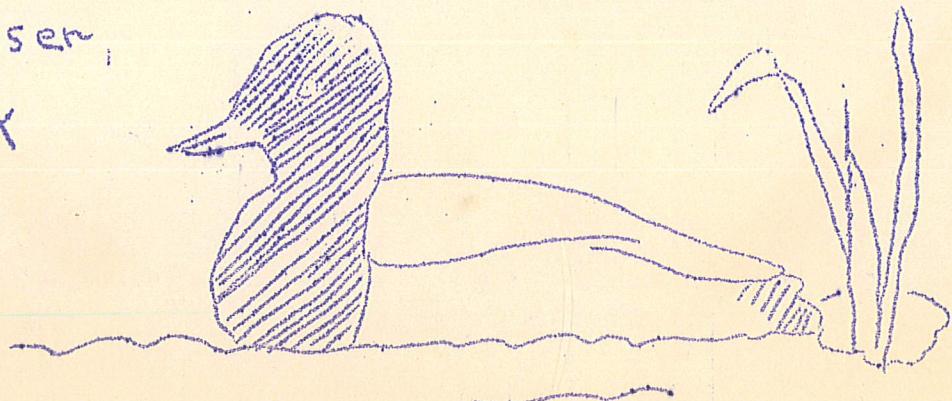


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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 2

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

January 11

Regular Meeting, Lecture Room, Charleston Museum, 8:00 p.m.
Fruits of Flowers, With Specimens: Dr. Maggie Pennington

January 14, 15, 16

Winter Nesting and Field Trips Carolina Bird Club

See page 2 for details.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN JANUARY
(in the Charleston area)

Arrivals.

Jan. 7 White Pelican

Departures

13 Fulvous Tree Duck (The Chat)*

24 Snowy Owl

18 Western Kingbird

31 Brent

Casuals and Accidentals

Eared Grebe (Dawn)*

Great Crested Flycatcher

Blue-faced Booby

Vermillion Flycatcher

Reddish Egret

Purple Martin

Cinnamon Teal

(Chamberlain & Coleman)*

Harliquin Duck

Northern Waterthrush

Harlan's Hawk

Dicksissel

Snow Bunting (Coleman)*

Green-tailed Towhee

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CAROLINA BIRD CLUB
Partial Schedule of Events.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

3:00 p.m. Registration C.B.C. Members, Charleston Museum.

8:00 p.m. Meeting. Museum Lecture Room: Film-Mark Catesby. Briefing on Saturday Field Trips. At this time announcements will be made as to the places and times of departure for Saturday and discussion of possible Sunday trips.

On Saturday, January 15 there will be morning trips to Magnolia Garden dikes and at the same time another trip to the Humpherys' place on John's Island. Two similar trips will take place in the afternoon. Details will be announced at the Friday night meeting.

8:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Reports of the field trips and other business, Lecture Room. Members of C.B.C. will have full details in their regular news letter before these dates. Members of the Charleston Natural History, not individual members of the Carolina Bird Club though not having a vote, are entitled to attend all meetings and field trips.

SKY-WATCHER'S GUIDE

The brightest star that can be seen from anywhere on Earth is well above the southeastern horizon when twilight ends at the beginning of January. This is Sirius, or "Sparkling", a name well-chosen by the people of ancient times. On clear, cold nights, it scintillates with all colors of the spectrum as it slowly "rides" across the sky. Even as we watch it, however, we are looking into the past, for we are seeing it as it was almost eight years ago. The light of this star, sent out into space at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, takes about eight years of time to reach our sight here on earth. Yet, this is the nearest bright star that can be seen from Charleston!

Preceding Sirius are the Pleiades, (on the meridian by 7:00 p.m.); Orion, showing his well-defined belt of three stars in a row; and between these two groups, Taurus, the Bull. A little to the northeast of the horns of the Bull, Jupiter shines with a steady, white light, and about the same distance above the southwestern horizon, Saturn, shines with a yellow light. Venus, low in the southwest, will set shortly after dark.

The January topic at the Planetarium will be "THE MOON"; . . . "FAST-MOVING TARGET"

Elizabeth D. Simons.

SOME MORE BIRD NOTES:

Black-bellied Tree Ducks have been seen on Bull's Island. On Nov. 15 two were seen and on Nov. 17 a flock of 15. This is a duck fairly common in Texas and along the Rio Grande, but not previously reported in this area.

T.A. Beckett found 4 Fulvous Tree Ducks at the ponds of Magnolia Gardens in October which he reports were still there on Dec. 16.

Another Texas-Rio Grande resident recently reported by Edwin Blitch is the White-winged Dove taken from a flock of Mourning Doves on James Island. As some Mourning Doves migrate to Mexico (where they are shot in great numbers) it may be surmised that this lone White-wing could have traveled north with them.

DUES

Because of the necessary raise of membership dues from \$1 to \$2, bills were not sent out this year until November and as there was no meeting in December some members are still not paid up. We hope a gentle nudge is all that will be necessary to bring in 100% payment, including those few members who still owe for last year.

We regret to learn that our fellow-birder and charter member Ellison Williams has been in the hospital recently. We hope that he will soon be quite recovered and able to take part in the field trips. We miss his keen eye and pleasant companionship.