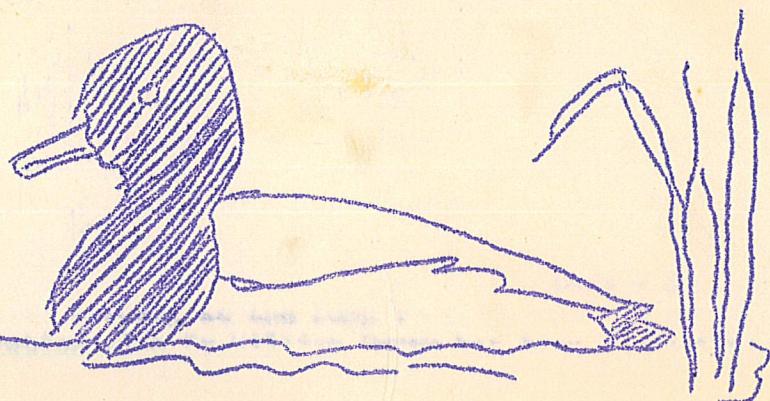


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Summer Recess: No meeting-no field trip

June 8

Meeting of the Executive Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Office, Charleston Museum

BIRD MOVEMENT IN JUNE

Arrivals

5 Scissors-tailed Flycatcher
14 Sooty Tern

16 Roseate Spoonbill
17 Bridled Tern

25 Brown-headed Cowbird

1 Baird's Sandpiper
3 Northern Phalarope
4 Solitary Sandpiper
5 Horned Grebe
Blackpoll Warbler
6 Blue-winged Teal
American Widgeon
Shoveler

Departures

6 Avocet
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
(L. Barrington)^o
7 Surf Scoter
8 Bonapart's Gull
10 White-rumped S. Piper
(Weston)^o
13 Black-billed Cuckoo

13 Cedar Waxwing
17 Knot
18 Tree Swallow
Gannet
23 Red-breast. Merganser
25 Snow Bunting
28 Marbled Godwit

Casuals and Accidentals

Western Grebe
Sooty Shearwater

Red Phalarope (Manigault
Baldwin et al)^o

Red-breasted Nuthatch
Bobolink

White-winged Scoter

^o If the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life, the authority is given.
Approximately 256 species of birds have been reported in the Charleston area in June.
How many have you seen?

SPRING BIRD COUNT

The Spring Bird Count this year (May 1) seems to have been the best yet. Twenty members in five groups surveyed the usual 15 mile radius and turned in a count of 161 species and approximately 4,500 individual birds. The weather was perfect - sunny and mild with very little wind, making for the best possible visibility.

Nothing spectacular was observed, but among the less common species were a Canada Goose, (late for this area), Swainson's Warbler, Stilt Sandpiper, Barred Owl, a fine day-time view and a Canada Warbler, listed by Sprunt & Chamberlain as a rare transient. Diligent search failed to turn up a Bachman's Warbler. (We're still looking)

The following members and Guests took part: Roy Baker, T.A. Beckett, III, E.L. Blitch, III, David Chamberlain, E.B. Chamberlain, E.C. Clyde, Jr., M.T. Coleman, Mrs. R.H. Coleman, E.R. Cuthbert, E.A. Cutts, E.S. Dingle, H.W. Freeman, J.R. Harrison, Jr., William McIntosh, I.S.H. Metcalf, John Metcalf, John Quinby, Miss Elizabeth Simons, Mrs. L.S. Smith and Mr. William Smith of Canada. E.B. Chamberlain, compiler.

ANNUAL MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Society was held Tuesday, May 11 and the following slate of officers was elected for 1965-66.

President: Harry W. Freeman

Vice-president: Ernest A. Cutts

Secretary-Treasurer: B. Rhett Chamberlain

Members-at-large: Mrs. M.D. Richardson and Miss Elizabeth Simons.

These officers, together with all past-presidents and the editor of the Lesser Squawk compose the Executive Committee, which, according to the constitution must meet three times a year - September, February and June. The June meeting this year will be held on June 8 at which time next year's programs and field trips will be discussed and tentatively approved. The committee will be glad of expressions from the members as to their interest in subjects for programs and appealing areas for trips.

There will be no regular meetings or trips until October, but the editor will welcome with joy any accounts of birds, beasts or flowers or interesting vacation activities from the members.

Summerville Flowers

On Saturday, May 8, Mrs. R.H. Coleman, Mr. Edmund Cuthbert, Mrs. M.M. MacLellan and Mrs. Louis Miles took an unscheduled trip to the pine barrens outside of Summerville. The apparently barren and burned-over ground under a sparse growth of pines looked uninviting, but proved to be rich in nearly 60 species of wild flowers. On closer view were literally hundreds of pitcher plants. Two species - the tall yellow "Trumpet", *Sarracenia flava* and the smaller reddish, hooded *S. minor*. Among the shrubs were *Storax*, *Styrax americana*, *Virginia Willow-Itsa virginica* and two species of *Viburnum*. Little low-growing moisture-loving plants included the tiny "zig-zag" bladderwort-*Utricularia subulata* and the dainty purple butterwort, *Pinguicula caerulea*, *rose pogonia*-*Pogonia ophioglossoides*, grass pink-*Calopogan multiflora*, also several varieties of ferns and many other spring blooms. Altogether a delightful morning which we hope to repeat in July when the beautiful Catesby's Lily should be in bloom. W:M:C.

WILDLIFE PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. T.A. Beckett, III, Mrs. M.D. Richardson and Mr. E.A. Williams have been appointed to act as a Wildlife Protective Committee whose purpose is to post certain nesting and wildlife ~~spots~~ spots designating them as protected areas. Some bird banks have already been posted. More about the work of this committee will appear in a later issue of the Lesser Squawk.

SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE

A partial eclipse of the moon is scheduled for June 13, at a time of evening convenient for most observers. On that date, the sun, the earth, and the moon will be in an almost direct line, with the earth between the other two heavenly bodies. Just after sunset, the full moon will rise with a portion of its face in the shadow of the earth. By 8 o'clock, the phenomenon will be quite noticeable. Since the moon is traveling in orbit around the earth, it will continue further into the shadow for an hour, and then it will steadily move out of it. By 9:40, the most spectacular part of the drama will be over, and before 11:30, the moon will be in full sunlight again.

Two planets dominate the evening sky during June. In the west, brilliant Venus may be seen a little higher each night until the end of the month, when it sets about 9:00 o'clock. Mars, recognizable by its reddish color, sets shortly before midnight.

By the middle of the month, the white star, Spica may be located a little west of south. East of south, the orange-red Antares is the beacon which indicates the Scorpion, a beautiful curve of fainter stars.

For lack of space, information promised in last month's "Squawk" will be deferred until July. The eclipse of the moon will be over by then!

Elizabeth D. Simons.

THE ALL DAY FIELD TRIP MAY 15th

Saturday May 15th was a beautiful day and while the temperatures reached 80° a slight East wind made the day agreeably pleasant in the woods.

Seventeen members of the Charleston Natural History Society, led by Ellison A. Williams, met at the Museum at 6:30 and during the day recorded 88 varieties of birds. Owing to high water at 7:40 many shore birds had to be missed in the morning and at low water at 2:00 PM the group was many miles from the mud flats in the deep woods.

The Santee Gun Club old rice fields were visited but low water there this month made the rice fields unattractive for the Black-necked Stilts and no stilts were seen. The Wild Turkey Refuge on the Wambaw River was reached at noon where lunch was eaten and a two hour watch was kept for Kites. No Swallow-tailed Kites were seen but one Mississippi Kite was observed which was a new bird for some of the group.

Along the way several nests were found and Teague Coleman located a nest of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker which we watched for nearly 15 minutes, the birds feeding young approximately every three minutes. This was one of the highlights of the trip this bird being the first for several of the group. This woodpecker is one that northern ornithologists visiting Charleston always want to see.

At the Wild-turkey Refuge, John Quinby's sharp eyes discovered a well camouflaged copperhead snake hiding in the leaves and the group had an excellent view of this poisonous reptile (at a safe distance).

On the way home a stop was made at Causey's Pond which is about 20 miles from Charleston where a few more birds were added to our list. Those attending were Mrs. Leonard Glover, Miss Ruth Clements, Mr. Burnham Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mr. Teague Coleman, Mr. Roy Holland, Mr. John Quinby, Mr. Julian Harrison, Jr., Mrs. L. S. Smith, Mrs. J. J. Thornton, Mrs. M. D. Richardson, Mr. E. R. Cuthbert, Mrs. Louis Miles, Mrs. Jack Button and Mr. & Mrs. Ellison Williams.

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P.S. The botanists also had a fine day- discovering among others, the showy Indian pink, beautiful Spider Lilies growing by the dark Wambaw Creek, the Small-flowered Dogwood, the lovely climbing Mandevilla and the exotic Thalia. WMC

DON'T FAIL TO SEND YOUR MIGRATION DATA TO MR. WILLIAMS BY JUNE 10.