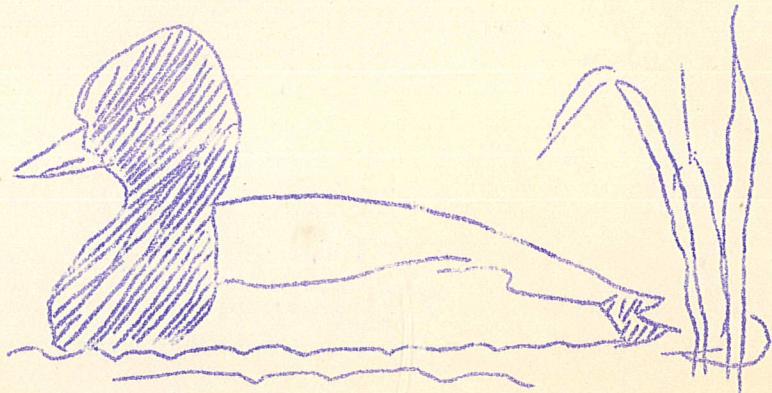


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PROGRAM FOR MAY

May 1

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

May 11

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 8:00 p.m. Charleston Museum
Speaker: 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: Ellison 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 °°
 1 Canada Goose
 Black Duck
 Green-winged Teal
 2 Slate-colored Junco
 3 Hermit Thrush
 Song Sparrow (Coleman)°
 4 Kirkland's Warbler
 5 House Wren
 Worm-eating Warbler
 White-crowned Sparrow
 6 Robin (Coleman et al)°
 7 Ring-necked Duck
 White-tailed Kite
 8 Grasshopper Sparrow
 9 Peregrin Falcon
 American Golden Plover
 10 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Savannah Sparrow
 11 Hooded Merganser
 Stilt Sandpiper

Departures
 11 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 12 Great Black-backed Gull
 13 Common Loon
 14 Sora
 Roseate Tern
 Myrtle Warbler
 15 Scarlet Tanager
 American Goldfinch
 16 White-winged Sooter
 Short-bill Marsh Wren
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Ovenbird
 17 Pigeon Hawk
 Cape May Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 White-throated Sparrow
 18 Red-throated Loon
 Magnolia Warbler

19 Gadwall
 Upland Plover
 Red-eyed Towhee
 20 Common Snipe
 late Lesser Yellowlegs
 21 Swainson's Thrush
 22 Piping Plover
 Blk-thr.Blue Warbler
 Northern Waterthrush
 24 Veery
 25 Pectoral Sandpiper(Williams)
 26 Bobolink
 Red Crossbill
 27 Purple Sandpiper
 Yellow Warbler
 American Redstart
 LeConte's Sparrow
 29 Mallard (Beckett)°
 Bank Swallow
 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.

Commission/ First magnitude star should read, Facing south, one can locate Spica, shining sizng 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 whiley 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 defiations 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 visite. 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 breif 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. Branan of Vermont, Mrs. J. J. Thornton, Mr. Ted Metcalf and son John. A total of 45 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 imbricaria 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	Purple Martin
Least Bittern (PR?)	Wood Thrush
Wood Ibis (PR)	Swainson's Thrush
Glossy Ibis (PR?)	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swallow-tailed Kite	Veery
Mississippi Kite	White-eyed Vireo (PR)
Osprey (PR)	Yellow-throated Vireo
Purple Gallinule	Red-eyed Vireo
Wilson's Plover	Prothonotary Warbler
Solitary Sandpiper	Swainson's Warbler
Lesser Yellowlegs	Bachman's Warbler
Pectoral Sandpiper	Parula Warbler
White-rumped Sandpiper	Yellow Warbler
Black-necked Stilt	Magnolia Warbler
Gull-billed Tern	Cape May Warbler
Least Tern	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Sandwich Tern	Black-throated Green Warbler
Black Tern	Blackpoll Warbler
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Ovenbird
Black-billed Cuckoo	Northern Waterthrush
Chuck-will's-widow	Louisiana Waterthrush
Common Nighthawk	Kentucky Warbler
Chimney Swift	Yellow-breasted Chat
Ruby-th'ld Hummingbird	Hooded Warbler
Eastern Kingbird	Bobolink
Great Crested Flycatcher	Orchard Oriole
Acadian Flycatcher	Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Wood Pewee	Summer Tanager
Rough-winged Swallow	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Barn Swallow (PR)	Blue Grosbeak
Cattle Egret	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	American Avocet
Red-throated Loon	Bonaparte's Gull
Horned Grebe	Common Tern
Gannet	Black-billed Cuckoo
Canada Goose	Eastern Phoebe
Snow Goose	Tree Swallow
Blue Goose	Bank Swallow
Mallard	Cliff Swallow
Black Duck	Brown Creeper
Cadwall	House Wren
Pintail	Winter Wren
Green-winged Teal	Short-billed Marsh Wren
Blue-winged Teal	Robin
American Widgeon	Hermit Thrush
Shoveler	Swainson's Thrush
Redhead	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Ring-necked Duck	Veery
Canvasback	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Greater Scaup	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Lesser Scaup	Water Pipit
Common Goldeneye	Cedar Waxwing
Bufflehead	Solitary Vireo
Oldsquaw	Worm-eating Warbler
White-winged Scoter	Orange-crowned Warbler
Surf Scoter	Yellow Warbler
Common Scoter	Magnolia Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Cape May Warbler
Hooded Merganser	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Common Merganser	Myrtle Warbler
Red-breasted Merganser	Blackburnian Warbler
Rough-legged Hawk	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Golden Eagle	Blackpoll Warbler
Marsh Hawk	Kirtland's Warbler
Peregrine Falcon	Palm Warbler
Pigeon Hawk	Ovenbird
Sparrow Hawk	Northern Waterthrush
Virginia Rail	Louisiana Waterthrush
Sora	American Redstart
Piping Plover	Bobolink
Common Snipe	Rusty Blackbird
Upland Plover	Brown-headed Cowbird
Solitary Sandpiper	Scarlet Tanager
Lesser Yellowlegs	Purple Finch
Knot	Pine Siskin
Purple Sandpiper	American Goldfinch
Pectoral Sandpiper	Red-eyed Towhee
White-rumped Sandpiper	Evening Grosbeak
Stilt Sandpiper	Ipswich Sparrow
Marbled Godwit	Savannah Sparrow
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

(Over)

Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Knot
Linnet
Sporophila
Chipping
Common Chipping
Lark Sparrow
Rose
Field Sparrow
Abert's Towhee
Pileated Woodpecker
Red-shafted Flicker
Common Nighthawk
Hutton's Vireo
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Common Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Slate-colored Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Knot
Linnet
Sporophila
Chipping
Common Chipping
Lark Sparrow
Rose
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Common Nighthawk
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Golden-crowned Kinglet
Common Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Signed _____
Date _____

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