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Squawk



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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

January 14

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

Speaker: Robert Lunz, Bear's Bluff-Marshes, etc.

January 19

Short Trip: Magnolia Gardens.

Leave Dupont Crossing Piggly Wiggly 6:30 a.m.

Leader: T.A. Beckett, III

BIRD MOVEMENT IN JANUARY

Arrivals.

None.

Departures.

8 Western Kingbird

24 Snowy Owl

31 Brant

Casuals and Accidentals.

Eared Grebe

Harlequin Duck

Purple Martin

Blue-faced Booby

Harlan's Hawk

Northern Waterthrush

Reddish Egret

Great-crested Flycatcher

Dickcissel

Immigrant Teal

Vermillion Flycatcher

Green-tailed Towhee

Black and White Warbler

OBSERVATIONS.

Francis Barrington reports Orange-crowned Warbler November 30 and Song Sparrow on December 11. A female, or immature Chestnut-sided Warbler on December 3. All of these at his feeder in Riverland Terrace.

Mrs. Morrison of Hartsville writes that on December 6 the purple finches had been there for a month and that she has had two large flocks of evening grosbeaks for the last three weeks. Has any one here records of either of these birds for this season? The grosbeaks were not reported to my knowledge, at all last winter. Be on the lookout for them.

BELLEFIELD BIRD CENSUS.

On the morning of November 17 thirty members gathered at the Mt. Pleasant Piggy Wiggly parking lot and set forth on what has become our annual Baruch Foundation Bird Census.

Our gracious hostess of past years, Miss Severance, was unwell and could not welcome us to Bellefield, but made pleasant substitution at the Georgetown Holiday Inn for coffee and buns before the "hunt" and a delightful buffet lunch at midday. The weather was sunny and ~~warm~~, though a bit mosquitoey, and the ten field parties were able to record 122 species and 17,001 individual birds. An offshore party was fortunate enough to see two Parasitic Jaegers and a number of Gannets. Some groups found Red-breasted Nuthatches. The group of which the editor was a member was struck by the great number of Redheaded Woodpeckers, mostly immature, which we ran across in all of the several wooded areas of our rather large territory within a mile or so of the house. These birds are now very scarce in the immediate Charleston area.

Members making the survey were:

Ted Beckett	Mr. Cochran	Ted Metcalf
Francis Barrington	Teague Coleman	Tom Metcalf
Alan Bills	Mrs. R. H. Coleman	Mrs. Louis Miles
Mrs. Beirary	Edmund Cuthbert	Mr. & Mrs. McLean
Edwin Blitch	Barry Freeman	Mrs. Prior
Miss Frances Brewster	Mrs. Leonard Glover	Mrs. M. D. Richardson
Miss Ruth Clements	Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Harrison	Capt. & Mrs. J. S. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Clyde	Mrs. Jack Jager	David Yount
	Dr. Isabel Lockhart	Mr. John Dennis

AUDUBON MURGER. (continued)

From Hartsville Mrs. Willie Morrison, the new Backyard Birding editor of the Chat, a member of our society, and a delightful correspondent of mine, calls to my attention a paragraph in the introduction to Wayne's Birds of South Carolina by Paul M. Rae, at that time director of the Charleston Museum (1907-1910) in which he tells of the origin and aim of the Charleston Natural History Society, and I quote: "In 1905 the Museum organized the Charleston Natural History Society and undertook to encourage the popular study of birds. It was found, however, that no reliable summary of the birds of the coast region was available, and the Museum therefore began a survey to include the general fauna and flora of the coast region. ***** While records have been supplied by many members of the Natural History Society, the field work has been chiefly done by Messrs. Herbert Ravanel Sass and Francis Marion Weston, Jr., students at the College of Charleston and later assistants at the Charleston Museum. ***** A number of important records have been recently contributed to the survey by Messrs. Burnham and Rhett Chamberlain, younger members of the Natural History Society."

Maybe the above will help to answer the question of the date of the founding of our society.

Mrs. Morrison adds, "I am proud to be a member of this society - I rather hate to see it change to a national affiliate, tho' I highly approve of the Audubon Society and subscribe to the magazine."

The Editor.

The editor welcomes expressions of opinion on this important subject.

Don't forget to send in your ballot before January 10