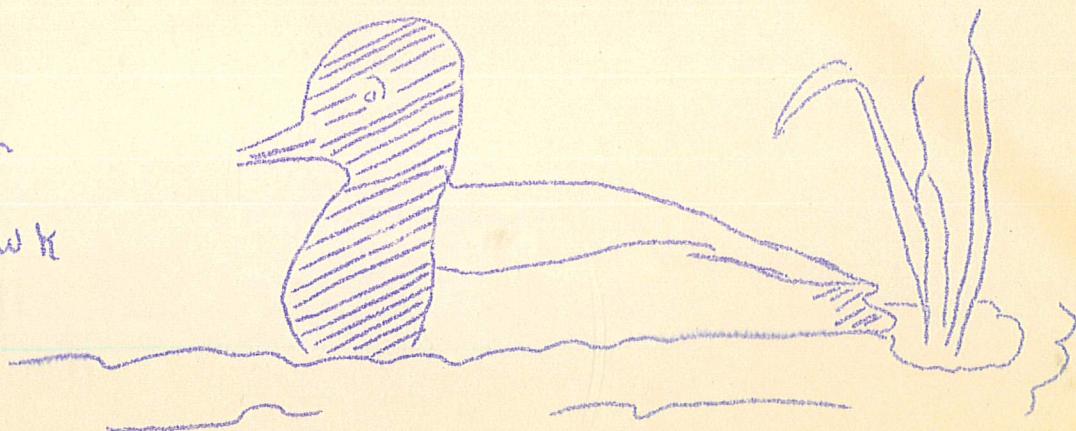


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PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

February 9

Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Museum Office, followed by
Regular Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Lecture Room, Charleston Museum

Speaker: Dr. Harry W. Freeman

SATURDAY, February 13

All day Field Trip to Bull's Island: Leaders, The Richardsons
Meet 6:00 a.m. by Filling Station east end Cooper River Bridge
Boat leaves Moore's Landing 6:45 a.m. (Reservation only)
Wear extra warm clothing, bring lunch and of course binoculars.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN FEBRUARY

Arrivals

1 Purple Martin (Coleman)°

Red-breasted Nuthatch (Beckett)°

8 White-tailed Kite

10 Rough-winged Swallow (Beckett)°

11 Yellow-breasted Chat (Beckett)°

28 Evening Grosbeak (Beckett)°

Departures

3 White-fronted Goose

15 Golden Eagle

15 Cinnamon Teal

? Dovekie

Harlequin Duck

Long-tailed Jaeger

Parula Warbler

Common Redpoll (Mills)°

Casuals and Accidentals

°Whenever the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.

Isaac S. Metcalf

It was with genuine sorrow that our members learned of the death just before Christmas of our fellow member and past president

Isaac S. Metcalf

Mr. Metcalf had been a member of the society since moving to Charleston in 1951. He was an enthusiastic bird student and a warm friend. We shall miss him.

1964 Christmas Count.

On January 2, twenty-nine observers (in eight parties) took part in our annual Christmas Count. Working from dawn to dusk (with one party afield some two hours earlier), locating owls, we wound up a very fine day with 147 species noted and with a total of some 20,2000 individuals. To obtain these results we used a total of 70.25 party hours (car 171, foot 45.5, boat 16.75), and covered a distance of 285.5 party miles (car 171, foot 58.5, boat 56).

As usual, we missed a number of species (about 18 this time) we had found the preceding year, and found a number we failed to see in 1963. If we could only "dig" out all the species we know to be present, we'd have a really impressive total. As it was, this was our second highest count.

The prize find of the day was two Pine Grosbeaks, located by the Beckett-Coleman party. For some 15-20 minutes these birds were studied by all members of the party, (6) while feeding on maple and oak tree buds (the birds feeding, not the party). This is a first record for our Christmas Counts, and the second observation reported for South Carolina.

Again we were accorded full cooperation by a number of landowners, including the always pleasant reception given us by the Freemans of Two Cedars Plantation, where we lunched. Credit is also extended to Mr. Frank Johnson of the Romain Refuge for providing transportation for our Bull's Island observers.

Finally, I extend my personal thanks to all the participants in this worthwhile project. It is my hope that an increasing number of our members will take part in and enjoy these counts.

The following members and guests took part.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Barrington, T. A. Beckett, III, Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Blitch III, Mrs. Jack Bittel, Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, E. S. Chamberlain, N. A. Chamberlain, Mrs. Donald Charkes, B. C. Glyde, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Teague Coleman, Edmund Guthbert, E. A. Cutts, J. H. Dick, Mrs. Lois Doscher, H. W. Freeman, J. H. Harrison, John M. Horlbeck, Peter Manigault, J. H. Peacock, John Metcalf, Mrs. Margaret Retallack, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, & H. Wilcox.

E. Burnham Chamberlain, Compiler.

BULL'S ISLAND.

Plans for the Bull's Island trip Saturday, February 13 have now been perfected. The boat will leave Moore's Landing at 6:45 a.m. For the benefit of those who do not know how to reach the Landing, the leaders will be at the east end of the Cooper River Bridge, Near Billup's Filling Station, shortly after 6:00 a.m., but cannot wait for late comers after 6:10, as the boat must leave promptly at 6:45. Many applications have been received and as at first regretfully stated, the first 25 will be given preference. Some may cancel. In that event late applicants will be notified in time to make the trip. If you must cancel, please phone 2N-6 7296 as soon as possible in order that your place may be filled. As the tide is high at 6:00 a.m. (and again at about that hour at night) we should have a full day on the Island. Wear extra warm clothes and bring lunch.

JANUARY FIELD TRIP

"Come rain or snow or sleet" may no longer be the motto of the Post Office, but to the 12 hardy souls (or foolish, according to your point of view) who braved the below-freezing weather of January 17 it could well be the motto of the Charleston History Society. In spite of cold, persistent snow flurries and a biting wind straight from the Arctic Circle the short trip to The William Humphries' place on John's Island was a most enjoyable one. Chattering teeth and stiff binoculars did not dampen their ardor and the group managed to see 60 different species. Nothing spectacular, but several that some of us had not seen this season. A number of Golden-crowned Kinglets, a Brown Creeper and many ducks, herons and hawks.

After about an hour of spying the Humphries served most welcome hot coffee and doughnuts in front of a warm fire. Then out again for another bout with the elements. This time a weak and watery sun cheered us on our way. Another coffee break, then home with many thanks to the Humphries for their wonderful hospitality.

Those taking part were, T.A. Beckett, Leader, Burnham Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, Rhett Chamberlain, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Barrington, Mrs. Robert Coleman, Mrs. Margaret Retallack, Mrs. L.S. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Humphries and their niece, Helen Maturo.

HARDY HUMMINGBIRDS

Mr. A.C. Van Orsdell and his daughter, Mrs. L.B. McIlwaine, of 209 Grove St. have been enjoying feeding Hummingbirds for a number of years. This past year a female and an immature male (the latter very similar to the female, except for one or two ruby-red feathers in the throat) have been feeding daily through Christmas Day. The female disappeared December 25, presumably frightened away by loud fire-crackers. But the male has continued to come daily about 7:15 in the morning, and off and on during the day. It fed today (Jan. 18, 1965) at 7:15 despite the recent cold.

Reported by The Barringtons.

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome the following new Junior Members:
 David Armstrong
 Ted Beckett
 David Chamberlain
 Charlene Hay

SEMI-ANNUAL MIGRATION REPORT.

The following report of (I) Arrival dates of Winter Residents and Fall Transients (II) Departure dates of Summer Residents and Fall Transients has been received by the editor from Mr. Ellison A. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Migration Reports.

The editor once again asks for an expression of opinion from our members as to the value of these semi-annual reports. We have reports from only 10 members and reports from many of our "experts" are conspicuous by their absence, which leads the editor to think that our serious birders doubt their value. Let us hear from you.

I. Arrival dates of Winter Residents and Fall Transients.

Name of Species	Number of Observers	Earliest Date	Observer with Earliest date
Horned Grebe	2	Nov. 23	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Mallard	4	Nov. 18	E. A. Williams
Black Duck	1	Nov. 23	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Gadwall	5	Nov. 23	Barringtons
Pintail	4	Nov. 18	E. A. Williams
Blue-winged Teal	4	Aug. 30	E. L. Blitch
American Widgeon	4	Nov. 18	E. A. Williams
Shoveler	5 ^o	Sep. 26	E. L. Blitch
Canvasback	3	Nov. 25	Barrington, Smith
Lesser Scaup	3	Nov. 23	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Bufflehead	4	Nov. 23	Barrington, Smith
Ruddy Duck	3	Nov. 23	Barrington, Smith
Red-breasted Merganser	2	Nov. 18	E. A. Williams
Sparrowhawk	2	Oct. 24	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Virginia Rail	1	Sep. 25	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Killdeer	2	Oct. 18	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Common Snipe	1	Dec. 5	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	Oct. 14	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Bonaparte's Gull	2	Dec. 1	E. A. Williams
Yel.-bellied Sapsucker	6	Sep. 5	E. L. Blitch
Eastern Phoebe	5	Sep. 5	E. L. Blitch
Tree Swallow	5	July 13	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Brown Creeper	1	Nov. 27	E. L. Blitch
House Wren	3	Sep. 21	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Winter Wren	2	Oct. 25	E. R. Cuthbert
Catbird	4	Sep. 24	Barringtons
Robin	2	Nov. 9	Mrs. H. S. Pettit
Hermit Thrush	3	Oct. 11	Barringtons
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	Oct. 21	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Oct. 11	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5	Oct. 12	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Bl. & White Warbler	5	Aug. 16	Barringtons, Glover
Orange-crowned Warbler	4	Sep. 24	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Myrtle Warbler	6	Oct. 18	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Blackpoll	1	Oct. 21	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Palm Warbler	4	Sep. 17	Mrs. H. S. Pettit
Northern Waterthrush	1	Sep. 25	Mrs. L. S. Smith
American Redstart	6	Aug. 27	Barringtons
Bobolink	1	Aug. 3	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Br. headed Cowbird	6	Aug. 2	Mrs. H. S. Pettit
Baltimore Oriole	1	Oct. 7	Mrs. L. S. Miles
Rose-br. Grosbeak	2	Oct. 6	Barringtons
Purple Finch	1	Jan. 4	Mrs. R. H. Coleman
Goldfinch	2	Nov. 18	Mrs. L. S. Smith
Red-eyed Towhee	1	Oct. 18	Mrs. Dorothy Glover

Species	Number of Observers	Earliest Date	Observer with Earliest Date
Savannah Sparrow	2	Oct. 13	E.A. Williams
Vesper Sparrow	2	Nov. 8	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Slate-colored Junco	7	Sep. 26	E.L. Blitch
Wh. Throated Sparrow	6	Oct. 7	Barringtons
Fox Sparrow	2	Nov. 22	Barringtons
Swamp Sparrow	3	Oct. 21	Mrs. L.S. Smith
Song Sparrow	7	Oct. 9	Mrs. H.S. Pettit

Reports were received from The Barringtons (22), Edwin L. Blitch (7), Mrs. R.H. Coleman (10), Edmund R. Cuthbert (7), Mrs. Dorothy Glover (22), Mrs. Louis Miles (1), Mrs. H.S. Pettit (6), Mrs. L.S. Smith (39), Ellison A. Williams (21), for a total of 135 observations of 52 species by 10 observers. T.A. Beckatt, who usually sends in a full report did not do so this year as he felt that his banding activities would overload our list. Perhaps at a later date he will send us a report of birds which he has banded during the year. It will be impressive.

II. Departure Dates for Summer Residents and Fall Transients.

Name of Species	Number of Observers	Latest Date	Observer with Latest Date
Glossy Ibis	1	Jul. 23	E.A. Williams
Pectoral Sandpiper	1	Jul. 21	E.A. Williams
Black-necked Stilt	1	Aug. 20	E.A. Williams
Gull-billed Tern	1	Sep. 29	E.A. Williams
Least Tern	1	Jul. 23	E.A. Williams
Black Tern	1	Jul. 23	E.A. Williams
Yel.-billed Cuckoo	5	Oct. 25	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Chuch-willa-widow	2	Sep. 5	Mrs. H.S. Pettit
Common Nighthawk	2	Aug. 11	E.A. Williams
Chimney Swift	4	Oct. 22	E.A. Williams
Ruby-thr. hummingbird	3	Sep. 17	Mrs. R.H. Coleman
Eastern Kingbird	2	Sep. 26	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Cr. Crested Flycatcher	2	Aug. 16	Mrs. R.H. Coleman
Eastern Wood Pewee	2	Oct. 17	Mrs. R.H. Coleman
Purple Martin	2	Sep. 19	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Wood Thrush	2	Oct. 19	Barringtons
Swainson's Thrush	2	Oct. 6	Barringtons
Red-eyed Vireo	4	Oct. 17	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Parula Warbler	2	Oct. 18	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
Yellow Warbler	3	Oct. 9	Barringtons
Northern Waterthrush	3	Oct. 6	Barringtons
Blackpoll	1	Oct. 21	Mrs. L.S. Smith
Yel.-breasted Chat	2	Oct. 20	Barringtons
Hooded Warbler	1	Jul. 7	Mrs. Dorothy Glover
American Redstart	5	Oct. 27	Barringtons
Scarlet Tanager	2	Oct. 6	Barringtons
Summer Tanager	4	Oct. 8	Barringtons
Indigo Bunting	3	Sep. 26	E.L. Blitch
Rose-bre. Grosbeak	2	Oct. 21	Barringtons
Painted Bunting	2	Sep. 14	Mrs. H.S. Pettit
Blue Grosbeak	1	Oct. 23	Mrs. Dorothy Glover

Reports were received from The Barringtons (12), Edwin L. Blitch (7), Mrs. R.H. Coleman (7), Edmund R. Cuthbert (2), Mrs. Dorothy Glover (17), Mrs. Harold S. Pettit (5), Mrs. L.S. Smith (4), and Mrs. A. Williams (13). Total observations 58 by 9 observers for 31 species.