitch, 14 Nov. (5) Jones Island. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: R. E. Coleman, 20 Oct. (5) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: T. A. Beckett, 4 Nov. (1) Magnolia Gardens. W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK: E. I. Blitch, 19 Oct. (1) Museum Grounds; R. E. Coleman, 26 Oct. (14) Magnolia Gardens.

W. B. D. WING-BECKED DUCK - Charles Hayward Hunting Club between Ritter and Yemassee - near the limit of the Charleston Area.

The above report is the work of four lone reporters. Mr. R. E. Coleman contributed at least half of the data for these reports! We will certainly need everyone's help with these reports in the future. Let's all contribute next year!

President's Message

Words are inadequate to express the great loss which has befallen the Charleston Natural History Society since the last edition of the Lander Journal was published. Editor Coleman took great pride in the accuracy of its contents and punctuality of publication.

Mr. Coleman was a most highly trained ornithologist, a top ornithologist, and a well-rounded naturalist. He was a great believer in every day notes, believing that the written record was much more infallible than the frailness of memory of the human brain.

Many are the scientists and students who acquired their first scientific interest in their environment, either in the classroom or field, because of his pointed remarks or thought provoking questions. Mr. Coleman was a great believer in small groups, if worthwhile work was to be accomplished. This applied both to field and administrative work.

Bob Coleman was an enemy of procrastination. He believed that postponement of duties was the greatest fault of many people and organizations. Up until the morning of his death on November 5, he tried to do each day's work as it fell due. It is my belief that there was never a dull moment in his life and that he so lived his life that when the time came and his work was finished he had few half-finished tasks for others to complete.

His high aims in all that he undertook to accomplish are a challenge for all in planning and carrying out the undertakings in which he participated.

Above all, he left implanted many fond memories in the minds of all with whom he was associated.

T. A. Beckett

The November Field Trip

With 33 species tagged by the 13 observers on November 10, it seems that the field trip was a great success! They were hampered somewhat by hazy weather but 33 species certainly wasn't bad.

The party consisted of Mr. T. A. Beckett, David Nelson, Mr. Francis Huntington, T. A. Beckett, Mrs. J. A. Beckett, Mrs. G. E. Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McGuckin, Mrs. Margaret Retallack, E. L. Chamberlain, and E. L. Chamberlain. Notable sights were 2 Canada Geese, 2 Blue Geese, 1 Golden Eagle, 5 Bald Eagles, Water Fights, and most of the expected ducks. The individual count was around 3,000.

WINTER REPORTS

We are reminded again to have our reports to Mr. Ellison A. Williams, 27 Birchhouse St. on or before December 15th. Even if you have only one or two reports to send, please do not fail to do so. Everyone's report is NEEDED!!!

MEETING

There is no meeting this month!!

Contact Mr. E. L. Chamberlain if you can help with the Christmas Count on December 29.

