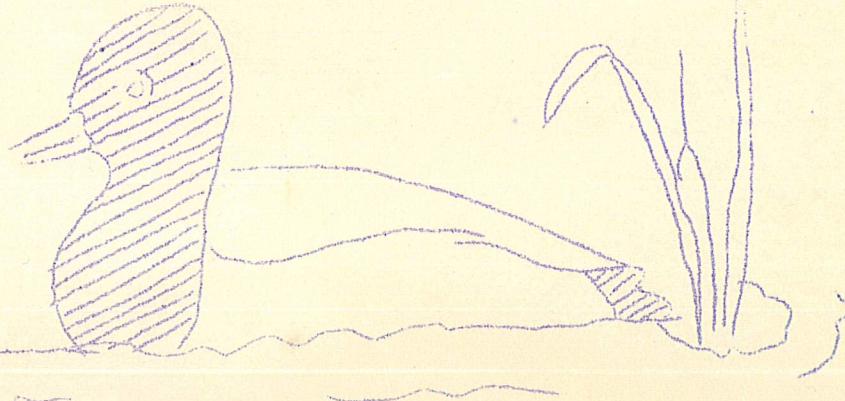


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PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

November 12

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

Speaker: Miss Sallie Carrington. Wildflowers-Slides

November 17

Baruch Foundation Bird Census

Bellefield Plantation

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BIRD MOVEMENT IN NOVEMBER

(in the Charleston area)

Arrivals.

1 Sprague's Pipit
Fox Sparrow
2 Broad-winged Hawk
(Coleman)^o
3 White-winged Scoter
Ipswich Sparrow
4 Common Goldeneye
Snow Bunting
5 Parasitic Jaeger

8 Old Squaw
12 Fulvous Tree Duck (Dick)^o
G'T Black-backed Gull (Dick)^o
16 Bufflehead
Golden Eagle
17 Rough-legged Hawk
19 Glaucous Gull
Baltimore Oriole
(The Barringtons)

20 Red Crossbill
24 Common Merganser
Saw-whet Owl
28 Cinnamon Teal
European Widgeon
30 Brant
? Horned Lark

2 Gray-cheeked Thrush
3 Purple Martin
Cape May Warbler
4 Blk-thr. Blue Warbler
American Redstart
5 Chimney Swift
Painted Bunting

6 Scissors-tailed Flycatcher
7 Red-eyed Vireo
Worm-eating Warbler
10 Indigo Bunting
11 Yellow-breasted Chat
12 Magnolia Warbler
14 Magnificent Frigatebird

14 Blackpoll Warbler
18 Solitary Sandpiper
20 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
21 Veery
24 Sprague's Pipit
? Swallow-tailed Kite
? Wilson's Phalarope

Swainson's Hawk
Sandhill Crane

Casuals and Accidentals.
Pomarine Jaeger
Northern Waterthrush

Hooded Warbler (Coleman)^o
Wilson's Warbler

*When the date is not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given

BARUCH FOUNDATION BIRD CENSUS.

The bird count this year at Bellefield Plantation will be a more serious census than we have taken in the past. For this reason we are asking the following people to please attend and to notify Dr. Harry Freeman of your acceptance to participate.

E. B. Chamberlain	N. A. Chamberlain	T. A. Beckett
Ted Metcalf	E. Blitch	E. R. Cuthbert
David Yount	Mrs. W. Coleman	Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Coleman
Capt. & Mrs. Smith	Miss Ruth Clements	H. Freeman
Miss E. Simons	Mrs. Miles	Mrs. Button
Mrs. Richardson	Mrs. Glover	E. C. Clyde
J. Harrison		

In addition there are 10 vacancies for others who wish to help. If you are interested in one of these ten positions notify Dr. Freeman, 1340 Bluebird Dr., Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464 by November 10.

Participants will meet at the Piggly Wiggly at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 17 and S.C. Hwy. 703 at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Harry W. Freeman, Leader.

AUDUBON SOCIETY.

The Executive Committee of the Charleston Natural Society met in special session October 15 to discuss a proposal that the Society merge with Audubon Society members in the Charleston area to form a Charleston Chapter of the Audubon Society.

The Executive Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such an alliance and determined that the membership of our Society must be given the opportunity to vote on this proposal.

Briefly, if our Society joins with the Audubon group, the name, "Charleston Natural History Society", would be discontinued, and annual dues would be somewhat higher.

On the other hand, as members of a local Audubon group, our Society members would have the aid of the National Audubon Society in taking a more active part in conservation of wildlife and the continuous fight to maintain habitats in the Charleston area.

This is a serious decision, and the Executive Committee urges every member of our Society to give it serious consideration.

The matter will be discussed openly at the Society's next meeting, November 12. We urge you to attend.

A ballot will be printed in the next issue of Lesser Squawk so that all members can vote on whether we should join with the Audubon group, or retain the Charleston Natural Society as a separate organization.

Ernest Cutts, President
For the Executive Committee

BIRD PAINTINGS.

An exhibition of bird paintings by our artist member, Anne Richardson may be seen at the Gibbs Art Gallery until November 10. Don't fail to see them.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP.

Members and guests who attended the short field trip to the Mt. Pleasant causeway on October 13, 1968, were treated to a mild balmy day, but few birds of especial interest. Easterly winds had prevented the expected low water level earlier that morning, so sand and mud flats were scarcely exposed. About 21 species were observed over a period of about an hour and a half. Those noted were: Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Snowy Egret, Clapper Rail, Oystercatcher, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Willet, Knot, Dowitcher, Marbled Godwit, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, Black Skimmer, Belted Kingfisher, Tree Swallow, Redwing Blackbird, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Seaside Sparrow. A discordant note was the apparent increase in the number of fishermen using the causeway (particularly on weekends), a factor which may discourage the presence of birds even under more favorable conditions. Perhaps it is wise to consider alternate locations for future trips of this type. One possibility would be the College of Charleston property at Fort Johnson, which not only offers sand mud flats on the harbor, but a variety of other habitats as well. Those taking part in the trip were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bair, Dr. I. Lockard, Louise Goldthorpe, Mrs. Jane Clarke, Frances W. Brewster, Ruth Clements, M. A. Retallack, W. M. Coleman, Mabel Wichman, Leila Miles, Jean, Coleman, Capt. and Mrs. L. S. Smith, Edmund Cuthbert, L. M. Button, David Yount, Al Sanders, J. R. Harrison.

J.R.H.

NOTES FROM ADAM'S RUN.

The following nice notes have been received from our faithful birder in Adam's Run. Dear Mrs. Coleman:

Here are some sightings from my place recently.

On September 24th I was watching some mockers and a catbird feeding on the berries of a black gum (or tupelo ?) tree. Another bird joined them. The spotted breast immediately identified it as a thrush; the throat was buffy, and it had a conspicuous eye-ring which was definitely buffy. There was no rustiness anywhere on its back. It was very shy. I could find no description that matched it except that of the Olive-backed Thrush. (Now called Swainson's, the editor)

Earlier on the same morning I entered a sparse thicket at the edge of a clearing and was immediately scolded at by a heavily-streaked, sparrow-sized bird sitting on a limb about 1² feet off the ground. Its crown was orange-y between two dark stripes, but its bill was slender and its legs seemed too, long and pink. He was very alarmed by my presence, and another which I didn't see, scolded near by. I watched him in a good light at close range-maybe 20 feet- for at least five minutes. This could have been nothing but an Ovnibird.

On September 15 I found a Veery whose faint breast spotting and tawney back were easy to identify.

On October 5th I observed a Black-throated Blue Warbler flitting about in a pin oak at fairly close range and in good light for several minutes.

The Sapsucker arrived here on the 5th of October, too. There are many bluebirds around, especially in the open pineland down the road from us.

Looking forward to seeing you all in November.

Sincerely, Dorothy Glover.

Francis Barrington reports the first White-throated Sparrow of the season at his feeder on October 21. Redstarts were still in his yard on that date. Riverland Terrace on the Stone River.

IN MEMORIAM

Word comes as we go to press of the death on Sunday, October 27th of our long time member, dear friend, good companion and past president

Louise Smith Barrington

A true scientist, dedicated birder and botanist, knowledgable as well in the creatures of the beach and the stars of the heavens, no aspect of nature was too great or too small for her eager interest. Her beautiful color photography and carefully prepared talks have many times enriched our programs. She will be sorely missed.