

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1914

January 1, 1914. New Year's Day. Meeting omitted.

January 15, 1914. Twenty-fourth annual meeting. Thirty-seven members and one visitor 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.

The following standing committees were appointed: On Publication, Cope, Moore and Morris; on Field Trips, Street, Rhoads and Stuart; on Migration, Potter, Carter and Stone.

Dr. Stone addressed the Club upon "Present Day Aspects of Ornithology". The speaker reviewed the work of the ornithologists of the past generations and outlined the branches of the subject yet to be mastered.

February 5, 1914. Twenty-one members and one visitor present. Mr. George Harding, upon invitation of Mr. Morris, spoke upon the subject "Birds of the Eastern Archipelago". The fauna of the islands comprising the lower part of the Eastern Archipelago, including Australia, Tasmania, New Guinea and Java, was described.

February 19, 1914. One visitor and sixteen members present. Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads made a communication entitled "Then and Now; or Forty Years of Bird Life in our Village". The speaker's remarks pertained to the relation of the birds of Haddonfield N. J. to former and present-day environments.

As a new feature of the Club's activity Dr. Spencer Trotter gave a general review of the articles contained in the January *Auk*.

March 5, 1914. One visitor and twenty-two members present. Mr. Edward L. Caum, Swarthmore, Pa., was elected to associate membership. Dr. Max M. Peet addressed the meeting upon "Some Recent Theories of Bird Migration". An outline of all the important theories upon the subject was given.

March 19, 1914. One visitor and twenty-one members present. Mr. Arthur C. Emlen spoke upon the subject "Among the Birds of Manatee County, Florida". A detailed list of the birds common to the locality was given.

April 2, 1914. One visitor and eighteen members present. Dr. Samuel C. Palmer gave an interesting talk upon "The Relation of Color to Bird Plumage". The speaker described the localization of color as due to several causes, such as the presence of pigment in the feather, mechanical refraction and prismatic forms.

April 16, 1914. One visitor and twenty-nine members present. Mr. Samuel Mason, Jr., read a paper entitled "Notes on the Nesting of the Vesper Sparrow", giving a detailed account of the incubation and feeding of the young. Dr. Stone, gave a review of the proceedings of the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held at Washington.

May 7, 1914. Two visitors and twenty-three members present. Mr. Robert T. Moore addressed the Club upon the subject, "Notes on the Songs of the Hermit Thrush". Individuals of this species were said to possess as many as nine distinct song-phrases. The sequence of these various forms was explained.

May 21, 1914. Seventeen members present. Mr. Philip E. Howard, Swarthmore Pa. was nominated for associate membership. Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads spoke upon the subject "My Clarina". His remarks were descriptive of a captive specimen of the Spanish-American Thrush commonly known as "Clarina". The speaker expressed his belief that the song of this

species surpasses that of any other bird in the world. The quarterly review of the Auk was made by Mr. Morris.

October 1, 1914. Three visitors and twenty-one members present. The names of J. W. Mercur, Jr., Wallingford, Pa., Henry F. Fry, 224 W. Manheim St., Germantown and Edward L. Wildman, 4431 Osage Ave., Philadelphia, were proposed for associate membership.

Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., spoke upon the topic, "Bird Notes of a Novice". The general advantages to be derived through bird study were dwelt upon. Under general discussion Cheney, Marple, Rushland and Doylestown were cited as nesting stations of the Bobolink.

October 15, 1914. One visitor and twenty-one members present. The names of Dr. B. W. Mitchell, 4326 Pine St., and Edward Norris, St. Martins, Chestnut Hill, were proposed for associate membership.

Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads spoke upon the subject, "A Sunday at Homewood". Homewood, as explained, is the name of Mr. Rhoads's estate at Haddonfield, N. J. The speaker's remarks related to the flora and fauna of the place and its natural attractions, productive of a generous bird-life.

November 5, 1914. One visitor and twenty-four members present. The following were elected to associate membership: J. W. Mercur, Wallingford, Pa.; Edward L. Wildman, 4431 Osage Ave., Phila.; Dr. B. W. Mitchell, 4326 Pine St., Phila.; Philip E. Howard, Swarthmore, Pa.; Edward Norris, St. Martin's, Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Dr. Stone gave an interesting communication entitled, "Some Impressions of South Carolina and its Birds". A detailed list of the birds to be found in the vicinity of Manning, Clarendon Co., was given. A set of two eggs of the Chuck-will's-widow was found.

Dr. Stone announced the presentation to the Academy of Natural Sciences of a collection of mounted birds by Mr. George B. Benners.

November 19, 1914. Twenty members present. Mr. John D. Carter presented a communication entitled "Syracuse and Return". The speaker described a list of thirty-two species observed from the train on a trip from Philadelphia to Syracuse during the latter part of May. Mr. Carter's remarks evidenced the tendency of certain species to concentrate in particular environments.

December 3, 1914. One visitor and twenty-six members present. Upon the subject, "Concerning Certain Autumnal Warblers", Dr. Spencer Trotter expounded several theories upon the relationship of warblers, as evidenced by the plumage of nuptial males.

December 17, 1914. One visitor and twenty-three members present. Mr. William L. Baily addressed the Club upon the subject, "November: or Good-bye to the Robins and Bluebirds". A detailed list of the last appearances of migrating birds up to and during November was given. The lack of food and proper shelter was given as the prime cause for local changes.