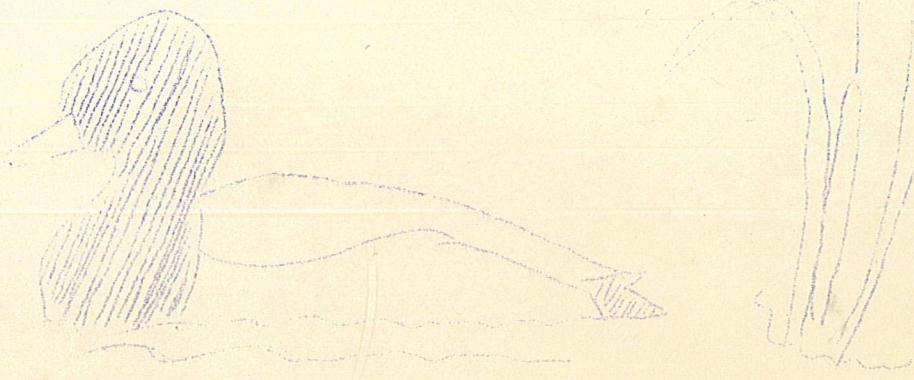


# The Lesser Squawk



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## PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

January 9

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

Speaker: Charles Beardin, Marine Life.

January 13 (Sat.)

All-day Field Trip: Santee Wildlife Refuge

Leave J.M. Fields' Parking Lot, Hwy. 171 and 7 6:00 a.m.

Bring Lunch

Leader: Mrs. Lois Doscher. For details see page 2

## BIRD MOVEMENT IN JANUARY (in the Charleston area)

### Arrivals

7 White Pelican

### Departures

18 Western Kingbird

31 Brant

Eared Grebe

Purple Martin

Blue-faced Booby

Northern Waterthrush

Reddish Egret

Dickcissel

Cinnamon Teal

Gree-tailed Towhee

### Casuals and Accidentals

Harlequin Duck

Black and White Warbler

Harlan's Hawk

Red-tail Hawk

Great Crested Flycatcher

Blue Grosbeak

Vermillion Flycatcher

Blue Grosbeak

JANUARY FIELD TRIP.

Our field trip this month is an all-day one to the Santee National Wildlife Refuge. A letter from the manager, Mr. Thomas Martin, says "We will be happy to meet your group at your convenience. However, for maximum viewing of waterfowl it would be best if you could plan to arrive about 7:30 a.m. If we wait much longer the feeding flights will be over."

Mr. Martin encloses a map of the refuge area and roads leading to it. Members wishing to go on their own, rather than meeting with the group at J.M. Fields (across the Ashley) at 6:00 a.m. should take interstate I-26 to Summerton exit and highway 301 which passes the refuge entrance where we will be met.

OBSERVATIONS.

These interesting notes are from our Secretary, Dory Smith. We found a recently dead woodcock on Northbridge Drive on Nov. 17 and have found rails dead in similar circumstances and location (in road or ditch) and believe these usually hit the electric wires in their flight from marsh to marsh and break their necks. Fall sightings in my yard.

Myrtle Warbler	Oct. 21	Chipping Sparrow	Nov. 29 (all immature so far)
Whitethroat	Nov. 4	Field Sparrow	Dec. 2
Savannah Sparrow	Nov. 8	Sapsucker (Im)	Nov. 25
House Wren	Nov. 24		

D.C. Cormorant Oct. 15 and Scaup Nov. 30, both on Ashley River

Incidentally, I spotted a cormorant on the Cooper River on a piling last July 16. First time I've seen one in summer. Also, heard a Great Horned Owl the night of Oct. 17 from the direction of Old Town Plantation. Last spring a Great Horned Owl nested about 100 yards off the 6th fairway at the A.F. Base Golf Club.

A note for Baltimore Oriole watchers. We had one at our feeder almost daily from Feb. 20 to April 5 and blithely called it a female, till dark feathers began appearing (in mid-March) and by departure time we had an unmistakable male, so beware of automatically assigning the plain yellow bird to the distaff side.

WILDFLOWERS AND SHOREBIRDS.

Two beautiful books are now available to nature lovers. The second in a series of Wildflowers of the United States, is composed of two very large, very beautiful, and very expensive volumes with hundreds of small, but clear, well printed lovely illustrations, together with brief, but good descriptive text - Flowers of the Southeastern States by Harold William Rickett.

The Shorebirds of North America, much less expensive, but not cheap, comes with exquisite, full page prints from water color paintings accompanied by most interesting and informative essays, giving descriptions, habits and reminiscences of the author's long acquaintance with the waders of our shores. At the back we find excellent scientific descriptions of each bird. Gardner D. Stout, Editor.

I am the proud possessor of both of these books. The Wildflowers, after soul-searching and persuading myself that I really needed it, I purchased. The Shorebirds was a Christmas present. If no one at my house answers the doorbell or telephone during the next few weeks, don't call the police, thinking I've fallen off a stepladder or drowned in the bathtub. I shall only be completely absorbed in one of these most beautiful books.

W.M.C.