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PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

September 13

Meeting of the Executive Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Charleston Museum Office
No Meeting-No Field Trip

BIRD MOVEMENT IN SEPTEMBER

Arrivals

- 2 Blackpoll Warbler
- 3 Eastern Phoebe
- Magnolia Warbler
- 4 Shoveler
- Cape May Warbler
- 5 Pintail
- Redhead (Beckett)°
- 7 Marbled Godwit (Beckett)°
- Wilson's Phalarope
- 10 Swainson's Thrush
- 9 Gadwall (Coleman)°

- 10 Water Pipit
- 12 Short-billed Marsh Wren
- 15 House Wren
- Catbird
- 17 Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- 18 Mallard (Beckett)°
- Am. Goldfinch (Beckett)°
- 19 Sharp-tailed Sparrow
- 20 Orange-crowned Warbler
- Grasshopper Sparrow

- 21 Song Sparrow
- 22 Bewick's Wren
- Winter Wren
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 23 Northern Phalarope
- 28 Red-eye Towhee (Coleman)°
- Swamp Sparrow
- 29 Myrtle Warbler
- 30 Lark Bunting
- late Bleck, White Warbler
- 21 Vesper Sparrow

Departures

- 4 Greater Shearwater
- 8 Gray Kingbird
- Prothonotary Warbler
- 11 Louisiana Waterthrush

- 12 Blue-winged Warbler
- 14 Orchard Oriole
- 19 Noddy Tern
- 20 Bridled Tern
- 30 Trail's Flycatcher

- 21 Yellow-throated Vireo
- 25 Sooty Tern
- 28 Swainson's Warbler
- 29 Bank Swallow

Casuals and Accidentals

Leach's Petrel

- American Flamingo
- Olive-sided Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher

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

SOME UNUSUAL RECORDS

The editor is delighted to publish (after an inexcusable delay) a list of unusual observations given to us by Mr. Edward Dingle at the time of our March field trip to his beautiful plantation, Middleburg.

Suspecting that others of are as ignorant of scientific as your editor I have taken the liberty of inserting common names in parentheses. We are grateful to Mr. Dingle for these interesting records.

1964- Feb 5 *Vermivora celata-oresteria* or *lutescens* (Orange-crowned Warbler)
Two birds at Hyde Park Plantation- quite yellow. They were seen a number of times.

Dendroica coronata (Myrtle Warbler)

1940-July 16 ♂ on bank of Cooper River

1965 - *Hylocichla minima* (Gray-cheeked Thrush) Oct. 2, 3 (died on the 3rd)

Mniotillo varia (Black and White Warbler)

1944- Jan. 3 Huger, S.C.

1951- Nov. 24 Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

1960-Dec. 14 Huger, S.C.

1961-Oct. 10 Huger, S.C.

Icterus galbula (Baltimore Oriole)

1963-1964 Four or five spent most of the winter at Hyde Park Plantation, Cooper River.
Very fond of corn bread.

Hesperiphona vespertina (Evening Grosbeak)

1958-Jan. 15 Small flock on shoulder of highway, half-way between Huger and Wando, S.C.

Jan. 30 - 12 or 15 on highway shoulder near Huger, S.C.

Feb. 2 - 12 at Forestry Station near Witherbee, S.C.

Feb. 12 12 on highway shoulder near Witherbee, S.C.

Feb. 12- ♂ on highway shoulder near U.S. Forestry Station.

Mar. 8 - 15 near Witherbee, on highway. (some of these may be repeats)

Mar. 14 - 15 on highway near Witherbee.

1962-Jan. 24- 7 or 8 on Highway shoulder at Halidon Plantation.

Pheucticus ludovicianus (Rose-breasted Grosbeak)

1964 - May 13 ♂ in Middleburg garden

Icterus galbula (continued)

1963 ♂ in Monck's Corner- Sept. 16

♂ in Middleburg garden - Sept. 24

Bartramia longicauda (Upland Plover)

1950- Apr. 10, 11 Bird in Middleburg yard.

Coturnicops noveboracensis (Yellow Rail)

1933- Dec. specimen given to me by B.P. Giggs, Huger, S.C.

Ardea herodias wardi (Ward's Heron)

1939 - Mar. 27 specimen picked up at Cooper River Bridge- identified by Dr. H.C. Oberholser.

SEPTEMBER.

Here it is September when we begin to stir from our summer sleep. No programs-no trips yet- but be ready for October which will bring the full list of next year's events, and may I whisper that your executive committee has some beauties for next season?

Also in October on not so sweet a note, be looking for next year's bills for dues, and please remember that if you forgot to send in last year's dues you will now owe \$4.00 (horrid thought) which must be paid not later than December or, alas we shall be forced to drop your name from our mailing list. Please don't let this happen.

A New Bird Book.

The Golden Press has brought out a new bird book -A Guide to Field Identification-Birds of North America by Chandler S. Robins, Bertel Bruun and Herbert S. Zinn. Illustrated by Arthur Singer. Although it is a paper-back (stiffer than most) and may not hold up as a pocket guide, it appears to be an excellent supplement to Peterson. Its biggest advantage is that it contains all the birds, land, water and western in one volume and each species has a distribution map. The section on sparrows is especially good, which fills a great need. Perhaps its best feature is its comparatively low price of \$ 2.95.

Catesby's Lilies Again

On July 30 our botany fiends, Louise Button, Leila Miles, Wilhelmina Coleman and Mrs. M. M. MacLennan under the guidance of Edmund Cuthbert, Jr. sallied forth for what has become an annual quest for the rather rare Catesby's Lily. It was overcast and pleasantly cool at 7:00 a.m. in the cut-over Pine Barrens north of Summerville. From the road no lilies were visible, but partially hidden in the tall grass we found some thirty species of summer blooming flowers. Four species Polygama (milkwort), two of Rhexia (meadow beauty) two Linum (yellow flax) and the dainty featherling (Tofieldia) among others. 'Matpins' (Eriocaulin) and Yellow-eyed Grass (Xyris) in great quantities made a beautiful spot of color under the pines - and finally at the end of the trail a large group of Catesby's Lilies (Lilium Catesbaei) Mrs. Lounsberry says in her book of Southern wildflowers - " Late in summer this lily arises and through its gorgeousness gives an intense delight. There are other wild lilies more beautiful, but this one is peculiarly of the south. In finding it there lurks always a charm."

Do Kingbirds raise more than one brood in a season? On this July morning (almost August) Louise Button watched a pair carrying sticks and grass and obviously building a nest. The ones in my backyard have raised their family and now have no thought of nests.

W.M.C.

IN MEMORY

Although the Executive Committee has drawn up and sent out as a separate memorial, resolutions on the death of two of our most active members, I cannot let this fall number of our paper leave my hands without an expression of personal loss. Rhett Chamberlain and Ellison Williams left us within a week of each other and it is impossible to say what their going will mean to us all. Both were dedicated and careful ornithologists. Both were kind and loyal friends and one can't believe that their places will ever be filled. The Editor.