

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1920

January 2, 1920. Thirtieth annual meeting. Twenty-four members and two visitors present. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. Fletcher Street.

Vice-President—George H. Stuart, 3rd.

Treasurer—Samuel C. Palmer.

Secretary—Julian K. Potter.

Dr. Spencer Trotter spoke on the "Early History of the Club," and amusing lantern-slides of members were exhibited.

The following local notes were reported: Baltimore Oriole, December 26, Swarthmore, Pa. (*S. C. Palmer*), and another found dead at Wyncote, Pa., December 27, was exhibited; Tree Swallow, Cape May, N. J., December 31 (*Stone and Trotter*); Phoebe, Haddonfield, N. J., December 25 (*S. N. Rhoads*); Catbird found dead, Ardmore, Pa., December 21 (*W. L. Baily*); Snow Bunting, Seaside Park, N. J., December 28 (*J. K. Potter*); Robin, Swarthmore, Pa., December 19 (*S. C. Palmer*).

January 15, 1920. Thirty-one members and two visitors present.

Mr. Geo. H. Stuart, 3rd, made a communication entitled "On the Trail of the Greater Yellow-legs in Newfoundland."

Local notes: Purple Grackle, Swarthmore, January 6 (*Howard*); Rusty Blackbird, Moorestown, N. J., December 25 (*Carter*); Red Crossbill, Gloucester, N. J., January 11 (*Potter*).

Mr. Carter reported seeing a duck equalling the speed of a train which was going at the time over fifty miles an hour.

February 5, 1920. Twelve members present. Mr. Wm. E. Roberts spoke on "A Farmer Boy's Bird Reminiscences."

Local notes: Evening Grosbeak, Mt. Holly, N. J., December 27, and Red Crossbill, February 1 (*Pumyea*); Evening Grosbeak, Bryn Mawr, Pa., January 15 (*Baily*), and Reading, Pa., December 26 (*Roland*); Killdeer, Downingtown, Pa., January 22, and Purple Grackle, Ardmore, Pa., January 25 (*Baily*); Redpoll, Camden, N. J., January 18 (*Potter*).

February 19, 1920. Twenty-eight members and one visitor present.

Dr. Witmer Stone described "A Visit to the Gulf Coast Bird Reservations," a trip with Capt. Sprinkle, the Audubon warden, to islands off the coast of Mississippi and Louisiana.

A Kingfisher and Flicker were reported from Beverly, N. J., February 12 (*Baird*); Evening Grosbeak, Haverford, Pa., February 14 (*G. Scoville*); flock of 100 Redpolls, West Collingswood, N. J., February 8 (*Pangburn*).

March 4, 1920. Twenty-seven members and four visitors present.

Messrs. A. W. Robinson and J. K. Potter spoke on "Days on the New Jersey Coast," covering trips to Cape May, N. J., and vicinity, August 22 to September 6, 1919. Ninety species were noted. Many interesting lantern-slides of the region were shown.

Mr. Erskine reported a Phoebe at Wenonah, N. J., February 22; Prof. Beck wrote of Myrtle Warblers at Lancaster, Pa., the last week of February; Mr. Baily reported five Wilson's Snipe at Ardmore, Pa., February 12; Redpolls were noted at Beverly, N. J., February 29 (*Street*), and a Great Blue Heron at Mt. Holly, N. J., February 18 (*Pumyea*).

March 18, 1920. Twenty-two members and three visitors present.

Mr. J. A. G. Rehn spoke on "Some Bird Notes from Desert and Mountain," covering a trip to the southwestern United States.

Mr. Beatty reported a flock of about 500 Pintails at Beverly, N. J., March 14, also a Pied-billed Grebe occupying a mud puddle at Delanco, N. J., March 13.

April 1, 1920. Eighteen members and one visitor present. Mr. Pangburn spoke of "Bird Observations from Far and Near"—England, France, and St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Hannum followed with "Notes on the Water Ouzel and Other Colorado Birds."

Dr. Trotter reported a partially albino Robin at Swarthmore, Pa., and stated that it had been noted for six successive seasons.

Dr. Palmer reported Red Crossbills at the same place, March 29, and Mr. Evans a pair of Bald Eagles at Riverton, N. J., February 28.

April 15, 1920. Twenty-one members present.

Dr. J. E. Packer described his ornithological experiences in France during the war—a period of twenty-two months.

Mr. Roland reported 200 Pipits at Oaks, Pa., April 10, and Mr. Howard a Merganser at Ridley Creek, Pa., March 24.

May 6, 1920. Twenty-seven members and one visitor present.

Dr. Stone discussed our knowledge of the distribution of Warblers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, pointing out the regions from which we needed more data.

Mr. Evans reported Evening Grosbeaks at Moorestown, N. J., April 9-17; Red Crossbills were reported from West Chester, Pa., May 4 (*Ehinger*); a Prothonotary Warbler studied carefully at close range at Mt. Holly, N. J. (*Pumyea*); Gnatcatcher at Swarthmore, Pa., April 17 (*Howard*), Mt. Holly, April 25 (*Pumyea*), and West Chester, April 24 (*Ehinger*); Dr. Stone reported a male Hummingbird at Newtown Square, Pa., April 25, the earliest occurrence in his experience, and Mr. Roland a Ruddy Duck at Oaks, Pa., April 23.

May 20, 1920. Thirteen members and one visitor present.

Mr. Hannum spoke on "An Easter Trip to Virginia," covering the Shenandoah region from Luray to the summit of the Blue Ridge and from Fredericksburg to Indian Neck. Bewick's Wren was found about Luray.

Mr. Stuart reported the Hairy Woodpecker nesting at Beverly, N. J., May 18, and Mr. Street a Broad-winged Hawk with two eggs at Arcola, Pa., May 11.

October 7, 1920. Twenty-nine members present.

Mr. Stuart described "A Spring Trip to California," from March 10 to early April. Eggs of many interesting species were obtained, including Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Yellow-billed Magpie, etc.

October 21, 1920. Twenty-nine members and five visitors present.

Dr. Stone spoke on "An Intensive Study of Bird Life at Cape May, N. J., during the Summer of 1920." One hundred and thirty-five species were identified from June 28 to September 6. Summer residents and residents—land birds 60, water birds 11; transients—land birds 37, water birds 27. Among the species observed, the following were of especial note: Cape May and Yellow-throated Warblers, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Least Tern, Marbled Godwit, and Louisiana Heron. A number of Egrets and Little Blue Herons were present from August 1 on, and Gnatcatchers were frequently seen.

November 4, 1920. Twenty-three members and five visitors present.

Mr. N. D. W. Puymea was elected an Active member; Messrs. H. M. Harrison, T. G. McMullen, Howard Butcher, Jr., Lawrence La Due and Morrow Palmer, Associates, and Mr. G. Fred Ziegler, of Greencastle, Pa., a Corresponding member.

Mr. Carter spoke on "A Brief Glimpse of Florida Bird Life." He also referred to seeing a Bald Eagle pick up dead fish from the surface of the water.

Dr. Stone reported two Solitary Vireos, a Barn Swallow, Catbird and House Wren at Cape May, N. J., on October 31. There was also a large flight of Woodcock at the same locality October 29-30.

November 18, 1920. Twenty members and one visitor present.

A motion was carried unanimously that the Secretary place on record in the proceedings the election of Dr. Witmer Stone to the presidency of the American Ornithologists' Union, at the meeting held this week in Washington, D. C.

The following resolution was adopted:

"The Club has heard with deep sorrow of the death of their Associate Member Albert Whitaker. He was always held in the highest esteem by his fellow members and they extend to his family their sincere sympathy."

Mr. Morris read a paper entitled "Golfing with the Birds," dealing with opportunities of the golfer to observe bird life in the open places often too much neglected by the ornithologist. Ninety-seven species had been noted by him on the links at Pleasantville and Absecon, N. J., during a single season.

December 2, 1920. Twenty-three members and one visitor present.

Mr. Pennock read a paper on "Swift Notes from Laporte, Pa.," giving detailed observations on a roosting colony of Chimney Swifts in a large chimney, from July 23 to September 5. They numbered about a thousand when in greatest abundance. Many re-entered the chimney in the morning after having come out.

A Loon was reported captured at Greencastle, Pa., by G. F. Ziegler, Jr.

December 17, 1920. No regular meeting.

Mr. Donald MacMillan addressed the Club and their friends and members of the Academy in the Lecture Hall, on his recent Arctic expedition.