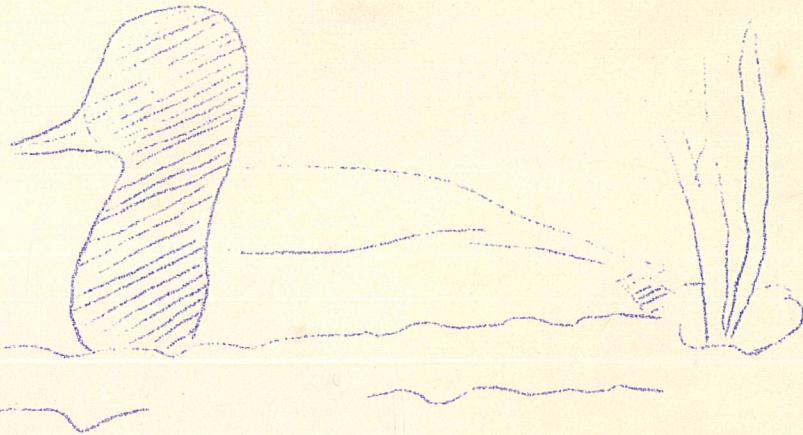


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PROGRAM FOR JUNE

No Meetings--No Field Trips

June 11

Meeting of the Executive Committee
Office Charleston Museum 8:00 p.m.

BIRD MOVEMENT IN JUNE

Arrivals

5 Scissors-tailed Flycatcher
14 Sooty Tern

16 Roseate Spoonbill
17 Bridled Tern

25 Brown-headed Cowbird

1 Baird's Sandpiper
3 Northern Phalarope
4 Solitary Sandpiper
5 Horned Grebe
Blackpoll Warbler
6 Blue-winged Teal
American Widgeon
Shoveler

Western Grebe
Sooty Shearwater

Departures

6 Avocet
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
(L. Barrington)*
7 Surf Scoter
8 Bonapart's Gull
10 White-rumped Sandpiper
(Weston)*
13 Black-billed Cuckoo

Casuals and Accidentals

Red Phalarope (Manigault)*
White-winged Scoter

13 Cedar Waxwing

17 Knot

18 Tree Swallow

Gannet

23 Red-breasted Merganser

25 Snow Bunting

28 Marbled Godwit

Black-necked Stilts.

Anne Richardson reports that three pair of Black-necked Stilts are nesting on Drum Island and that Stanley Langston has taken some pictures of the birds and their nests. We hope we can persuade him to show those pictures (and others) at one of our meetings next year.

OFFIC RS --1968-69

Officers for the coming year elected at the May meeting were: President: Ernest A. Cutts, Vice-President: Julian R. Harrison, III, Secretary-Treasurer: Ruth Clements. Members from the floor, Stanley Langston and Edmund R. Cuthbert, Jr. These officers, together with all past presidents and the editor of the Lesser Squawk, form the Executive Committee, which, according to the constitution, meet three times each year to map out trips and programs and conduct the business of the Society. The next executive meeting will be on June 11 at which time tentative plans will be drawn up for next season's activities. If you have a nature subject which you would like to have presented or know of good areas for field trips the committee will welcome your suggestions.

FIELD TRIPS

The Charleston Natural History Society is, as its name suggests, not just a bird club, but a society for the study of all phases of nature--flowers, fish, rocks or stars, and our trips are planned to observe any outdoor specimen which we may find in the fields, and programs are planned to be as varied as possible.

We usually have seven trips a year, most of them on Sunday except those to the game refuges which are on Saturday. Three or four are supposed to be short trips, starting at 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. and over by 9:30 or 10:00 to near-by areas to let the participants be home in time for church. Others are all-day trips when we go further, bring lunch and stay until the afternoon. All are designed for the purpose of helping the beginning naturalist to learn our local birds and flowers and are usually led by experienced members. In December and late April we have our bird census, when in cooperation with bird clubs all over the country we look for and record birds only. All day trips take place rain or shine, but short trips are cancelled in the event of hard rain though the leaders are expected to be at the meeting place regardless of weather. Guests of members are always welcome on the trips, but local people should join the society after attending as guests more than once or twice.

MAY FIELD TRIP.

Whenever we have a protracted dry spell, when the woods are burning and home-owners anxiously watering their lawns, the Natural History should schedule a field trip down the Bee's Ferry Road and the heavens will open. That's what happened the night before our short field on May 19. Fortunately, however, the road was sandy with a good hard bottom and there were no mud holes to discourage us. We only encountered a few light showers and the botanists had a fine time identifying ferns and trees, but the birds were sulking in the bushes and although we heard about 25 species we actually saw very few. Nothing unusual, except a good view of a prothonotary Warbler. We had a fine morning and felt it was a pleasant windup for the season. Those attending were Miss Frances Brewster, Mrs. Jack Button, Miss Ruth Clements, Mrs. Robert Coleman, Mr. Edmund Cuthbert, Mrs. Louis Miles, Mrs. Eilene Rice, Dr. David Yount and Mrs. Theodore Wickman.

SUMMER VACATION.

The May meeting was our last one until October when we will start our new year. The Executive Committee will meet in June and September, and their findings as to the next year's programs and trips will be printed in full in the October issue of the Lesser Squawk. There will be no issues of the Squawk in July and August, but the editor will welcome for the September number, any vacation notes you may have.