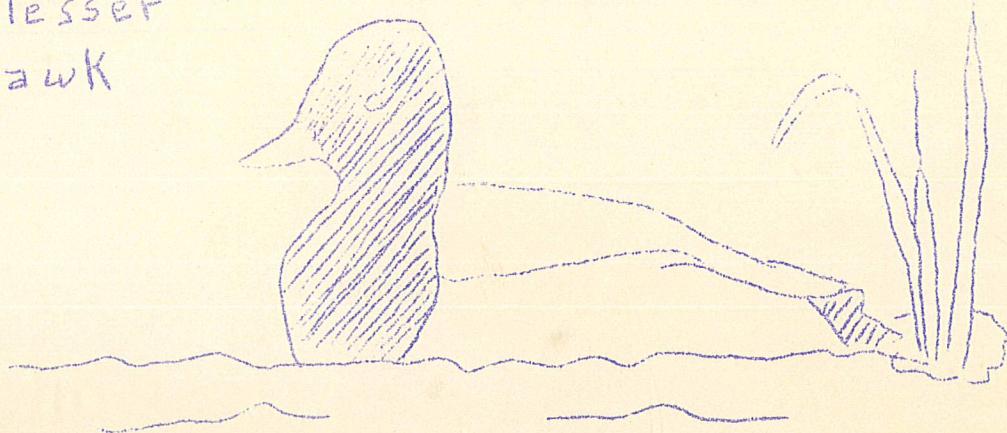


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PROGRAM FOR MAY

May 9

Annual Meeting, Lecture Room, Charleston Museum 8:00 p.m.
Election of Officers and short program
Speaker: Terry Richardson, Insects, Slides

May 14

Short Field Trip to Lane's End, John's Island
Meet Piggly Wiggly, Riverland Terrace Road 7:30 a.m.
Leader: Ted Metcalf.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN MAY
(Charleston area)

Arrivals

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

5 Baird's Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope
Common Tern
19 Audubon's Shearwater

5 Noddy Tern
12 Magnificent Frigatebird
17 Northern Phalarope

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

Casuals and Accidentals
Caracara
Sandhill Crane
Hudsonian Godwit
Tennessee Warbler
Dickcissel

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

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
Ruddy Duck**	Vesper Sparrow	Swamp Sparrow
2 Slate-colored Junco	1 2 Great-bl. backed Gull	20 Common Snipe
3 Hermit Thrush	13 Common Loon	late Lesser Yellowlegs
Song Sparrow (R.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	mid.Goldfinch	24 Veery
6 Robin (coleman et al)	15 White-winged Scoter	25 Pectoral Sandpiper(Williams
7 Ring-necked Duck	Short-billed 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
Am.Golden Plover	17 Cape May Warbler	American Redstart
10 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Leconte's Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow	Wh.throated Sparrow	29 Mallard (Beckett)*
11 Hooded Merganser	19 Red-throated Loon	Bank Swallow (Beckett)*
Stilt Sandpiper	Magnolia Warbler	Cliff Swallow

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

**There are a few summer records for the Ruddy Duck. It is believed to have nested here. Past recordings have noted 273 species seen during May in this area. Can we check 150 ?

May Program.

Our speaker at the May meeting will be Terry R.Richardson,a junior at the University of South Carolina.

For a number of years, Terry was an outstanding member of the Charleston Museum Nature Trailers,a club for children of Elementary and Junior High School ages. Later, after attending a nature camp in Virginia,as a student,he was invited to join its staff as an instructor in Astronomy. While at the camp,Terry developed his interest in Entomology through patient observation and photography. Recently,in addition to achieving a good record as a college student, and acting as director of the planetarium at the Columbia Museum, he has organized a group of children in Columbia,similar to the Nature Trailers.

His lecture will be illustrated with slides,which he recorded his observations of insect life.

Elizabeth D.Simons.

Observations.

Edwin Blitch sends these nice records: April 6- Dickcissel again at his feeder, April 7 Orchard Oriole and Chimney Swift near his home in S.Riverview. April 8, Wood Thrush Hooded Warbler, Prothooatary Warbler, Chuck-wills-widow near Harleyville and Baltimore Oriole singing in West Oak Forest.

Julian Harrison and Norman Chamberlain saw Purple Sandpipers at North Jetties,Mar. 24 Ted Metcalf 2 Back-necked Stilt on Ellis Creek April 8.

Louise Barrington Crested Flycatcher April 11, Orchard Oriole April 5

Mrs. M.M.MacLennan reports that Summer Tanagers which have come to her feeder for the past two years returned on April 15.

THE SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE

During May, the last view of the brightest stars of winter will be presented in the fading sunset glow. Low on the southwestern horizon, at the beginning of the month, Sirius may be observed sparkling briefly before it sets. About mid-way between the meridian and the northwestern horizon, Castor and Pollux, with the planet, Jupiter just southeast of them, may be seen about fifteen degrees higher than the brilliant Venus. On May 14, the waxing crescent moon will pass north of Jupiter. On the 31st, Venus will be four degrees south of Pollux, making a small triangle with Jupiter. On the same day, Mercury will appear in the evening sky, well above the northwestern horizon. In the opposite direction, all through the month, Mars may be located high above the southeastern horizon.

The final program for this season at the Planetarium will be held on May 15 at 8:00 p.m. "FROM DUSK TO DARK" is the topic.

Elizabeth D. Simons.

April Program.

This past year has brought us unusually good programs, and the one on wildflowers by Mrs. MacGielian at the April meeting was among the best. Her carefully selected and remarkably well-preserved specimens of some of our rather uncommon flowers showed painstaking preparation for her most interesting and pleasantly informal talk. She not only identified the specimens brought by her and supplemented by many from Edmund Cuthbert Wildflower Garden, but she gave a brief historical sketch of our many famous botanists of the past. We are most grateful to her for a pleasant and instructive evening.

W.M.C.

April Field Trip.

We are also indebted to Mrs. Leonard Glover for one of our nicest field trips. The sun shone, Mrs. Glover was a most gracious hostess and Spring Grove Plantation an ideal spot for nature hunters. Her account of the day in the field follows. Fifteen members met on April 16th at Spring Grove Plantation, Osborne. The field trip began with a 2 1/2 hour hike through swampy woodland and open fields. This walk was highlighted by the sighting of a Kentucky Warbler which everyone was fortunate enough to observe. The day was perfectly clear and very warm. Insects, except ticks, were scarce. The botanists and biologists among us gathered many specimens from the swamps. After lunch, we took a short ride through pineland and swamp where several migrants not previously sighted were found as well as banded water snakes and a cottonmouth moccasin. A total of 51 species of birds were listed for the day. Members attending were Wilhelmina Coleman, Teague Coleman, Ann Coleman, Ruth Clements, Lois Doscher, Kitty Fugiel, Harry Freeman, Tim Gwynette, Julian Harrison, Margaret Retallack, Stan and Dory Smith, David Yount, Dr. Edwin Miller and Dorothy Glover.

The May meeting will be our last one until October. Tell us your vacation plans. This past year has been a good one with some very fine programs, an unusually good attendance and the addition of 15 new members bringing our membership up to 142. Our field trips have left something to be desired weatherwise, all except two taking place in the rain. In spite of this they have been profitable and enjoyable.

LATE LATE SHOW:

These additional reports have come from Edwin Blitch. April 20 Nighthawk, April 22 Swainson's Warbler and Acadian Flycatcher on Bee's Ferry Road and April 23 Least Terns near Northbridge.