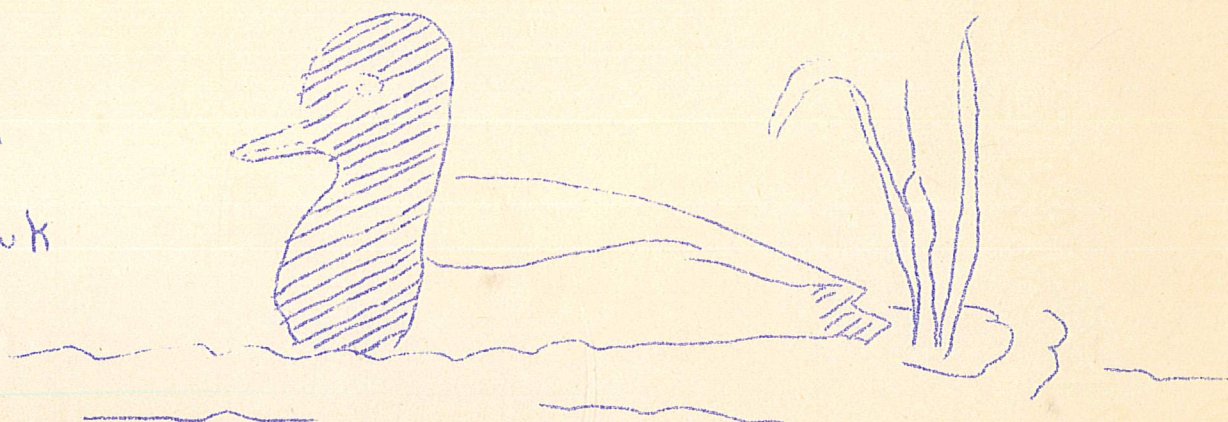


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PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

November 8

* Regular Meeting, Lecture Room, Charleston Museum, 8:00 p.m.

November 13 (Sun)

All Day Trip, Kiawah Island

Meet S. Windemere Shopping Center 7:00 a.m.

Leader Harry W. Freeman

Bring Lunch.

* Bird Banding Results. Speaker, T. A. Beckett, III.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN NOVEMBER
(in the Charleston area)

Arrivals

1 Sprague's Pipit	8 Oldsquaw	24 Common Merganser
Fox Sparrow	12 Fulvous Tree Duck (Dick)*	20 Red Crossbill
2 Broad-winged Hawk	G't Black-backed Gull (Dick)*	24 Saw-whet Owl
(R. Coleman)*	16 Bufflehead	28 Common Teal
3 White-winged Scoter	Golden Eagle	European Widgeon
Ipswich Sparrow	17 Rough-legged Hawk	30 Brant
4 Common Goldeneye	19 Glaucous Gull	? Horned Lark
Snow Bunting	Baltimore Oriole	
5 Parasitic Jaeger	(The Barringtons)*	

Departures

2 Gray-cheeked Thrush	6 Scissors-tailed Flycatcher	14 Blackpoll Warbler
3 Purple Martin	7 Red-eyed Vireo	18 Solitary Sandpiper
Cape May Warbler	9 Worm-eating Warbler	20 Yel-B'L'D Cuckoo (Staats)*
4 Bl-throated Blue Warbler	10 Indigo Bunting	21 Veery
American Redstart	11 Yellow-breasted Chat	24 Sprague's Pipit
5 Chimney Swift	12 Magnolia Warbler	? Swa.-tailed Kite
Painted Bunting	14 Mag. Frigate-bird	? Wilson's Phalarope

Swainson's Hawk
Sandhill Crane

Casuals and Accidentals
Pomarine Jaeger
Northern Waterthrush

Hooded Warbler(R.Coleman)
Wilson's Warbler

When the dates are not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.

OCTOBER MEETING

If all our meetings this coming year are as delightful as the first one we can write down 1966-67 as one of our best years program-wise.

Mr. Stanley Langston showed some amazingly beautiful slides of birds and nests taken on Drum and Bull's Islands, especially remarkable as Mr. Langston has been taking pictures for less than two years. The color was outstanding and the photography clear and well focused. His accompanying remarks interesting and pleasantly humorous. All ~~xxx~~ in all a fine entertainment. We hope this is only the beginning and that we may have the pleasure of seeing more of his beautiful slides in the near future.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Our first field trip was not quite so rewarding, though exceedingly pleasant. Eighteen members met in a heavy mist at Dupont's Crossing at 6:30 a.m. and hopefully drove to Wallace Pond where the mist was only a little lighter and the birds conspicuous by their absence. Diligent search disclosed only a few Gallinules, a number of Pied-billed Grebes, one lone Louisiana Heron, two Kingfishers and nary a duck nor shorebird. Farther down the Sauldam Church Road in the woods our luck was little better, as only about 15 species were observed during the morning. The migrants were represented by one Black-throated Blue Warbler, a Redstart and a Catbird, seldom here in summer, but not really a migrant. The botanists consoled themselves by identifying several fall flowers, but aside from a very nice companionable morning the trip could hardly be called a success. Those attending were, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barrington, Mrs. E. L. Clarke, Miss Ruth Clements, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mrs. League Coleman, Mr. E. R. Cuthbert, Mrs. Lois Doscher, Dr. H. W. Freeman, Mrs. Leonard Glover, Dr. J. R. Harrison, Mrs. Louis Miles, Lt. H. T. Nath, Mrs. M. A. Retallack, Mrs. M. D. Richardson, Mrs. L. S. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. David Yount.

OBSERVATIONS

Where are our members and what are they doing? Two lone observations have come to the editor's desk for October. Edwin Blich reported a Magnolia Warbler on October 8 and Ted Metcalf a Horned Grebe on October 1 and another one a day or so later. These last are particularly interesting observations as Sprunt and Chamberlain give Oct. 25 as the arrival date for the Horned Grebe.

It has been warm and possibly the migrants have loitered on their way south, but it does seem as though someone might have seen something! Your editor is no better than than the rest of you, as she has had nothing but a flock of Cowbirds to talk about and they have probably been around all summer. As noted, the Black-throated Blue Warbler was seen on the field trip, but surely there must be others. Let's get busy.

FIELD TRIPS.

For the benefit of our new members it might be well to repeat our formula for field trips.

Short trips starting at 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. depending on the season, cover nearby places and are usually over by ten o'clock so that members who wish to go to church may do so. As the time is limited we do not wait for late comers more than five minutes. If it is raining at the assembly time the trip is cancelled.

On the all day trips we go farther afield, wait for late comers ten or even fifteen minutes and go rain or shine, returning home after lunch (bring your own) sometimes quite late in the afternoon. Both types are usually led by competent naturalists and are designed to help the beginning bird (or flower) student in the hope of building up a future company of experts. All you need is a pair of binoculars, an interest in nature, birds, bugs or beasts and a desire to learn about them. Be sure to take in our next trip.

Eclipse of the Moon.

The November "Squawk" has been put in the mail a bit ahead of time in order that those hardy star-watchers who like to stay up all night may know about the coming eclipse of the moon on November 29.

See the Sky-Watchers' Guide below for the exact time and duration of the eclipse.

THE SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE.

From June to November, -nearly half a journey's distance around the Sun! That is what has transpired since the last appearance of the Sky-Watchers' Guide. Here's hoping that many of us have been able to watch the majestic march of the constellations through the summer months, and are now oriented to welcome the return of the stars of autumn.

Our closest neighbor in the sky is scheduled to present a dramatic act very early on the morning of October 29. An almost-total eclipse of the moon will begin at 12:53 a.m. when the Full Moon, just west of the meridian, will enter the shadow of the Earth. It will be several minutes before a change in its appearance will be discernible, but the brilliance of the moon will be steadily reduced to a narrowing crescent, while the darkening area will take on a coppery-red color. At totality, 3:12 a.m., the moon will appear as a ball edged with silver, hanging in space. Those who wish to watch the show to its completion should be prepared to wait until 5:31 a.m.

By the middle of November, Venus will appear in the western sky, shortly after sunset. Saturn is high above the southeastern horizon, shining with a steady yellow light, when evening twilight ends. Jupiter rises between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m., in a direct line south-east of the bright stars, Castor and Pollux. Shortly before dawn, the red planet, Mars, will rise, and can be located not far from Regulus, the brightest star in Leo.

"NOVEMBER SKIES" will be the topic of the Planetarium program November 21, at 8:00 p.m.
Elizabeth D. Simons

CAROLINA BIRD CLUB MEETING.

The Fall Meeting of the Carolina Bird Club was held at Tryon, N.C. on October 21 and 22. Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Beckett, Mrs. M.D. Richardson, Capt. and Mrs. L.S. Smith and Mrs. R.H. Coleman were the Charleston members attending. It was a pleasant, rather loosely organized meeting, with about 100 members present. Fifty-nine species of birds were observed, most of which were lingering summer residents. Practically no migrants. The high spot was the report of three immature White-crowned Sparrows. The autumn color was sparse and rather scattered, the oaks still mostly green, but the sourwoods gorgeously scarlet. As the real purpose of the meeting was to enable the members to look over the recently acquired sanctuary, the scarcity of migrants did not matter too much. The sanctuary, some 80 acres, including part of a nice little mountain, a very good dwelling and several other buildings, was carefully scrutinized by all. Our Charleston delegation, at the request of the Bird Club president, carefully transported five beautiful bird paintings by our own artist, Anne Richardson and placed them to good advantage, for the duration of the meeting, in the headquarters house. After the morning field trips a delicious box lunch was served under the trees near the house on the sanctuary grounds.

The business meetings, held in the High School Auditorium were like all business meetings and thus need no comment.

Our Charleston ^{and} had a delightful mountain trip and enjoyed seeing old acquaintances as well as the opportunity to ramble over the sanctuary. As we shall no doubt be given reports from time to time (with requests for aid) from the Sanctuary Committee of C.B.C., of its development, there is no need to give a more detailed report here. Suffice it to say that the Charleston members were impressed by the amount of property which the Carolina Bird Club has been given and hope that ways and means will be worked out for its use. It has great portentialities, but will take hard work and careful planning to use it to the best advantage.

W.M.C.