

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club for 1907

January 3, 1907. Annual Meeting. Thirty-five members present. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of: President, William A. Shryock; Vice-President, Samuel C. Palmer; Secretary, Herbert L. Coggins; Treasurer, Stewardson Brown. The resignations of Dr. A. P. Fellows and Bruce P. Tyler, associates, were read and accepted.

Mr. Rehn reviewed the more important ornithological publications of the year; and Mr. Coggins followed with remarks upon "Some Contemporary Ornithologists" in which the officers and active members of the club received attention. A light collation followed, in accordance with the custom of making the annual meeting essentially a social affair.

January 17, 1907. Twenty-one members present. Mr. Morris read a paper on the "Life of William Bartram" [see CASSINIA, 1906]. Mr. Stone called attention to Canon Tristram's collection of birds recently acquired by the Academy, a portion of which was on exhibition.

February 7, 1907. Twenty-one members present. Mr. Brown spoke on "The Birds of the Canadian Rockies" observed during June and July, 1906, while on a botanical trip to British Columbia.

Mr. Rhoads reported Bluebirds (*Sialia sialis*) at Haddonfield, N. J., Feb. 4, and Mr. Morris described a search for a crow roost near Doylestown, Pa.

February 21, 1907. Twenty-three members present. Mr. S. N. Rhoads read extracts from letters received from Mr. R. B. Simpson of Warren, Pa., relative to the bird life of that vicinity. The Solitary Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*); Morning Warbler (*Geothly-*

pis philadelphia); Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens*); Blackburnian Warbler (*D. blackburniae*); Winter Wren (*Olbiorchilus hiemalis*); Wilson's Thrush (*Hylocichla fuscescens*); Olive-backed Thrush (*H. u. swainsoni*) and Hermit Thrush (*H. g. pallasii*) were mentioned as summer residents, and in Forest County Mr. Simpson had found the Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) in midsummer.

A note from Mr. Harlow was read recording the presence of a flock of about 800 Redpolls (*Acanthis linaria*) at Camp Hill, Pa., several of which had been secured.

Mr. Harrower reported a Myrtle Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) at Ridley Park January 5, and a Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) at Swarthmore January 12.

March 7, 1907. Twenty-two members present. This being the meeting for spring election of members the following were elected Associates: Francis W. Rawle, Samuel C. Scoville and William M. Strang.

Dr. Trotter gave an interesting talk upon "British Birds" based upon his visit to England in the summer of 1906. He contrasted the bird life with that of Pennsylvania and also touched upon birds in English literature, and his interest in seeing various species in the same haunts that the famous writers and poets of England had described them.

Mr. Rehn recorded a Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) near West Creek, N. J., February 22.

Dr. Jack stated that Robins (*Merula migratoria*) had been observed near Media every Sunday during the winter.

Mr. Baily reported a Woodcock (*Philohela minor*); Robin (*Merula migratoria*); Flicker (*Colaptes auratus luteus*) and eight Bluebirds (*Sialia sialis*) at Ardmore on March 3, and stated that he believed this to be an indication of spring migration. Mr. Rhoads differed from Mr. Baily. He regarded all these birds as winter residents and thought that as yet no migratory movement had occurred in the Delaware Valley; he further stated that in all his experience this was the first season in which there had not been marked migration previous to the present date.

March 21, 1907. Twenty-five members present. Mr. Hunt described two trips made during the past summer, one to Lake Sebago, Maine, and the other a canoe voyage up the Rancocas Creek, N. J., and commented upon the bird life of the two regions.

Mr. Rehn spoke of the distribution, history and relative abundance of West Indian Parrots and the extinction of several species.

April 4, 1907. Twenty-five members present. Mr. Stone gave a talk upon the winter homes of our commoner birds and their probable lines of migration.

A letter from Mr. Harlow described the continued presence of a pair of Short-eared Owls (*Asio accipitrinus*) at Edge Hill and their mating; all efforts to discover a nest failed.

April 18, 1907. Twenty-six members present. A letter was read announcing the death of Mr. Fredk. N. Owen, an Associate, December 27, 1905. Mr. Owen had been absent from the city for some years.

Mr. Wm. L. Baily described in detail the home life and habits of the Night Hawk (*Chordeiles virginianus*) and the Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*) illustrating his remarks by some beautiful lantern slides.

May 2, 1907. Twenty-two members present. Mr. Harlow described the nesting of a pair of Duck Hawks (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) on the Nockamixon cliffs along the Delaware, near Holland Sta. in Bucks Co., Pa., April 18, 1907. The nest was inaccessible, but from the difficulty experienced in trying to flush the female, he judged that she was incubating.

May 16, 1907. Seventeen members present. A general discussion was held on the Wild Pigeon (*Ectopistis migratorius*). Mr. E. W. Woolman recalled a very large flock that he had seen passing over Hestonville (now part of West Philadelphia) in 1850. The last specimen he secured was in the Lazaretto woods at Tincum, Delaware Co., Pa., in 1869.

In a letter Mr. Pennock stated that he had seen small flocks every year at Kennett Square, Pa., from 1869 to 1873.

Mr. Stone presented a summary of specimens shot in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey so far as known to him, viz:

Frankford, Phila., Pa.,	July, 1878,	W. L. Collins.
Englewood, N. J.,	Sept., 1878,	F. M. Chapman.
Haddonfield, N. J.,	Mar. 22, 1879,	W. L. Abbott.
Marple, Del. Co., Pa.,	Oct. 2, 1881,	S. N. Rhoads.
Olney, Phila., Pa.,	Sept., 1885,	G. S. Morris.
Birmingham, Chester Co., Pa.,	Sept. 1, 1886,	T. H. Montgomery, Jr.
West Goshen, Chester Co., Pa.,	Sept. 9, 1887,	“ “
Morristown, N. J.,	Oct. 7, 1893,	A. B. Frost.
Canadensis, Monroe Co., Pa.,	Oct. 23, 1895,	Geo. H. Stuart.

A mounted group of seven specimens just purchased by the Academy of Natural Sciences was on exhibition. These were known to have been secured in this immediate vicinity but were without further data.

October 3, 1907. Twenty-seven members present. The resignation of Herbert L. Coggins from the secretaryship was accepted with regret and Chreswell J. Hunt was chosen for the unexpired term. The failure of Mr. Coggins' health necessitated an indefinite sojourn in the West.

Messrs. Stone and Keim described the "Bird Life of Garrett County, Maryland." As guests of Mr. Herman Behr they spent three days at Jennings, on the high mountains a few miles south of the border of Somerset Co., Penna. Most of the boreal birds of the Pennsylvania mountains occur at this point, but the Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) and Tufted Tit (*Baeolophus bicolor*) pushed much farther up than they do on the Pennsylvania Alleghanies and often occur at least casually above the boreal species where the conditions are favorable.

A Raven's nest previously located by Mr. Behr was secured for the club collection. The birds had for some reason deserted it before the eggs were laid, though the nest was entirely com-

pleted. The Raven of this region is supposed to be *Corvus corax principalis*.

Mr. Harlow recorded a flock of Black Terns (*Hydrochelidon nigra surinamensis*) on the Delaware river above Philadelphia September 5; several were secured. Some Common Terns (*Sterna hirundo*) were noticed at the same time.

Mr. Baily reported finding a White-throated Sparrow's nest June 20 at Pocono Lake, Monroe Co., Pa.

October 17, 1907. Twenty-three members present. Mr. Rhoads under the title of "Bird Glimpses in Gilbert White's Country," described his experiences with British birds during the past summer. He had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Bowdler Sharpe at Selbourne. Mr. Rhoads considered that most of the birds famed in literature were far overrated when studied apart from their surroundings and their associations. The Starling he considered as very justly debarred from America and a most undesirable bird.

November 7, 1907. Twenty-two members present. Mr. Isaac P. Miller was elected an Associate and Mr. R. B. Simpson of Warren, Pa., a Corresponding member.

Mr. Rehn described the birds observed while on an entomological collecting trip through southern New Mexico and Arizona during July, 1907. Comments followed by Mr. Rhoads who passed through the same country in 1891.

Mr. Morris stated that he considered that the Mourning Dove was increasing about Olney, Pa., and Mr. Rhoads thought the same might be said with reference to Haddonfield, N. J.

November 21, 1907. Fifteen members present. Mr. W. E. Roberts read a paper on "Birds of Loon Lake, Franklin Co., N. Y.," where he had spent July and August, 1907.

A letter from Mr. Strang reported the capture of a Saw-whet Owl and Florida Gallinule at Camden, N. J.

December 5, 1907. Twenty-seven members present. John D. Carter described "A Ten Days' Tramp Through the White

Mountains." The most interesting feature was his careful study of the songs of the Thrushes. The Olive-backed and the Bicknell's were frequently seen and heard, and Mr. Carter stated that the Pocono Mountain Thrush previously referred to as possibly Bicknell's was unquestionably the Olive-backed.

December 19, 1907. Eighteen members present. Mr. Pen-nock read a paper entitled "The South Shore of Indian River, Delaware" (see *antea*, pp. 28-43).

William B. Evans reported a Cardinal feeding upon the berries of the Virginia Creeper.