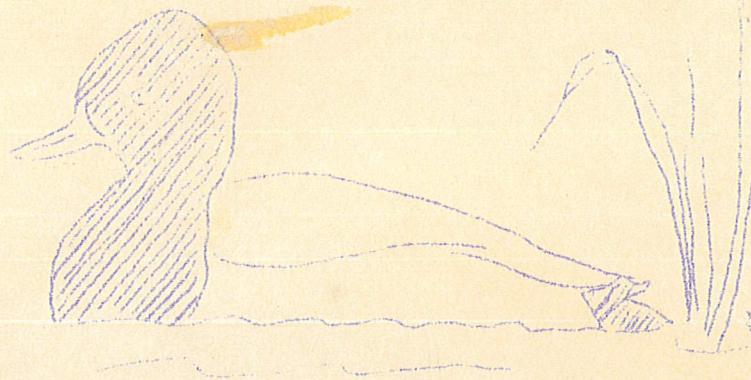


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PROGRAM FOR MAY

May 13

Annual Meeting-Election of Officers

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

Speaker: T.A. Beckett. Pollutants and the Birds.

May 18

Short Field Trip to I'on Swamp

Leave Museum 7:00 a.m. Leader: Julian Harrison

BIRD MOVEMENT IN MAY

Arrivals

1 Glossy Ibis "	5 Wilson's Petrel
2 White-rumped Sandpiper	Haird's Sandpiper
Bank Swallow	Wilson's Phalarope
4 Black Tern	Noddy Tern

12 Magnificent Frigatebird
17 Northern Phalarope
19 Audubon's Shearwater

\*\* There are earlier "unrecorded" dates

Departures

1 Canada Goose	11 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	18 Magnolia Warbler
Black Duck	Orange-crowned Warbler	19 Gadwall
Green-winged Teal	Blackburnian Warbler	Upland Plover
Ruddy Duck(?)	Vesper Sparrow	Swamp Sparrow
2 Slate-colored Junco	12 Great Black-backed Gull	20 Common Snipe
3 Pectoral Sandpiper	13 Common Loon	Lesser Yellowlegs
Hermit Thrush	14 Sora	21 Swainson's Thrush
4 Kirtland's Warbler	Roseate Tern	22 Piping Plover
5 House Wren	Myrtle Warbler	Black-thr.-Blue Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler	mid. Scarlet Tanager	Northern Waterthrush
White-crowned Sparrow	American Goldfinch	24 Veery
7 Ring-necked Duck	15 White-winged Scoter	26 Bob-o-link

<u>Departures (continued)</u>		
7 White-tailed Kite	15 Short-billed Marsh Wren	26 Red Crossbill
8 Grasshopper Sparrow	Gray-cheeked Thrush	27 Purple Sandpiper
9 Peregrin Falcon	Ovenbird	Yellow Warbler
American Golden Plover	16 Pigeon Hawk	American Redstart
10 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	17 Cape May Warbler	LeConte's Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow	Chestnut-sided Warbler	28 Common Scoter
11 Hooded Merganser	White-throated Sparrow	29 Cliff Swallow
Stilt Sandpiper	18 Red-throated Loon	Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Casuals and Accidentals		
Sooty Shearwater	Sandhill Crane	Wilson's Warbler
White-tailed Tropicbird	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Canada Warbler
Great White Heron	Hudsonian Godwit	Western Tanager
Carscara	Nashville Warbler	Rose-breasted Grosbeak

### OBSEVATIONS.

Possibly because of the very cold, late spring, no extra-early arrival dates of spring migrants have come to the editor's desk. First sightings, as far as has been reported for publication in the Scuawk are as follows. March 31<sup>st</sup> Parula Warbler, Miss Elizabeth Simons and April 1 Francis Barrington. April 2 the Metcalf report a Chuck-will's-widow. April 3 Glossy Ibis, H.A. Cutts and White Ibis the Metcalfs. April 4 Mrs. Falley, a Painted Bunting. April 13 Francis Barrington a Crested Flycatcher in his yard. The Kingbird has returned to the Coleman yard in Lawton Bluff. Its call was heard about April 1 but it was not seen and positively identified until April 10. On April 25 the Baltimore Oriole returned to the same yard. At the field trip to the Wedge and Wamka Creek on April 13, as reported in Julian Herrison's fine account of the trip, first spring records were made of the Summer Tanager, Wood Thrush, Prothonotary and Black-throated Green Warblers and the Swallow-tailed Kite.

As you can see from the list of May departures, sixty species leave us in May. Clip this list and be on the lookout for later dates. We look eagerly for first arrivals, but are prone to forget that it is just as important to know if any linger beyond the latest recorded date.

The Evening Grosbeaks, which have been here in great numbers all winter are reported as late as April 28 in a large flock at her feeder in Mrs. Falley's yard west of the Ashley. Arrival and departure dates for this bird are of particular interest as it seems to be a faintly recent winter resident in this area and is not even mentioned in *South Carolina Bird Life*.

FRANCIS MARTON WESTON

We older members who have had the benefit of his birdlore and the pleasure of his company on bird walks for many years each July when he visited his native city were saddened to learn of the death in Pensacola Florida of Francis Weston. Although he lived away from Charleston it was his birthplace and first love and he visited its woods and seashores each summer as long as he was able. A keen observer, a dedicated bird student and a delightful companion, he will be greatly missed.

### April Field Trip

Thanks to the genial hospitality of Dr. Richard B. Dominick, owner of the Wedge Plantation, a small but enthusiastic group of CNHS members and guests enjoyed what was perhaps the best outing of the season on Sunday, April 13, 1969. The weather was perfect; cool temperatures and the wind also kept away gnats, mosquitoes and deerflies so that deterrents such as "OFF" and "6-12" scarcely had to be used. Dr. Dominick is an entomologist specializing in the moths and butterflies of South Carolina, particularly the McClellanville area. A tour of the laboratory facilities and collections proved most interesting especially when it was revealed that Dr. Dominick and his associates are collaborating with entomologists from three universities in the preparation of a multi-columned technical work on the moths of North America. (A field guide is contemplated for the future.). One point of interest was the recent discovery of several cocoons of the moth, Callosamia carolina, a species not observed in our state since its description (based on specimens from the Summerville area) in 1907. The cocoon of this moth is unusual in that it is always (as far as known) attached to twigs of bay, Magnolia virginiana. Members are urged to keep an eye out for these cocoons (found during the winter) and to take a sample of the plant to which they are attached. The cocoon and plant specimen should be sent to Dr. Dominick. After our tour of the laboratory, Dr. Dominick then escorted the group to various points of interest on the plantation. Birds of interest noted were: Red-cockaded Wood-pecker, Summer Tanager, Purple Martins, Bald Eagle, Common Gallinules, Glossy Ibises, and a pair of Ospreys on their nest. The nest of the Bald Eagles which nested here (unsuccessfully) earlier this season was also seen by the group.

A high point of the day came when the group left the Wedge at luncheon and visited the bridge (now a new concrete one!) over Wambaw Creek. Between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at least three Swallow-tailed Kites were observed soaring over the bridge several times at very close range. Excellent views of this magnificent bird were afforded to all. A possible immature Mississippi Kite, Prothonotary Warblers, and a Black-throated Green Warbler were also seen or heard along Wambaw Creek.

An early morning stop at the first bridge on I'On Swamp Road en route to the Wedge proved disappointing. A few Hooded Warblers, Red-eyed, white-eyed, and yellow-throated vireos were among those birds noted, but unfortunately few of these could be observed at close range.

Members and guests attending were: Meg Frances Brewster, Edwin Ulitch, Francis Barrington, Mrs. Louise Button, Mrs. Leonard Glover, Dr. Kenneth Herbert, Mrs. Jack Jager, Anne Richardson, Mrs. R.H. Coleman, Perry Nugent, Al Sanders, Edward Murray, and Julian Harrison.

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### Ornithology at The College of Charleston

A course in ornithology (Biology 234) will be offered for the second time at the College of Charleston's Grice Marine Laboratory this summer, July 21 - August 22. The course will emphasize identification, classification, behavior and ecology of local species. Information concerning fees, transportation, credit, prerequisites, and schedules may be obtained from Drs Julian Harrison, Harry Freeman and E.E. Towell, Dean.