

## Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club for 1916

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*January 6th, 1916.* The 26th annual meeting of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

*President*—Henry W. Fowler,  
*Vice-President*—George H. Stuart, 3rd,  
*Secretary*—J. Fletcher Street,  
*Treasurer*—Samuel C. Palmer.

Three visitors and thirty-four members present.

The following Committees were appointed to serve during 1916 :

*Field Committee*—Messrs. Street, Baily and Tatnall ;  
*Migration Committee*—Messrs. Carter, Stone and Emlen ;  
*Publication Committee*—Messrs. Cope, Morris, Moore and Palmer.

Mr. William L. Baily gave an exhibition of lantern slides, depicting his work among birds, particularly in the Poconos.

*January 20th, 1916.* Three visitors and sixteen members present. Mr. George H. Stuart, 3rd, addressed the members upon the subject "The Occurrence of the Henslow's Sparrow at New Lisbon." The speaker described a trip taken to the locality on May 29th, 1915, at which time a nesting colony of birds was located.

Mr. Carter reported the observance of a White Swan at Wrightsville, Pa., on January 13th, and a flock of five of the Greater Snow Goose at Chester on Dec. 8th. Mr. Street reported the Yellow Palm Warbler at Beverly on Jan. 1st, 1917.

*February 3rd, 1916.* Three visitors and fifteen members present. Mr. George J. Cooke, of Ambler, Pa., was proposed for Associate membership. Dr. Max M. Peet made a communication entitled:—"Birds of the University Botanical Gardens." The speaker's remarks covered a list of ninety-seven species observed there. The Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and the Tennessee Warbler were mentioned. Mr. Packer supplemented his list by three additional species, making a total of one hundred for this locality.

*February 17th, 1916.* Two visitors and eighteen members present. Dr. Samuel C. Palmer addressed the Club upon the subject, "Inheritance in Birds." His remarks related to the principles set forth in Mendel's Laws of Inheritance. He explained the natural processes of inherited tendencies determined in fowls, guinea pigs, flowers, etc. The action of Mendel's Laws was advanced as a possible factor in determining species in the past.

*March 3rd, 1916.* Twenty members present. The following were elected to Associate Membership:—

- Mr. George J. Cooke—Ambler, Pa.
- Mr. Nelson A. Pumyea—Mt. Holly, Pa.
- Mr. Wharton Huber—Gwynned Valley, Pa.
- Mr. Robert Riddle—5242 Irving Street, Philadelphia.
- Mr. Richard Burdsall—Swarthmore, Pa.

Dr. Clyde H. Ehinger addressed the Club upon an interesting subject, entitled "The Birds of Cold Spring Harbor, L. I." The speaker mentioned his connection with the Biological Laboratory conducted in the locality and the conduct of summer classes in bird-study. Such Carolinian forms as the Cardinal, Kentucky and Worm-eating Warblers were mentioned as of rare occurrence. One Lawrence Warbler was observed.

*March 16th, 1916.* Seventeen members present. Dr. Witmer Stone read a paper entitled "Titian Peale and the Peale's Museum." His remarks related to the ornithological and other activities of Peale and particularly to his work in connection

with the establishment of the Philadelphia Museum. Several expeditions and collections in which Peale took part were described.

*April 6th, 1916.* Two visitors and twenty-four members present. Dr. E. Leroy Mercer of Swarthmore, Pa, was proposed for Associate Membership. Dr. Spencer Trotter read a paper entitled "The Regional Geography and Faunal Areas of the Delaware Watershed." The communication related to the physical character of the country adjacent to the Delaware River. A general survey of the topographical features of the district was made.

*April 20th, 1916.* Twenty-seven members present. Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads gave a communication on "Habits of Some Remarkable Humming Birds." His remarks pertained to the Rufous Humming Bird of the Puget Sound District, and to several South American species. The speaker described the notes of the various species and some remarkable habits displayed during the mating season. Mr. Scoville reported the Titlark observed in Haverford on April 17th.

*May 4th, 1916.* One visitor and twenty-two members present. Mr. Samuel Scoville gave a talk on items of general interest to the Club ; the value of nature study to the growing mind or the value of memories to those who are past their period of activity, and kindred subjects.

*May 18th, 1916.* Twenty-seven members present. Dr. Spencer Trotter gave a short review of the April number of the *Auk*, and called attention to the Jeane's collection of Audubon's pictures. Mr. Potter followed with an interesting account of the nesting habits of the Least Bittern in the marshes near Camden, N. J. Dr. Stone reviewed briefly a collection of birds from Panama. Dr. C. E. Ehinger exhibited a Mockingbird's nest taken by Mr. Isaac Roberts in the summer of 1915 at Jennersville, Chester County, Pa.

*October 5th, 1916.* Twenty-one members present. Mt.

Richard Erskine of Wenonah, N. J., was proposed for Associate Membership. Dr. Stone gave a review of the activities of certain of the Club members during the past summer, and commented upon the changes made in the local room of the Academy. Mr. Riddle reported an Egret observed at St. George, Delaware, on Sept. 6th. Dr. Stone reported a small flock of Young Blue Herons at Cape May, New Jersey on Sept. 3rd.

*October 19th, 1916.* Fourteen members present. The resignation of Mr. Robert Thomas Moore, as Editor of CASSINIA, was accepted with regrets. Dr. Spencer Trotter was elected as the new Editor. The names of Messrs. J. Parker Norris, Jr. No. 2120 Pine St., and George Farnum Brown, Girard Trust Company, were proposed for Associate membership. Mr. George H. Stuart, 3rd, gave a communication entitled "Birds of Orange County, New York." The speaker described a trip taken in the vicinity of Greenwood Lake about the middle of June of the present year. Few typical birds were observed, only the Veery Thrush and the Black-throated Green Warbler being mentioned. Nests of the Louisiana Water Thrush, Hooded and Golden-winged Warblers were found. Mr. Potter, who accompanied Mr. Stuart, followed with some general remarks. Mr. Culver reported the Bewick's Wren at Media on October 3rd, 1916.

*November 1st, 1916.* Two visitors and twenty-one members present. It was voted that on account of the A. O. U. Convention, to omit the Nov. 16th meeting. The following were elected to Associate Membership:

Dr. E. Leroy Mercer, Swarthmore, Pa.

Mr. Richard Erskine, Wenonah, N. J.

Mr. J. Parker Norris, Jr., No. 2120 Pine St.

Mr. George Farnum Brown, Girard Trust Company.

Mr. Clifford H. Pangborne, 10th and Cherry Sts., Phila.

Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., addressed the members of the Club upon the subject "Birds of Little Beach Island." The trip described was taken on July 10th of the present year. Several notable species were observed there, among which were the Piping Plover, Black Skimmer and Least Tern. A large colony

of Common Terns, consisting of about 70 nests, was observed. Laughing Gulls were observed to be nesting in the marshes behind the Island. Mr. Stuart exhibited a wing of a Blue Goose, which was killed on Havre de Grace flats by Mr. Thomas Dixon on Nov. 1st, 1916.

*December 7th, 1916.* Nineteen members present. Dr. George B. Wood, No. 129 S. 18th street, Phila., was proposed for Associate Membership. Dr. Witmer Stone made a report on the Ornithological section of the Academy. Mr. J. Fletcher Street spoke upon the subject "Notes on Shore Birds." The speaker's observations covered a period of week-ends during the summer and fall months in the vicinity of Peermont, N. J. The life habits of such species as the Sanderling, Ring-necked Plover, Least and Semi-palmated Sandpipers, Upland Plover and others were described.

Mr. George Morris reported the observance of the Evening Grosbeak by Charles Evans at Cinnaminson, N. J., on Dec. 5th, also that Mr. William Haines secured a Goshawk at Cheltenham, Pa., during the week of December 4th. The death of our Associate member, Bartram Griffiths, was announced.

*December 21st, 1916.* Two visitors and twenty-one members present. Dr. Witmer Stone presented a communication entitled "Cape May and Its Birds." The speaker reviewed the records of the early ornithologists from this locality and advanced the opinion that the shore birds are to be observed in greater abundance than formerly, due to the protection afforded by the Migratory Bird Laws. Mr. Potter reported observing Yellow-Palm Warblers and Horned Lark at Camden on December 18th. Mr. Street reported Crossbills from Beverly on December 10th.