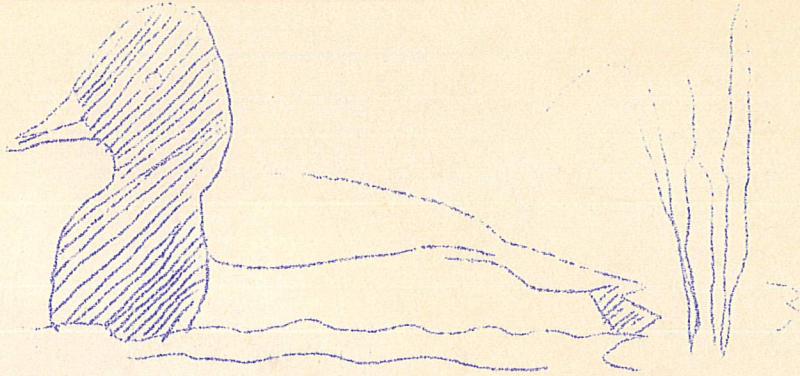


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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

October 10-10

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

Speaker: John Henry Dick. Color Slides

October 15

Short trip: Mt. Pleasant Causeway. Meet Museum 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Ted Metcalf

BIRD MOVEMENT IN OCTOBER  
(In the Charleston area)

Arrivals

2 Gannet  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Brown Creeper  
White-throated Sparrow  
4 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Western Kingbird  
(Mrs. A. W. Bachman)<sup>o</sup>  
Slate-colored Junco  
Kirkland's Warbler  
5 Green-winged Teal  
Ruddy Duck (PR ?)  
American Avocet  
7 Canada Goose  
8 Purple Finch

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 9 White-crowned Sparrow       | 20 Lesser Scaup     |
| 10 Red-necked Grebe           | 21 Ring-neck Duck   |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet        | Henslow's Sparrow   |
| 11 Common Scoter              | 22 Whistling Swan   |
| Bonaparte's Gull (R. Coleman) | 23 Long-eared Owl   |
| 13 Solitary Vireo             | 24 Surf Scoter      |
| Savannah Sparrow              | 25 Horned Grebe     |
| 15 Red-throated Loon          | Leconte's Sparrow   |
| Yellow Rail                   | 26 Snowy Owl        |
| 16 Snow Goose                 | Short-eared Owl     |
| 17 Common Loon                | 29 Hooded Merganser |
| Robin                         | 31 Canvasback       |
| 18 Hermit Thrush              | Greater Scaup       |
| 19 Rusty Blackbird            | Pine Siskin         |
| 1st. week Blue Goose          |                     |

|   | <u>Departures</u>           |                           |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6   |                             |                           |
| 6 Bl. & White Warbler                       | 16 Eastern Kingbird         | 26 Chestnut-sided Warbler |
| 7 Chuck-will's widow<br>(B.R. Chamberlain)* | 17 Wilson's Plover          | 27 Swainson's Warbler     |
| 9 Black Tern<br>Acadian Flycatcher          | 19 Black-thr. Green Warbler | 28 Upland Plover          |
| 14 Roseate Spoonbill<br>Summer Tanager      | 20 White-rumped Sandpiper   | Least Tern                |
| 15 Rough-winged Swallow<br>Hooded Warbler   | Stilt Sandpiper             | Cliff Swallow             |
| Blue Grosbeak                               | 22 Wood Thrush              | Parula Warbler            |
| Lark Sparrow                                | Blackburnian Warbler        | 29 Yellow Warbler         |
| 16 Gull-billed Tern<br>(Field Party)*       | Northern Waterthrush        | Kirkland's Warbler        |
|   | 23 Mississippi Kite         | 30 Pectoral Sandpiper     |
|   | 24 Kentucky Warbler         | Sandwich Tern             |
|   | 25 Black-bellied Cuckoo     | ? Purple Gallinule        |
|   | Northern Phalarope          | ? Roseate Tern            |
|   | 26 Great Crested Flycatcher | 30 Eastern Wood Pewee     |

Casuals and Accidentals

|                 |                       |                        |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Great Cormorant | Tennessee Warbler     | Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| Sandhill Crane  | Wheatear (A. Simons)* | Clay-colored Sparrow   |
|                 | Bay-breasted Warbler  |                        |

\*When the dates are not taken from South Carolina Bird Life the authority is given.

## 1967 DUES-Dues-DUES. 1968

Dues for the coming season are payable in October. Bills will be found in this issue of the Lesser Squawk. Mail them to the Treasurer, Mrs. L. S. Smith, Jr. 1068 Northbridge Dr., or bring them to the meeting. Members in areas for more than one year and not paying by December will be dropped from the rolls. So, if you forgot last year and wish to continue as a member, please pay up in full by then. We don't want to lose you.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERSKINGFISHERS

Ernest Cutts sends the following notes about kingfishers.

In the latest issue of The Lesser Squawk you ask if anyone has seen the Belted Kingfisher in the months of May and June.

Yep, I see them quite frequently during these months at Edgewater Par on the Stono River and along Eliot's Cut.

The Kingfishers nest in Elliot's Cut, and have for many years, along with an occasional pair of Rough-wing Swallows.

We have found several nests in burrows in the high banks that line both sides of the Cut, and extend down Wappoo Creek on the Riverland Terrace side almost to Wappoo Bridge.

I have not looked for Kingfisher nests there in the last three or four years, but the birds are evident so I presume they are still using the banks as a nesting site.

And from Mrs. Leonard Glover of Adam's Run these interesting notes.

You wanted some Kingfisher records. On May 19th at a little creek between Rantowles and Ravenel, I saw one in the early morning on the wires over the bridge. On July 25, one was on the wires near Wallace Pond, on the 26th at that same creek, on the 27th at the marsh just south of the viaduct near Jenkins Nursery. These, too, were early morning records. On July 29th, late in the afternoon, one was on the wire near Wallace Pond.

IVORY-BILLED

Ivory-billed Woodpeckers keep popping up, in the news that is, and Mrs. Glover sends this item. My sister sent me a clipping from a Richmond Virginia paper about the discovery of several pairs of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in eastern Texas. They were identified and are being noted by a noted expert on woodpeckers, John V. Dennis of Leesburg, who believes these birds may also be found along the Congaree River here in South Carolina as well as in certain places in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama." Mrs. Glover says, "I am delighted to learn that these birds are not extinct and hope they do make a comeback!"

Our local experts are frankly skeptical.

OBSERVATIONS

Louise Barrington sends in this early date for the Black and White Warbler. Sept. 6 in her yard in Riverland Terrace. The Status of the Black and White is still unsettled. Does it nest on the coast? The Barringtons have records for every month except June. Louise also sends in these other records. First observation of Redstart, August 29, a female, and has seen them daily up to Sept. 11 when she sent her report. On Sept. 14 a female Baltimore Oriole. On Sept. 16 a Veery which lingered until Sept. 23. On Sept. 17 first Catbird, Sept. 18 Swainson's Thrush, Sept. 17 immature male Rose-breasted Grosbeak, the brilliant rose lining of the wings very striking.

Leila Miles reports that her neighbor, Mrs. Murner, saw a female Baltimore Oriole in the Miles yard in Summerville on Sept. 18 and that Mrs. E. R. Cuthbert, Sr. also of Summerville had one female B. Oriole in her yard on Sept. 6 which was later joined by several more.

THE SKY-WATCHERS' GUIDE

For enthusiastic Sky-Watchers, willing to rise about three hours before the sun in order to follow through from an unobstructed vantage point, October offers a rewarding experience. On the morning of the 18th, there will be a total eclipse of the moon. At 3:10 a.m. E.D.T., the moon will enter the penumbra, or outer shadow of the earth. However, it will be about an hour and a quarter later that the first "bite" will appear at the edge of the moon's face. At this time, the moon will be fairly high in the southwest, in the constellation of Pisces. Totality will begin at 5:45, and will end just at sunrise.

Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation on October 9, 25 degrees from the sun. On that day it will set about 50 minutes after the sun. Mars, low in the southwest in the evening, sets about three hours after the sun. Over the eastern horizon, Saturn appears shortly after sunset, and on the evening of October 16, it will be occulted by the moon. The planet will appear, at first, to be very close to the east side of the moon. Suddenly, it will disappear behind the moon, and reappear to the west of it about 1 1/4 minutes later.

Two of the planets appear in the early morning sky. Jupiter rises about 4 hours before the sun, and a half hour later, brilliant Venus follows.

The first Planetarium showing of the season will be held on October 16, at 8:00 p.m. "FROM COUNTDOWN TO PLUTO" IS THE TOPIC

Elizabeth D. Simons.

ACTIVITIES FOR 1967-1968

1967

Oct.10 Regular Meeting - Speaker John Henry Dick. Color Slides

Oct.15 (Sun) Short Field Trip- Mt.Pleasant Causeway- Leader Ted Metcalf.

Nov.14 Meeting - Speaker Dr.David Yount - Trinidad

Nov.(19 (Sun.) Long Trip - Bellefield Plantation. Leaders: Norman Chamberlain, Harry Freeman

December - No meeting

Dec.30 (Sat) Christmas Bird Count- Leader Burnham Chamberlain

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Jan.9 Meeting. Speaker- Charles Bearden - Marine Life

Jan.13 (Sat) Long Field Trip- Santee Refuge. Leaders Mrs.Lois Boscher, Mr.Martin

Fe.13 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30

Regular Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Feb.18 (Sun) Long Trip Dean Hall and environs. Leaders The Belkoaps

Mar.12 Meeting. Speaker:Dr.Dominick

Mar.16 (Sat) Long Trip Bull's Island. Leader Chamberlain

Apr.9 Meeting. Speaker:Dr.Fassiliotis- Insects

Apr.20 (Sat) Annual Spring Bird Count. Leader E.B.Chamberlain

May 14 Annual Meeting- Election of officers. Speaker:Albert Sanders-Reptiles

May 19 Short Trip Bee's Ferry Road,Cawcaw. Leader W.Coleman

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June,Executive Committee Meeting.

Above is the proposed program for the coming year. Each month's program and field trip will be published in the Lesser Squawk for that month, giving time and meeting place for each trip. Keep this list and select those trips which appeal to you. We hope you will come to all the meetings and as many field trips as possible. Any changes in trips or programs will be announced in advance.

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome these new members and hope to see them at all the meetings and trips.

David Cupka  
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