

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1922

January 5, 1922. Annual Meeting, forty-five members and two visitors present. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—James A. G. Rehn.

Vice-President—George H. Stuart, 3rd.

Treasurer—Samuel C. Palmer.

Secretary—Julian K. Potter.

J. Fletcher Street addressed the club on "Camera Records of Bird Studies" showing many admirable lantern slides of local birds from photographs made during 1921.

January 19, 1922. Thirty-one members and seven visitors present. Mr. Geo. H. Stuart, 3rd, spoke on "Bird Notes from Montana and Saskatchewan," covering a trip made in May, 1921. Many interesting nests were found and a number of photographs taken which were shown on the screen.

February 2, 1922. Thirteen members and three visitors present. Dr. Samuel C. Palmer spoke on "The Origin of Species" with especial reference to birds, and discussed the theories of Darwin, DeVries and Mendel.

February 16, 1922. Twenty-two members and two visitors present. Mr. J. A. G. Rehn spoke on "Some Bird Notes from Plain and Mountain" covering bird observations on an entomological trip to Colorado, New Mexico and the Pan Handle region of Texas.

March 2, 1922. Seventeen members and three visitors present. Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads described "The Earliest Printed Illustrations of Birds as shown by Original Specimens of Art." 'Das Buch der Natur' by Conrad von Mergenberg (1475) was the earliest book of importance containing illustrations of natural objects. Early works from the library of the Academy were on exhibition. The death on February 26, 1922, of Mr. Thomas H. Jackson,

one of the original Corresponding Members of the Club was announced and the following minute adopted:

The members of the D. V. O. C. have learned with deep sorrow of the death of their fellow member, Thos. H. Jackson, and desire to place on record the high regard in which they held him as a friend and associate and their thorough appreciation of his high attainments as a student of birds.

March 16, 1922. Twenty-eight members and five visitors present. The following were elected to Associate Membership: Dr. R. M. Gummere, Chas. Mayer, Rodolphe Meyer de Schauensee, George G. Lower, Philip M. Hicks, Philip A. Livingstone and Henry Troth.

Dr. Witmer Stone gave an illustrated talk on "Through the Moonshine District of Eastern Kentucky with Camera and Binoculars," describing a week's trip taken in late April and early May, 1921, to the Pine Mt. region with notes on sixty species of birds including Gnatcatcher, Summer Tanager, Bewick's Wren and Pileated Woodpecker.

April 6, 1922. Nineteen members present. Mr. W. E. Roberts spoke on "Additional Bird Notes from Tobyhanna, Pa." Mr. Asa P. Way made supplementary remarks on the bird life at Bushkill, Pa., a similar locality.

Mr. Julian K. Potter spoke on "Some Winter Birds of our Coast, Difficult to Identify," discussing the field identification marks of the Loons, Grebes, Gulls and Ducks.

April 20, 1922. Twenty-eight members and two visitors present. The death on April 12, 1922 of George Spencer Morris one of the founders and an ex-president of the club was announced, the first break in the ranks of the seven who organized the Club in 1890. The following minute was adopted:

The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club has heard with the deepest sorrow of the death of George Spencer Morris.

He was one of the seven founders of our organization and no small measure of its success has been due to his untiring interest and support. As Secretary, President, and member of our Publication Committee, he gave his best thought and effort to carrying out the objects for which we stand. Great as is his loss, as an officer and advisor, the members miss still more keenly the kind and generous friend, the cheerful and lovable companion, who endeared himself to us all, and in his passing we feel that much of our light has gone out.

The subject of the evening was "Bird Adventures Down South" by Samuel Scoville, Jr., describing a trip to Virginia in search of nests of the Summer Tanager, Yellow-throated Warbler and Gnatcatcher.

May 4, 1922. Eighteen members and two visitors present. The meeting was devoted to a symposium on the nesting of Hawks and Owls.

Dr. Stone called attention to a Bald Eagle's nest secured for the Academy at Broad Creek, Md., by Mr. Arthur H. Fisher, which is to be placed on exhibition in the Museum.

Mr. McMullen reported finding ten Eagles' nests in Delaware this year of which two were occupied. He stated that the last nesting in southern New Jersey with which he was familiar occurred about five years ago.

The Barred Owl was regarded as a rare nesting bird in southern New Jersey. Mr. McMullen described a nest of the Long-eared Owl in a pin oak tree in southern New Jersey and Mr. Baily one in a cedar near Paoli, Pa.

Mr. Baily suspected the nesting of the Red-tailed Hawk near Ardmore as he had repeatedly found the birds at a certain locality during the breeding season.

May 18, 1922. Twenty members and three visitors present. A general discussion was held on the spring migration. Mr. Baily reported eighty species noted at Oaks, Pa., on a trip on May 13, participated in by 16 members. The Cape May and Tennessee Warblers were seen but other Warblers usually present were not recorded. Baltimore Orioles were plentiful.

Mr. Pumyea reported an all day trip at New Lisbon, N. J., on May 14, on which eighty-three species were recorded.

October 5, 1922. Twenty-seven members and two visitors present.

Mr. Charles H. Rogers gave an account of a recent trip to the Camargue district in southern France where he observed some five thousand Flamingoes.

Dr. Stone spoke on a third season's study of the birds of Cape May, N. J., comparing the species observed between July 3 and

October 1 with those of the same period in other years, and describing a trip of several days to Jarvis Sound where the spring migration of shore-birds was studied.

Mr. McMullen stated that he had visited eight colonies of Common Terns, two of Least Terns, and four of Black Skimmers on the southern New Jersey coast during the past summer.

October 19, 1922. Sixteen members and two visitors present.

Mr. Pennock read a paper on "Birds of the Buckhill District, Pennsylvania."

November 2, 1922. Twenty-two members and one visitor were present. Messrs. John A. Gillespie and William Jay were elected Associate Members.

The Chicago Meeting of the A. O. U. was described by Messrs. Rhoads, Potter and Stone, and birds observed on the field trip to the Indiana Sand Dunes commented upon, among which the most interesting was the Harris's Sparrow.

Messrs. Potter, Robinson and Underdown described a field trip taken in the same connection along the shores of Lake Michigan where the Blue Goose, Franklin's Gull, Red-backed Sandpiper and Bronzed Grackle were found.

November 16, 1922. Thirty-two members and four visitors present.

Mr. Street spoke on the birds observed on the Academy Expedition to Nicaragua in the spring of 1922. About 625 specimens representing 200 species were obtained by Mr. Wharton Huber and himself.

December 7, 1922. Sixteen members present. Dr. Stone read a paper on "Present Day Tendencies and Opportunities in Ornithology," calling attention to the importance of studying and recording the habits, behaviour, and characteristics of the living bird, not merely the record of its presence or the getting of a mere skin or set of eggs.

December 21, 1922. Nineteen members and one visitor present. Mr. Pennock spoke on a south Florida trip "Through the Ten Thousand Islands to Cape Sable." Black and Yellow-crowned

Night Herons were the most plentiful Herons, and Swallow-tailed Kites, White Ibises and Roseate Spoonbills the most interesting species. The last when feeding swung the head from side to side and kept up a continual dance while so engaged.

The trip was taken primarily to secure the recently described Howell's Seaside Sparrow in which it was successful.

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January 4, 1923. Thirty-one members and five visitors present. Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of the present incumbents:

President—James A. G. Rehn.

Vice-President—George H. Stuart, 3rd.

Treasurer—Samuel C. Palmer.

Secretary—Julian K. Potter.

Dr. Stone reviewed the Club's past history and urged the active participation of all the members in its work.

Mr. Street spoke on the human side of the Nicaragua expedition illustrating with lantern slides some of the adventures of the party.

January 18, 1923. Fifteen members present. Dr. S. C. Palmer acted as Secretary. Mr. Baily spoke on "Observations on a trip to California"—September and October 1922.

February 1, 1923. Mr. H. T. Underdown acted as Secretary. Fourteen members present.

Mr. Robinson described "Observations on a trip to the Pacific Coast" illustrated by a beautiful series of lantern slides, supplementing Mr. Baily's communication of last meeting.

February 15, 1923. Sixteen members and three visitors present. A discussion was held on "The Objects and Possibilities of Bird Banding as a Method in Ornithology."

Dr. Stone introduced the subject with an historical resumé and urged that the Club take measures to participate actively in the work. Mr. Gillespie, already an experienced bander, described his methods and results and Mr. Huber was appointed to enlist members in bird banding and to furnish instructions and literature.

March 1, 1923. Twenty-three members and four visitors present. Wharton Huber was elected to Active Membership, and the following were chosen Associates: William Yoder, Henry Gaede,

Henry H. Collins, 3rd., Alexander H. Leighton, James Hutchinson, Robert Haines, H. D. McCann, S. Rowland Morgan, Paul W. Bowman. Dr. C. E. Ehringer and Robert T. Moore were transferred to Corresponding membership, having removed from the Club limits.

Mr. Roberts spoke on "Tobyhanna, Pa., Bird Notes for 1922." A marked migration of Barn Swallows occurred there on July 22.

Mr. Carter read an interesting general account of "Summer Bird Life of the Pocono Region," intended for publication.

March 15, 1923. Fifteen members and one visitor present.

Dr. Palmer addressed the club on "A Philatelic Zoo" showing the extent to which birds and animals had been used as designs for postage stamps and tracing back man's tendency to use them in ornamental drawings from the earliest times.

April 5, 1923. Twenty-seven members and nine visitors present.

Mr. Stuart presented an account of a trip to Laguna del Madre and the Lower Rio Grande, Texas, in search of nests of certain species. The communication was illustrated with lantern slides.

April 19, 1923. Thirty-one members and four visitors present.

Mr. Rehn spoke on "Bird Notes from Arizona and California" made during an entomological trip in the summer and autumn of 1922.

May 3, 1923. Twenty-eight members and six visitors present.

Dr. Stone spoke on "April Birds of the Rice Plantations and Cottonfields of South Carolina."

A list of 24 was recorded near the mouth of the Santee River and 60 at Manning in the central part of the state, April 11-14.

An interesting visit to Arthur T. Wayne the veteran ornithologist, at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., was also described.

Mr. Huber called attention to a specimen of the recently described Thayer's Gull, in the Academy's collection, collected at Mt. Ephraim, N. J., March 9, 1888, by Samuel N. Rhoads.

May 17, 1923. No meeting held on account of the dedication of a tablet to Alexander Wilson in the Hall of the Academy by the St. Andrews Society to which the members of the Club were invited. Samuel Scoville, Jr., made the address.

October 4, 1923. Twenty-six members and four visitors present. The Club learned with sorrow of the death of Thomas R. Hill, an associate member and the following resolution was adopted:

The members of the D. V. O. C. have heard with deep sorrow of the death on October 2, 1923, of Thomas R. Hill, and desire to place on record the high esteem in which they held him both as friend and associate. Always deeply interested in the work and welfare of the Club he generously gave it his support in every undertaking, while his attendance at the meetings and participation in the proceedings helped in no small degree to give them that spirit of cooperation and good fellowship which has ever been their charm.

Mr. Potter read a paper entitled "A Season's Study of Some of our Water Birds."

Mr. Hoyes Lloyd of Canada who was present had just attended a meeting of the East Coast Antipollution League, at Atlantic City, N. J., and gave the Club an account of the menace of oil from oil burning vessels to sea birds and the means proposed to remedy the evil.

October 18, 1913. Nineteen members and three visitors present.

Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads addressed the club on "Some Old Bird Letters of John Cassin." These were written between 1852 and 1865 to George N. Lawrence and dealt with the publication of the "Birds of California and Texas" and the naming of new species.

Mr. Gillespie reported Tufted Titmice and both species of Nuthatches very abundant at Glenolden, Pa., this fall, while in the City Hall Court yard between September 15 and 20 he had identified Maryland Yellow-throat, Parula, Magnolia and Connecticut Warblers and Brown Thrasher which had struck the tower in migration.

November 1, 1923. Thirty-one members and five visitors present. The following were elected to Associate membership: Dr. Chas. C. Norris, B. H. Matlack, Clifford Marburger, Russell Richardson Jr., Arthur H. Hacker Jr., William P. Hacker, Elliot Underdown, Chas. A. Rittenhouse, Anthony C. Spangler, Thos. C. Benton, Lewin B. Barringer, Richard C. Fleck, James Bond.

Dr. Stone gave an account of the recent A. O. U. Meeting at Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Tatnall read a curious account from an old book to the effect that the Turkey Vulture can restore lost sight by placing its head under its wing for a short time.

Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads described the habits of a Carolina Wren which came regularly to his greenhouse to spend the night (see *Bird Lore* 1924, p. 172).

Dr. Stone spoke on Cape May birds for 1923, commenting especially on the four Wood Ibises which spent the summer there (see *Auk* 1923, p. 692).

November 15, 1923. Thirty members and two visitors present. A resolution was adopted to send congratulations to the Nuttall Ornithological Club on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary on December 7, 1923.

Mr. Pennock discussed the question of counting birds with a plea for accurate counts instead of subsequent estimates in making up daily lists.

December 6, 1923. Twenty-seven members and six visitors present. Mr. Street presided in the absence of the president.

Prof. Herbert H. Beck read a paper on the "Summer Resident Birds of Lancaster Co., Pa." One hundred and ten species were listed as summer residents, the Pied-billed Grebe, Blue Grosbeak, and Upland Plover were especially commented upon.

December 20, 1923. Twenty-four members and two visitors present.

Mr. Gillespie spoke on "A Year's Experience in Bird Banding," describing his methods and results. Twenty-seven per cent of the birds banded entered the traps again. Twenty-four species and 323 individuals were banded during the year.

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Treasurer—Samuel C. Palmer.

Secretary—Julian K. Potter.

Mr. Bradshaw H. Swales was elected an Associate member.

Mr. Street spoke on "Among the Waders and Water Fowl of West-central Alberta." An entertaining account of a trip with Mr. Geo. H. Stuart, 3rd, to Bowden and Belvedere Alberta, in search of the nest of the Solitary Sandpiper. In this quest they were successful (see *Auk* 1923, p. 577) and they also found as breeding birds the Lesser Yellow-legs, Bufflehead Duck, Spragne's Pipit and many other species. The address was illustrated with lantern slides.

Dr. Stone read an address delivered by him at the fiftieth anniversary of the Nuttall Ornithological Club entitled "The Ornithology of Today and Tomorrow."

January 17, 1924. Eighteen members and two visitors. A general discussion was held on Winter Bird Life.

Mr. Pumyea reported the Mt. Holly, N. J., Crow roost to be in flourishing condition.

Mr. Potter reported 215 species of birds seen by him within a hundred miles of Philadelphia during 1923.

February 7, 1924. Twenty-six members and two visitors present.

Mr. Fowler addressed the Club on "Bird Life in our National Parks" illustrating his remarks with a beautiful series of lantern slides taken during a trip through Yellowstone, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon in 1923.

February 21, 1924. Thirty-two members and six visitors present.

Mr. Leighton spoke on "Bird Notes from Nova Scotia," illustrated with lantern slides. His observations were made near

Digby in the summer and fall of 1922 and 1923, and notes were presented on the habits of the Black-backed Gull, Loon, Canada Ruffed Grouse, Great Blue Heron and Pileated Woodpecker.

Mr. Gillespie reported a great influx of Purple Finches near his home at Glenolden, Pa. Twenty were trapped and banded.

March 6, 1924. Thirty-nine members and five visitors present.

The death of Isaac Norris DeHaven, Active member and ex-president was announced and the following minute was adopted.

The members of the D. V. O. C. have heard with deep sorrow of the death on March 2, 1924 of their former president and fellow member Isaac Norris DeHaven. Joining the Club the year after its organization Mr. DeHaven entered actively into its work, and to his interest and generous cooperation much of its success is due.

By his delightful personality he endeared himself to all of his fellow members and we feel that we have lost not only an ornithologist of ability but a friend in all that that word implies.

Dr. Trotter spoke on "An Ornithological Trip to Eastern and Southern Seas," giving an account of the countries visited and their conspicuous birds. He crossed the Pacific to Japan and China, thence to Java, Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Carter recorded a Dickcissel found near West Chester, Pa., February 11, 1924, caught in a wire fence.

March 20, 1924. Thirty-two members and six visitors present.

Mr. Scoville made a communication entitled "Sky Pirates" in which he described in detail visits to two nesting sites of Duck Hawks and one of Ravens, the former at Tyrone, Pa., and in the Berkshires in Mass., the latter near Tyrone on April 15, 1923. The Ravens had four young, and the ground at the time was covered with snow. All the nests were on cliffs.

Messrs. McCann and Gillespie stated that returns of banded birds indicated that the Song Sparrows about their homes in winter were not the same ones as found there in summer.

April 3, 1924. Twenty-three members were present. The following were elected to Associate Membership: Theodore Miller, Kenneth O. Brown, Harold T. Green, Samuel Emlen, 3rd, J. Henry Shay, M. Claude Kershner, Edward R. Helwig, Morris M. Green, Frederick C. Young, John Archer Silver. Mr. Rehn addressed the Club on "Some Impressions of Costa Rican Birds,"

based on a visit in August and September 1923; illustrated with slides.

April 17, 1924. Twenty-two members present. Mr. Carter spoke on "Last Year's Nests" describing interesting breeding records for 1923. A Great Horned Owl's nest in Anne Arundel Co., Md., March 30, contained two young, the head of a Crow and hind quarters of a rabbit. A Red-tailed Hawk's nest was found at the same time. A Long-eared Owl had a nest with eggs at Bromal, Pa. on April 12. Blue Jays at Lansdowne, Pa. used a last year's nest.

At Pocono Lake a nest of the Ruffed Grouse was found, May 25, and a Golden-crowned Kinglet's on May 26. During the week of June 25 at this locality nests of Junco, Black-throated Green and Black-throated Blue Warblers, Hermit Thrush and Solitary Vireo were located and young Myrtle Warblers recently out of the nest were found as well as a single Siskin.

Mr. Carter also reported a Purple Grackle nesting in a hollow tree at Lansdowne, Pa.

May 1, 1924. Thirty one members and three visitors present.

Mr. Emlen spoke on "The Dismal Swamp and Our Southern Waterways" describing a boat trip and the birds observed en route.

May 15, 1924. Twenty-eight members and two visitors present.

Dr. Hughes described "A Trip to the South Sea Islands" including Hawaii, Fiji and Samoa, commenting on the more conspicuous birds observed. Albatrosses and Boobies were the most characteristic ocean birds and Doves and Parrots were most frequently seen on the more southern islands, though birds were scarce on land.

Mr. Gillespie reported the capture of two Catbirds banded a year ago at Glenolden, Pa.

October 2, 1924. Twenty-six members and three visitors present. In the absence of the president, Mr. Street occupied the chair.

Mr. Potter gave a talk on "Barn Owls" describing a study he and Mr. Gillespie had made of a family of these birds near Gloucester, N. J. (See Auk. 1925, p. 177.)

Mr. McCann reported the return to Paoli of a Purple Grackle, on September 16, which had been banded there December 2, 1923.

October 16, 1924. Nineteen members and one visitor present.

Mr. Pennock presented a paper entitled "On a Florida Marsh" a detailed account of a trip in the spring of 1924 to the Kissimmee river marshes. The Limpkin, Everglade Kite, Swallow-tailed Kite, Florida Jay, Black-necked Stilt, Egret, Sandhill Crane and Water Turkey were among the birds observed.

November 6, 1924. Twenty-seven members and two visitors present. The following were elected Associate Members: Henry R. Carey, Lawrence Ross, and Wm. J. Woolston.

Mr. H. H. Collins, 3rd, spoke on "Land and Water Birds of the West Indies," covering a trip to Porto Rico and San Domingo in June, 1924. He also described a trip to Martha's Vineyard in the past spring and showed some lantern slides of the Heath Hen.

November 20, 1924. Twenty-seven members and one visitor present.

Mr. Pumyea spoke on birds observed "Off the Maine Coast," describing a trip to Monhegan Island, in August, 1924. The Black-backed Gull, Purple Sandpiper, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, and Herring Gull were studied.

Mr. Bond followed with some notes on birds observed at Bangor, Me., in June last. The Wilson's, Yellow Palm and Bay-breasted Warblers and Alder Flycatcher were especially mentioned.

December 4, 1924. Twenty-seven members and two visitors present.

Dr. Stone addressed the Club on "The Problem of Bird Migration," the first of a series of talks on general problems of ornithology. Discussion followed.

Mr. Erskine described a trip to Saulsbury, Md., November 30, on which he found huge flocks of Red-winged Blackbirds, four Mockingbirds, many Crows, five Swan and several Horned Grebes.

Mr. Gillespie reported thirty-three species of birds on a Thanksgiving-day walk (November 27) at Glenolden, Pa. Fox Sparrows were very abundant and a Ruby-crowned Kinglet was seen.

Mr. Rhoads exhibited an engraved snuff box, once the property

of John Cassin, presented to him by a grand-daughter of the ornithologist.

December 18, 1924. Twenty-three members present. The death of Edward W. Woolman on December 15, was announced and the following minute adopted.

The D. V. O. C. has learned with sorrow of the death of their fellow member Edward W. Woolman. A student of birds throughout his long and eventful life, he passed his later years in our company, adding to the interest of our meetings by his reminiscences, and by his gentle and kindly personality endearing himself to all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Huber described "Duck Collecting at Waterlily, N. C.," covering a week's shooting as the guest of Mr. Charles M. B. Cadwalader, November 9-15, 1924. The field marks of the various species were described and specimens from the extensive series obtained for the Academy's collection were on exhibition. Canada Geese were seen in flocks, and besides the various Ducks, some 3000 Swan were observed and many Greater Snow Geese.