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PROGRAM FOR JUNE

June 17-3rd, Tuesday
Meeting of the Executive Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Charleston Museum Office
Summer Recess
No Meeting - No Field Trip

BIRD MOVEMENT IN JUNE

Arrivals

1 Scissors-tailed Flycatcher
14 Sooty Tern

16 Roseate Spoonbill
17 Bridled Tern

25 Brown-headed Cowbird

Departures

1 Baird's Sandpiper
2 Sora Rail (Beckett)
3 Northern Phalarope
4 Solitary Sandpiper
5 Horned Grebe
Blackpoll Warbler
6 Blue-winged Teal
American Widgeon
Shoveler

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

13 Cedar Waxwing
17 Knot
18 Tree Swallow
25 Red-breasted Merganser
25 Snow Bunting
26 Marbled Godwit
18 Gannet

Casuals and Accidentals

Red Phalarope (Manigault
Baldwin et al)
Ruddy Duck^{**}

Red-breasted Nuthatch
Bobolink

^{*} If the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given
^{**} This species has nested in the state for several years and probably should be taken off the June casual list.

OFFICERS 1969-70.

At the May meeting the following slate was elected for the coming year.
 President: Julian H. Harrison, III
 Vice-President: Norman A. Chamberlain
 Secretary-Treasurer: Alan N. Bills
 Members-at-large: Edwin L. Blitch, III and Mrs. Louis S. Miles.

These officers together with all past-presidents and the Editor of the lesser Scuawk compose the Executive Committee, which meets three times a year and conducts all business of the society. Past-presidents are, T.A. Beckett, III, E.H. Chamberlain, Mrs. R.H. Coleman, E.A. Cutts, H.W. Freeman and I.S.H. Metcalf.

SUMMER RECESS.

The May meeting also brings to a close the year's activities. No meetings nor field trips until the fall meeting of the executive committee in September and the start of meetings and trips on October 14. Send in accounts of your vacation wanderings observations of birds or flowers that you may have recorded during the summer.

SPRING BIRD COUNT.

Our annual spring bird count took place in the regular census territory, east of the Cooper, on Saturday, April 26. Perfect weather, cool and sunny, but conflicting engagements reduced our teams and left the water and Bull's Island without workers, thus making our final tally less than it has sometimes been. Final count was 112 which was better than last spring when 7 members could only record 102. Those taking part this year were- Ted Beckett, Edwin Blitch, Frances Brewster, Louise Button, Burnham Chamberlain (Compiler) League Coleman, Wilhelmina Coleman, Edmund Cuthbert, Bill McIntosh, Al Sanders, Dory Smith and L.S. Smith.

SWAN SONG.

This issue brings to a close five years of most pleasant and rewarding work by your editor, who will now turn the job over to someone else (to be appointed by the executive committee). I feel that five years is quite long enough for our official organ to reflect one point of view, and that it is high time for our younger members to have an opportunity to express themselves.

It may be of interest to our newcomers to list those who have had a hand (or pencil) in forming the lesser Scuawk. It was started in 1954 (month uncertain) by Kay Comstock at that time treasurer of C.N.H.S. as an experiment and was an instant success. Unfortunately, shortly after its formation Mr. Comstock, who was with the U.S. Park Service was transferred to Chatanooga, but Kay had built so well that the then secretary, Betty Lemon could carry on for the rest of the year. At her resignation in 1955 (or '56) I.S. Metcalf, Sr. (at that time president) carried the burden with the able help of son Ted. In 1957 Robert Coleman took over and was editor until his death in Nov. 1962. Ted Beckett (president), and Edwin Blitch in turn acted as editors until July 1963 when the present editor was appointed and has held the fort ever since.

At present who will be the new editor is uncertain, but may I remind you that an editor is supposed to select and edit contributions from the members and not write it all! Also remember that we are a Natural History Society and not a bird club and that items of interest on all phases of nature from our members are always welcome.

I am truly grateful for the many good observations that have been sent to the editor's desk and hope that you will continue sending them to the new editor. He (or she) will need your help.

W.M.C.