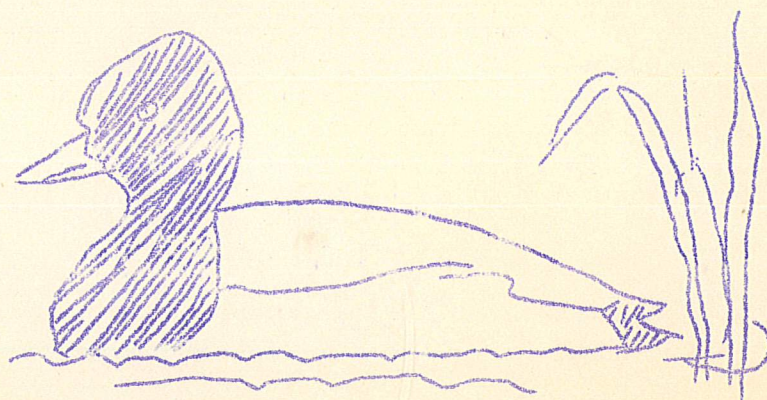


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PROGRAM FOR MAY

May 1

Spring Bird Census in cooperation with the Carolina Bird Club
Assemble Jct. Hwy. 17 & S.C. 41 / 6:30 a.m.

May 11

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: 8:00 p.m. Charleston Museum
Speakers: E. Burnham Chamberlain, Mammals of the Charleston Area

May 15 (Saturday)

All-day Field Trip: Santee Gun Club and Francis Marion Forest.
Leave Museum 6:30 a.m. Bring lunch and insecticide
Leader: Allison A. Williams.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN MAY

Arrivals

2 White-rumped Sandpiper
4 Black Tern
5 Wilson's Petrel

5 Baird's Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope
Common Tern
Noddy Tern

12 Magnificent Frigate-bird
17 Northern Phalarope
19 Audubon's Shearwater

Casuals and Accidentals

Sooty Shearwater
White-tailed Tropic Bird
(Manigault)
Great White Heron

Caracara
Sandhill Crane
Hudsonian Godwit
Tennessee Warbler
Dickcissel

Wilson's Warbler
Canada Warbler
Western Tanager (Barringtons)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak

1 Ruddy Duck °°	Departures	
1 Canada Goose	11 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	19 Gadwall
Black Duck	Orange-crowned Warbler	Upland Plover
Green-winged Teal	Blackburnian Warbler	Red-eyed Towhee
2 Slate-colored Junco	12 Great Black-backed Gull	20 Common Snipe
3 Hermit Thrush	13 Common Loon	late Lesser Yellowlegs
Song Sparrow (Coleman)°	14 Sora	21 Swainson's Thrush
4 Kirkland's Warbler	Roseate Tern	22 Piping Plover
5 House Wren	Myrtle Warbler	Blk-thr. Blue Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler	mid. Scarlet Tanager	Northern Waterthrush
White-crowned Sparrow	American Goldfinch	24 Veery
6 Robin (Coleman et al)°	15 White-winged Scoter	25 Pectorial Sandpiper(Williams)
7 Ring-necked Duck	Short-bill Marsh Wren	26 Bobolink
White-tailed Kite	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Red Crossbill
8 Grasshopper Sparrow	Ovenbird	27 Purple Sandpiper
9 Peregrin Falcon	16 Pigeon Hawk	Yellow Warbler
American Golden Plover	17 Cape May Warbler	American Redstart
10 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Chestnut-sided Warbler	LeConte's Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow	White-throated Sparrow	29 Mallard (Beckett)°
11 Hooded Merganser	18 Red-throated Loon	Bank Swallow
Stilt Sandpiper	Magnolia Warbler	Cliff Swallow

* If the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.

°°There are some nesting records of this species.- Mr. Beckett reports Common Terns on April 4, This species should now appear on the April arrival list.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON MIGRATION

With this issue members who have taken part in the past will receive blanks to fill out on arrival dates of Summer Residents and Spring Transients and departure dates of Winter Residents and Spring Transients. Please fill them out and send to Mr. Ellison A. Williams, 27 Limehouse St. not later than June 10. Any member not receiving a blank and wishing to take part in this interesting project of the society may have them by applying to the editor of the 'Squawk'.

SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE.

Since the first of these articles appeared in the November issue of the 'Squawk', we have all been space-traveling, for the earth has reached the half-way point of its revolution around the sun. Consequently, most of the stars that were visible six months ago, are now hidden from sight in the glare of daylight. However, there are others which may be viewed as we continue the journey.

By locating the Big Dipper, now high in view, we follow the pointers and find that the only star that has not changed its position is Polaris. Using this as a guide, we then face west. The brightest object to be seen is Jupiter, near the horizon soon after dark early in the month. Later on, it will be lost in the sunset. Higher in the western sky, Mars may be seen in Leo.

As time advances, three first magnitude stars can be seen throughout the night. East of overhead is orange-red Arcturus; and well above the northeastern horizon is blue-white Vega. The constellations of which each of these is a part will be discussed in the next issue of the Lesser Squawk.

The topic of the planetarium showing on May 17 will be 'Northward in Summer!' This will be the last public showing until the fall.

Elizabeth D. Simons.

Omission/ First magnitude star should read, Facing south, one can locate Spica, shining ~~strong~~ with a white light. East of overhead etc.

Birding at the Dump !

The writer in cooperation with Dr. William Drury, has been conducting a count and age composition of the flock of Herring Gulls utilizing the Charleston City Dump during the months of February and March. It will be interesting to see the composition of the flocks compared along the Eastern Coastline.

In 1964 a paper on Drum Island was prepared for publication but was later withdrawn because more time and data were needed. In summing up information a few questions were posed. One of these was, 'Is the Cattle Egret so adaptable a species that the time may come when the pasture-cattle association will no longer be necessary and it will become a species seen along the streams and marshes?'

On March 18, 1965 while checking the Herring Gull population I saw 2 Cattle Egrets busily feeding with the Herring Gulls and apparently using the Gulls as substitute cows. The Egrets would wait for the Gulls to turn over refuse and then dart in after food - both dead and alive.

On each of six trips since this date the Cattle Egrets have been present and increasing in numbers. They continue to feed with both the Herring and Ring-billed Gulls. On April 3, 1965, a Cattle Egret was netted in a cannon net along with 17 Gulls. On April 4, 6 Cattle Egrets at one time could have been covered by the net but it was not fired because the Gulls were the object of our mission. Among about 50 Gulls captured 4 were banded, one being a color-banded Herring Gull.

It will be interesting if our members will watch for future deflations of the Cattle Egret from what we assume to be its normal pasture-cattle associations. The city dump is there for all to visit. The Cattle Egret has been observed eating mice, rats, pieces of meat, fish, roaches, and various other crawling and flying insects.

Blue-wing Teal, Common Gallinule, Common and Showy Egrets, Starling, Common and Boat-tail Grackles, Common and Fish Crows, Red-winged Blackbirds, House Sparrows, Tree Swallows, and great numbers of Purple Martins were usually seen on recent visits. A later trip revealed Purple Gallinules. How about 'birdin' at the dump?

T.A. Beckett, III

APRIL FIELD TRIP.

Fifteen persons, three of whom were guests, made a highly successful short field trip to Folly Beach Saturday April 24. Meeting at an early hour at the South Windemere Shopping Center, leaders Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Barrington, and Mr. Ted Metcalf steered the group directly to the island, with only a brief and unfruitful stop on the way. At the east, backshore region of the Island they were rewarded among other things, by the sight and songs of several Orchard Orioles, and some members had the pleasure of seeing a Baltimore Oriole as well. Although it was a brilliant morning, a Chuck-Wills-Widow called repeatedly, and through the efforts of Mrs. Barrington, several members were able to see the bird, perched in a low bush. On the return trip a brief stop was made at the beach itself, and the party looped around the Sol Legare flat, but there was little to be seen there. Coffee and iced-tea were enjoyed at The Barringtons' at the close of the trip. Those making the outing included Mrs. Coleman, The Barringtons, Mr. E. B. Chamberlain and his grandson, David, Mr. Roy Holland, Miss Ruth Clement, Mr. Edmund Cuthbert, Mrs. Louis Miles, Mrs. L. S. Smith and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Braman of Vermont, Mrs. J. J. Thornton, Mr. Ted Metcalf and son John. A total of 43 species of birds was logged.

I. S. H. Metcalf.

As this trip was botanical as well as ornithological, with a special emphasis on plants of the beach and sea islands, we searched diligently for specimens, but found only a few. Back in the wooded dunes we found many fine specimens of the toothache tree, Zanthoxylum Clava-Herculis, Wild Olive-Osmanthus americana and of course cassino. Near the beach, Seaside Elder-Iva imbricata and Sea-Rockets-Cakile edentula, but it was apparently too early for most of the seaside blooms.

W. M. C.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON MIGRATION

Part I -- Arrival dates of the more common Summer Residents and Spring Transients

Fill in opposite each name the earliest date upon which you see each of the following species in our area, sign your name and send to Ellison A. Williams, 27 Limehouse Street, not later than 10 June.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Least Bittern (PR?)
Wood Ibis (PR)
Glossy Ibis (PR?)
Swallow-tailed Kite
Mississippi Kite
Osprey (PR)
Purple Gallinule
Wilson's Plover
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Pectoral Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Black-necked Stilt
Gull-billed Tern
Least Tern
Sandwich Tern
Black Tern
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo
Chuck-will's-widow
Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
Ruby-th'd Hummingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Great Crested Flycatcher
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Wood Pewee
Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow (PR)

Cattle Egret

Purple Martin
Wood Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Veery
White-eyed Vireo (PR)
Yellow-throated Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Prothonotary Warbler
Swainson's Warbler
Bachman's Warbler
Parula Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
Kentucky Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Hooded Warbler
Bobolink
Orchard Oriole
Scarlet Tanager
Summer Tanager
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting

Date _____

Signed _____

SEMI-ANNUAL MIGRATION STUDY

Part II - Departure dates of Winter Residents and Spring Transients.

Fill in opposite each name the latest date upon which you have seen each of the following species in 1962, sign your name, fill in the date and send to Ellison A. Williams, 27 Limehouse Street, not later than 10 June.

Common Loon
Red-throated Loon
Horned Grebe
Cannet
Canada Goose
Snow Goose
Blue Goose
Mallard
Black Duck
Gadwall
Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Blue-winged Teal
American Widgeon
Shoveler
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Canvasback
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead
Oldsquaw
White-winged Scoter
Surf Scoter
Common Scoter
Ruddy Duck
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle
Marsh Hawk
Peregrine Falcon
Pigeon Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
Virginia Rail
Sora
Piping Plover
Common Snipe
Upland Plover
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Knot
Purple Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Marbled Godwit

American Avocet
Bonaparte's Gull
Common Tern
Black-billed Cuckoo
Eastern Phoebe
Tree Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Brown Creeper
House Wren
Winter Wren
Short-billed Marsh Wren
Robin
Hermit Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Veery
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Water Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Solitary Vireo
Worm-eating Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Magnolia Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Myrtle Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Kirtland's Warbler
Palm Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
American Redstart
Bobolink
Rusty Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Scarlet Tanager
Purple Finch
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Red-eyed Towhee
Evening Grosbeak
Ipswich Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

(Over)

Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow

Slate-colored Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Signed

Date

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