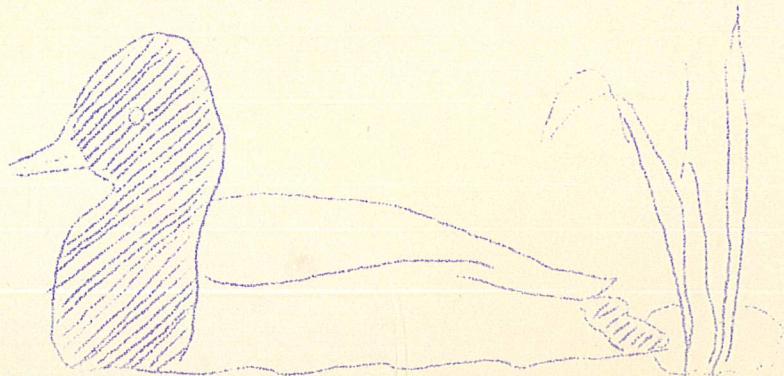


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- - - PROGRAM FOR APRIL - - -

April 9

REGULAR MEETING: Lecture Room, Charleston Museum, 8:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Fassilictis: Insects

April 20

Annual Spring Bird Census. Leader E. Burnham Chamberlain
Leave Gregory's Filling Station U.S. Hwy. 17 & S.C. Hwy. 41 6:30 a.m.

No regular field trip.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN APRIL

Arrivals

1 Solitary Sandpiper
Swainson's Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo*
(Barringtons)
4 Cliff Swallow
Indigo Bunting (Beckett)
6 Blue Grosbeak
7 Worm-eating Warbler

7 Kentucky Warbler
8 Sandwich Tern
10 Purple Gallinule
Bobolink
12 Blk.-thr. Blue Warbler
13 Gray-cheeked Thrush
14 Wood Pewee
15 Cape May Warbler
American Redstart
17 Magnolia Warbler

18 Blue-winged Warbler
19 Gray Kingbird
21 Swainson's Thrush
24 ~~Blk.-thr. Blue Warbler~~
24 Chestnut-sided Warbler
27 Kirkland's Warbler
23 Black-billed Cuckoo
28 Bank Swallow (Blitch)
Early Scarlet Tanager
Mid Gull-billed Tern

<u>Departures.</u>		
2 Whistling Swan	16 Robin	27 Broad-winged Hawk
3 Old Squaw	18 Canvasback	Solitary Vireo
5 Virginia Rail	20 Common Gaudeneye	Purple Finch
6 Glaucous Gull	21 Pine Siskin	28 Whip-poor-will
7 Rough-legged Hawk	22 Water Pipit	Red-breasted Nuthatch
8 Ipswich Sparrow	24 Bufflehead	Palm Warbler
9 Golden-crowned Kinglet	Winter Wren	30 Pintail
11 Baltimore Oriole	26 Blue Goose	29 Rusty Blackbird
13 Henslow's Sparrow	Parasitic Jaeger	Early Greater Scaup
14 Brown Creeper	Louisiana Waterthrush	Late Short-eared Owl
16 Common Merganser	27 Evening Grosbeak	

Casuals and Accidentals.

Red Phalarope	Bay-breasted Warbler	Dickcissel
Golden-winged Warbler	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Lark Bunting

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

SPRING BIRD CENSUS.

Our annual Spring Bird Count will take place on Saturday, April 20. Leave Gregory's gas station at the intersection of U.S. highway 17 and S.C. highway 41 at 6:30 a.m. Any member wishing to take part in the count, which is similar to and in the same territory, as the Christmas count, should get in touch with Burnham Chamberlain, compiler, telephone 786-4337, to be assigned to a working group. Bring lunch as this is a "dawn to dark" project. The winter and spring counts are taken each year to check the bird population in the area, and are of great value in assessing the abundance or of the species in the locality. The Christmas count is National and sponsored by the Audubon Society. The spring count is the project of individual clubs, sponsored by the Carolina Bird Club.

CAROLINA BIRD CLUB SPRING MEETING.

The Carolina Bird Club, of which the Charleston Natural History Society is an affiliate, will have its spring meeting and field trips on April 26, 27, and 28 in Mt. Pleasant with headquarters at the Moultrie High School there, and field trips east of the Cooper. Registration and information as to programs and trips will be at the school Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, April 26 and 27. It is hoped that many of our members will plan to attend the meetings and trips.

Eclipse of the Moon.

The star-gazers among us should be on the lookout for a total eclipse of the moon on April 12.

The moon should go into deep shadow at 10:10 p.m. and will reach totality at 11:22, gradually coming out of the shadow at 11:47 until midnight and be entirely clear at 1:25 a.m. Get out your binoculars and telescopes and hope for a clear night.

* Correction: Registration for the Bird Club meeting will be at the Brookgreen Meadows Motor Court Friday April 26 from 4 to 6 p.m.

BULL'S ISLAND.

Forty-five members boarded the Coburg boat at Moore's Landing at 8 a.m. on the morning of March 16. After a delightful daylight trip, weaving through the inlets and marshes and partaking of hot coffee, milk and doughnuts, kindly provided by Mr. Hanckel, the party landed an hour later on the island.

After being briefed as to lunch and departure/time, the party broke up into small groups to explore the island, some going to the beaches, others to the ponds, dikes and woods. On the banks by the dikes alligators were sunning themselves, and one group counted twenty-one of various sizes. No really rare birds were seen, but a total of 95 species was chalked up. Among them a Great Horned Owl in the deep woods and several Gannets in the surf off the beach. The most abundant ducks were the colorful Shovelers and the most abundant land birds were Myrtle Warblers. The Kinglets, both Golden and Ruby-crowned were lingering. The Ruby-crowns singing. As far as this writer knows, the only spring migrant, or transient really, was a Veery. This seems to be an early date as Sprunt & Chamberlain has March 18 as its arrival date. (Note for our log)

The weather was kind to us, and although rather cloudy, the sun came out at intervals and the rain held off until we were safe in our cars at the landing at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Mills at Dominick House served a delicious and bountiful lunch, capping the climax to our best Bull's Island trip. Those attending were:

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Andrus, Mrs. Jack Button, Dr. Alan Bills, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Belknap, Miss Frances Brewster, Edmund Cuthbert, Jr. Robert Cuthbert, Mr. & Mrs. Grange Cuthbert, Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mr. & Mrs. Teague Coleman, Robert Coleman, III, Miss Ruth Clements, Ernest Cutts, Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Clyde, E. B. Chamberlain, Miss Betty Clark, Mrs. Katherine Fugiel, Harry Freeman, Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Gingrich, Mrs. Dorothy Glover, Mr. & Mrs. Julian Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jager, Miss Ellen Jervy, Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Lanford, Dr. Isabelle Lockard, Mrs. I. S. H. Metcalf, Tom Metcalf, Mrs. Louis Miles, Mrs. Richard Monroe, Mrs. G. T. Prior, Mrs. Lyn Rice, Andrew Simons, Jr., Capt. & Mrs. L. S. Smith, Miss Ethel Staples and David Yount.

OBSERVATIONS.

Edwin Blitch reports first Purple Martins at his martin gourds on March 9, and they arrived at the Coleman residence on March 11 where they seem to be getting ready for housekeeping. Both of these locations are west of the Ashley.

These notes from Magnolia Gardens: Ted Beckett reports that Parula Warblers first appeared at the gardens on March 17, very active in low azalea bushes, but not singing. Palm Warblers in great numbers seem to be gathering for northern migration. He also reports that the Common Egrets in numbers are coming into Drum Island, apparently for nest building and Wood Ducks at the gardens are nesting. The Evening Grosbeaks seem to have stayed north this winter, as there have been no reports of their coming from this area nor from Mr. Clyde's banding traps in Effingham.

The Barringtons had their first Ruby-throated Hummingbird on March 27 and Miss Frances Brewster saw an Acadian Flycatcher in Old St. Andrew's Church yard on March 24, right on time to the dot.

Spring flowers are late this year. While jessamine is blooming in some city gardens as of this date (March 28) the country roadsides seem to be bare of it. Redbud is in bloom, but no Dogwood yet. However, by the time this issue reaches our readers and the warm weather continues the woods may be ablaze. Look for blue toadflax, horse sugar, swamp azalea and early violets soon and many, many others from ^{now} until cold weather comes again. Our Low-Country boasts not only of many different birds, but of hundreds of blooming plants in fields, woods and swamps.