

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1917.

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January 4, 1917. The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Club. One visitor and thirty-five members present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

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

Mr. William L. Baily gave an interesting "Exhibition of Recent Lantern Slides," among which was a picture of the nest of the Olive-backed Thrush and a photograph of White Egrets secured at Pocono Lake. A collation followed the meeting.

Jan. 18, 1917. One visitor and twenty-three members present. Messrs. Stone, Stuart and Potter described a "June Trip to Cobb's Island, Va." A detailed list of the birds found there was given. Nests and eggs of the Gull-billed Tern and Oystercatcher were secured.

February 1, 1917. Twenty members present. A motion was carried that in event of the death of an active member there should be an article written and published in *CASSINIA* relating to his ornithological and Club activities. Mr. John D. Carter spoke upon the subject "The Poconos in 1916." The speaker gave a very interesting and detailed account of trips taken during May and June of last year. A list of the birds was presented. Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., followed with a paper entitled "Unscientific Review of the Excursion," being a humorous description of the activities of several of the Club members associated on these trips.

February 15th, 1917. Fifteen members present. Dr. Spencer Trotter read a paper entitled "Gems from Coues," drawing largely from the "Check List of North American Birds," "Birds of the Colorado Valley" and other works, the speaker revealed the many-sided and interesting character of the ornithologist, bringing to light many points of historical interest and others relating to bird nomenclature.

March 1, 1917. Nineteen members present. The following were elected to Associate Membership: C. M. Sangree, Dr. E. C. Day, Prof. H. H. Beck, Dr. G. B. Wood and Mr. C. Has-sold. The following to Corresponding Membership: George MacReynolds, F. Ottenmiller, Severn Regar, S. S. Dickey and T. D. Burleigh. The following to Active Membership: Dr. C. E. Ehinger. Dr. Witmer Stone addressed the meeting upon the subject, "A Symposium on the Evening Grosbeak." The speaker reviewed the status of the species from the time of the earliest reference on the date of Jan. 10, 1825, down to the present day. Particular stress was placed upon the present abundance of the species.

March 15, 1917. Eighteen members present. Dr. Samuel Palmer made a communication entitled "Some Remarks on the Pygopodes." The structural characteristics of the several genera comprised under the group were described. Interesting facts pertaining to distribution were presented.

April 5, 1917. One visitor and thirteen members present. Mr. George H. Hallett, Jr., presented a subject entitled "The Morning Awakening of Birds." The speaker offered a great amount of data relating to this particular phase of bird study and advanced the opinion that temperature had a greater influence upon the morning awakening songs of birds than the relative amount of light.

April 19, 1917. One visitor and eighteen members present. The subject "Days on the Potomac" was presented by Messrs. George Spencer Morris, Arthur C. Emlen and Samuel Mason, Jr. The district described was in the vicinity of Brook

Station, Stafford Co., Va. Ninety-two species of birds were observed. The Yellow-throated Warbler, Summer Tanager, Wild Turkey and Brown-headed Nuthatch were particularly mentioned.

May 3, 1917. Twenty-six members present. Dr. William E. Hughes addressed the members upon the subject, "Some Impressions of Japan and Its Birds." The talk was illustrated by an excellent series of lantern slides depicting the manners and customs of the people. Interesting slides illustrating the fishing of Cormorants were shown.

May 17, 1917. Five visitors and sixteen members present. Mr. J. Fletcher Street addressed the meeting upon "Birds of Central Canada," describing a trip taken during September and October of 1916 in the district immediately northeast of Montreal in the foothills of the Laurentian Mountains. The birds observed included the Saw-whet Owl, Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker and the Raven.

Oct. 4, 1917. Nineteen members present. The subject "Remarks on the Fall Plumage of Birds" was introduced by Mr. Morris; Dr. Stone, and Messrs. Baily and Rhoads followed with comments. The marked similarity of fall plumages was shown by specimens to be particularly striking in certain warblers and to a greater or less degree among the finches.

October 18, 1917. Six visitors and twenty-one members present. Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., addressed the Club upon the subject "On the Trail of the Tennessee Warbler." The speaker described a trip taken during June of the present year to northeast New Brunswick in company with Mr. George H. Stuart, 3rd. as the guests of Philip B. Philipp. A remarkable and unusual list of birds was obtained. The following species were found to be nesting: Tennessee Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Red-breasted Merganser, Piping Plover, Wilson's Snipe, Olive-backed Thrush and Hudsonian Chickadee. Mr. Philipp was present at the meeting and followed Mr. Scoville with some further description of the country.

Nov. 1, 1917. Twenty-four members present. The following were elected to Associate Membership: Mr. Francis L. Bacon, John W. Schell, J. Franklin Styer, J. H. McKinnon Ellis and Conrad K. Roland. Mr. P. B. Philipp was elected to Corresponding Membership. Dr. Witmer Stone read a paper by Richard C. Harlow entitled "The Breeding Birds of New Jersey and Pennsylvania." Valuable data compiled during many years of collecting in the two states was presented. Some of the rarer birds found nesting included the Pied-billed Grebe, Loon, Black Rail, Wild Turkey, Raven, Nashville and Mourning Warblers.

Nov. 15, 1917. Nineteen members present. Mr. S. N. Rhoads spoke upon the subject "Some South Florida Experiences in 1917." The speaker commented upon a trip made to southern Florida in the late winter of 1916-17. The region visited was that about Miami and over the Keys to Key West.

Dec. 6, 1917. One visitor and nineteen members present. Messrs. Street and Stone made a report upon the recent session of the A. O. U. held at Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Stone read a biographical sketch of the life and ornithological activity of our late member, Mr. Samuel Wright. Dr. Stone reviewed the recent publication "Audubon the Naturalist" by Prof. Francis H. Herrick.

Dec. 20, 1917. One visitor and twenty-three members present. Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., spoke upon the subject "Marsh Dwellers," describing a trip made in company with Messrs. Stuart, Potter and Street to the vicinity of Newton, N. J. Nests of the Marsh Hawk and American Bittern were found. The Short-billed Marsh Wren was a common bird of the district.