

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley
Ornithological Club, 1913

January 2, 1913. Twenty-third Annual Meeting. Thirty-five members and two visitors present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President. Stewardson Brown.

Vice-President. Henry W. Fowler.

Secretary. J. Fletcher Street.

Treasurer. Samuel C. Palmer.

Dr. Stone made some remarks on various North-American birds now nearly or quite extinct.

Dr. Spencer Trotter gave an account of a trip to Rehoboth, Delaware, where three Arkansas Kingbirds were observed. Mr. Pennock exhibited two specimens secured on this trip, Dec. 31, 1912. The meeting adjourned to the annual collation.

January 16, 1913. Eighteen members present. Mr. Robert Bradford was proposed for associate membership.

The following standing committees were appointed to serve during 1913 :

On Publication. Cope, Moore and Morris.

On Field Work. Baily, Rhoads and Street.

Dr. Spencer Trotter addressed the Club upon the "Birds of the Orkney Islands". The islands were described as practically treeless and consisting of rolling moorlands with numerous lochs. Characteristic birds were described.

February 6, 1913. Fifteen members present. Mr. Samuel C. Palmer gave an interesting account of the "Birds of Moose Pond, Maine." A detailed list of birds was given.

February 20, 1913. One visitor and sixteen members present. Messrs. George B. Benners, Archibald Benners and Delos P.

Culver were proposed for associate membership. Mr. B. S. Bowdish was proposed for corresponding membership. A resolution in the interest of bird protection was passed by the Club, that it might be presented to the Pennsylvania state legislature.

Mr. William E. Roberts discoursed upon the "New Britain Crow Roost". Mention was made of the change in locality of the roost.

March 6, 1913. Eighteen members present. Messrs. Robert Bradford, Delos E. Culver, George B. Benners and Archibald Benners were elected to associate membership. Mr. B. S. Bowdish was elected a corresponding member. An amendment to Article 1, Section 1 of the By-Laws was offered.

Mr. Arthur C. Emler made a communication entitled "More about the Breeding Distribution Maps". The results presented constitute an important contribution to the knowledge of the geographical distribution of our local species.

March 20, 1913. Five visitors and twenty-five members present. An amendment to Article 1, Section 1 of the By-laws was adopted. This section as amended now reads: Active members shall be limited to twenty in number in addition to the ex-presidents.

Mr. William L. Baily spoke upon the subject "Some Birds of Pelican Island, Florida". The talk was beautifully illustrated with lantern slides. One of these showed a fine specimen of the White Pelican. Frigate Birds, Sanderlings, Skimmers and Least Sandpipers were mentioned as being common to the locality.

April 3, 1913. Twenty-one members present. Mr. John D. Carter gave an interesting talk upon "Difficulties with the Beach Birds". The speaker's description of the voice, color and actions of the several common species were much appreciated. Observations were made principally in the vicinity of Atlantic City, N. J., and such species as the Pectoral Sandpiper, Dowitcher and Great White Egret were observed.

April 17, 1913. Two visitors and twenty-one members present. Mr. Henry S. Borneman was proposed for associate membership.

Mr. Robert T. Moore addressed the Club upon the subject "Notes on Bird Songs". This paper constituted the most valuable contribution ever presented before the Club upon this subject. The speaker explained how the pitch and value of bird tones could be accurately obtained through the use of several musical instruments. The song birds were classified as singers of several song phases. Each group was described in detail.

May 1, 1913. Twenty-five members present. Mr. Joseph S. Evans was proposed for associate membership.

Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads addressed the Club upon the subject "Bird Song versus Bird Music". The speaker quoted several books upon bird song and suggested that Thomas Nuttall was the first to study seriously the songs of American birds.

May 15, 1913. One visitor and twenty-one members present. The untimely death of William B. Crispin was reported. Mr. James A. G. Rehn gave an interesting account of "Some Birds of Texas and the Florida Keys". The speaker mentioned among the species observed among the Florida Keys such birds as White Heron, Gray Kingbird and Black-necked Stilt.

October 3, 1913. Two visitors and twenty-one members present. The death of Elmer Onderdonk was announced. Mr. W. H. Liebelsperger was proposed for associate membership.

Under the subject, "The Snow Hill Bird Roost", Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads described a very interesting general bird roost, situated in a growth of oak, maple and scrub pine. The roost was said to have been occupied for sixteen years. Grackles, Red-wings, Cowbirds, Nighthawks, Starlings, Flickers, Robins, Thrushes and Doves were noted and described.

October 16, 1913. One visitor and nineteen members present. Messrs. David G. Baird, Samuel Mason, Jr., William Henry

Newbold and Dr. Max M. Peet were proposed for associate membership. Messers. George W. Stuart and Julian K. Potter were proposed for active membership.

Under the subject, "Wilson's Phalarope at Pocono Lake", Mr. John D. Carter described the finding of this exceedingly uncommon species upon the waters of Pocono Lake. This observation is noteworthy in being the first of the species recorded from Pennsylvania. Mr. Stone outlined some "Valuable Recent Additions to the Academy's Collection".

November 6, 1913. One visitor and eighteen members present. Messers. Arthur C. Emlen, George W. Stuart and Julian K. Potter were elected to active membership. David G. Baird, Samuel Mason, Jr., Joseph S. Evans, William Henry Newbold, Dr. Max M. Peet, Henry S. Borneman and Donald S. Sherrerd were elected to associate membership. Mr. W. H. Liebelsperger was elected a corresponding member.

Mr. Julian K. Potter presented a communication entitled "A Week with the Birds at Lord's Valley, Pa". A detailed account of the species observed there was given.

November 20, 1913. Two visitors and twenty members were present. An interesting paper was read by Dr. Spencer Trotter upon the "Relation of Birds to Seasonal Conditions". The whole subject of migration and its contributory causes was freely discussed. Dr. Stone followed with a verbal report upon the proceedings of the recent Convention of the American Ornithologists Union held in New York City.

December 4, 1913. One visitor and nineteen members present. Mr. Harold M. Harrower was proposed for associate membership. The first portion of the meeting was held in conjunction with the Ornithological Section of the Academy, the report of Dr. Stone as conservator being read.

Before the Club's scientific session Dr. Stone read a paper on Alexander Wilson, the present year being the one-hundredth anniversary of Wilson's death.

December 18, 1913. One visitor and twenty-two members present. Mr. L. Carum was proposed for associate membership.

Mr. Henry W. Fowler addressed the Club upon the subject, "Some Local Fish-Eating Birds". The subject was treated from an ichthyological point of view from data prepared through the examination of the stomachs of birds. Mr. J. Fletcher Street followed with a paper entitled "Random Notes on the Food of Birds", reading from extracts, which described the feeding of several species under various conditions.