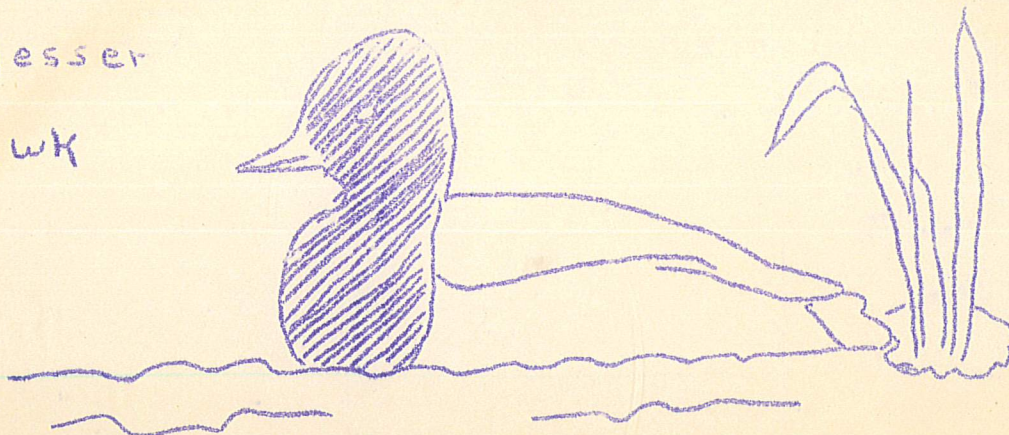


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March 9

Regular meeting, 8:00 p.m., Lecture Room, Charleston Museum
Speaker: Dr. Julian R. Harrison: Amphibia.

March 14

All-day Field Trip to Middleburg Plantation
Lunch on the plantation lawn.
Leave Charleston Museum at 6:30 a.m.
Leader: E. Burnham Chamberlain
Bring lunch.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN MARCH.

Arrivals

3 Wilson's Plover	15 Red-eyed Vireo	23 Hooded Warbler
5 Swallow-tailed Kite	16 Am. Golden Plover	24 Acadian Flycatcher
Parula Warbler (Coleman)°	18 Veery	Nor. Waterthrush
7 Chimney Swift	Louisiana Waterthrush	26 26 E. Wood Pewee (Beckett)°
Wood Thrush	19 Yellow-cr. Night Heron	27 Prothonotary Warbler
10 Eastern Kingbird	Yel.-brst. Chat (Beckett)°	Blackburnian Warbler
11 Upland Plover	20 Pectorial Sandpiper	29 Bl.-necked Stilt
Chuck-wills-widow	Common Nighthawk	27 Orchard Oriole
12 Mississippi Kite	Blk. thr. Green Warbler	29 Roseate Tern
15 Least Tern	21 Painted Bunting	30 Summer Tanager
Yel. thr. Vireo	22 Stilt Sandpiper	31 Black Rail
21 Gr. Crested Flycatcher		66 Bachman's Warbler

Departures

8 Horned Lark	16 Long-eared Owl	29 Br. headed Cowbird
9 European Widgeon	19 Bewick's Wren	(Coleman)°
15 Red-shouldered Hawk	21 Yellow Rail	30 Redhead

Wherever a date is not taken from South Carolina Bird List, the authority is given.

BULL'S ISLAND:

Finally, after many years of yearning and two unsuccessful attempts, on February 13th, thanks to Mr. "Sonny" Hanckel, our hearts' desire was achieved--A FIELD TRIP TO BULL'S ISLAND, and even that looked for a while as though it might die "abornin'", as no one could call the day a pretty one. However, in a light drizzle at 7:00 a.m. Thirty-two members boarded Mr. Hanckel's yacht at Moore's Landing. Going ashore and leaving lunch bags at the house the party divided into three groups and thoroughly combed the island. In spite of cloudy skies we managed to see 101 species, including two Bald Eagles, a Horned Owl and two large flocks of Canvasbacks.

With sore feet and aching muscles (most of had walked from 12 to 15 miles) we returned to town pronouncing the trip the best ever. Those taking part were-- Mr. & Mrs. F. Barrington, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Belknap, Edwin Blitch, Barnham Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, Norman Chamberlain, Rhett Chamberlain, Miss Ruth Clements, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Teague Coleman, Mrs. Lois Doscher, Harry Freeman, Mrs. J. L. Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. M. M. McLennan, Mr. & Mrs. B. F. McGuckin, Mr. & Mrs. I. S. H. Metcalf, John Metcalf, Miss Nell Prior, Mrs. M. Retallack, Mrs. M. D. Richardson, Marvin Richardson, Mrs. L. S. Smith, Mr. Philip Stockton, and Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Williams.

Special thanks to our own Anne Richardson, without whose careful planning and marvelous organization this wonderful outing would have been impossible.

W.M.C.

HUMMINGBIRDS AND ORCHARD ORIOLES.

Is it because of our mild winter or are these birds changing their habits? The Hummingbirds of which Mr. Barrington wrote in last month's Lesser Squawk are apparently still with us, having been seen by Mr. Orsdell as recently as Feb. 9. In addition the Barringtons report that Miss Elizabeth Robertson had told them of Hummers at feeders of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maner, 4 Shaftsbury Lane all summer and then were seen on Dec. 31 and daily between Jan. 6 and 25. They were still present on Feb. 9. Mrs. M. D. Richardson saw a female near her home in Avondale on Dec. 26.

As to the Baltimore Orioles, supposed to be rare winter transients, Mrs. Richardson had a female at her feeder on Oct. 24, Jan. 13, a male on Jan. 21 and again a female on Feb. 14. Mrs. Louis ^{McLes} reports a male coming regularly to her feeder in Summerville from Oct. 7. And from Mr. Ellison Williams the following letter:

Mrs. Nathan Richardson informed Mr. Milby Burton that she had a Baltimore Oriole in her yard at 30 Pendleton St. in the city of Charleston and requested him to send someone to confirm her belief.

Mr. Burton assigned me to the job which I was glad of as I had never seen a Baltimore Oriole in the City. I spent considerable of my two hours on the job trying to find Pendleton Street as some rascal had removed the street sign at Hester Street and I later found that I had passed it by half a dozen times.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were very cordial and I spent about an hour in their garden before a flash of color caught my eye as the bird came to the feeding shelf. I had some excellent views of the bird which was a male Baltimore Oriole in fine plumage.

Mrs. Richardson has been seeing this bird for about a month and says it prefers to eat hunks of bread which she puts out for the birds. She does not think that she has seen any other Oriole with this one which appears to be spending the winter with her.

Ellison A. Williams.

So, one wonders if some of the migratory birds no longer feel it necessary to take the long winter journey to South America, or if a few of them have always stopped here, and are only now being noticed as more people become aware of the fascination of bird study.

W.M.C.

BIRD PORTRAITS.

Gibbs Art Gallery, February 23-March 21.

Anne Worsham Richardson.

In spite of a wretched rainy evening over three hundred friends and fellow artists attended the opening reception of Anne Worsham Richardson's month-long showing of bird paintings, and they were well rewarded for their effort, for the pictures are beautiful beyond words, from the tiny Hummingbird in glowing color to the stately Wild Turkey, so lifelike that you expect it to step out of the frame. Fifty paintings in all. Birds of wood and ocean, field and marsh in characteristic poses and habitat. There is only one drawback. They are nearly all of them already marked with an owner's name and you return home green with envy that you cannot possess every one, which may be just as well, as it would be difficult to say which one you liked best.

The paintings will be on display daily until March 21 and Mrs. Richardson will be hostess each Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from three until six until the close of the show. Don't miss this beautiful exhibit by our most talented member.

W.M.C.

SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE.

The sparkling beauty of the winter skies lingers to usher in the month of March. Soon after dark, at the beginning of the month, Sirius is on the meridian fairly high in the south. This is the so-called "Dog Star" of the constellation, Canis Major, Orion's faithful hunting dog. The Pleiades and Taurus are now west of overhead, and Orion follows, between the Bull and the Dog. Vying with Sirius in brilliance, Jupiter may be found just west of the Pleiades.

Northeast of Sirius is the bright star, Procyon. This is the only conspicuous star in the constellation, Canis ~~Major~~ Minor, the Lesser Dog.

Well above the eastern horizon, Leo, the Lion may be seen advancing into view. It may be recognized by a sickle-shaped group of stars which, if connected with a triangle of stars to the east of it suggests the figure of a lion in profile. Later in the evening, or later in the month just after dark, the red planet, Mars, comes above the horizon to ride across the sky through the night.

By now, the Big Dipper is in good view in the northeast, while Cassiopeia, in the northwest, is moving towards the horizon. Just about equi-distant between these two, Polaris may be located.

The topic of the showing to be presented at the Planetarium on March 15 will be "THE CHANGING SEASONS". The hour is 8:00 p.m.

Elizabeth D. Simons.

The following star note is sent by Mrs. Francis Barrington: Canopus, our second brightest star, which has been visible most of February can still be seen during the first week of March about 9 p.m. low in the southwest.

ROBERT W. EDWARDS.

It was with regret that we learned early in January of the death of our past member and fellow birder

Robert W. Edwards

Mr. Edwards was a true ornithologist and took an active part in all our annual bird counts. His interesting home near McClellanville was always a port of call enroute to the Francis Marion Forest May Field Trip, and his gracious hospitality will always be remembered.