

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS

January 1, 1972—June 30, 1973

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JANUARY 6, 1972. Sixty-six members and seven guests were present at the eighty-second annual meeting.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

William R. Middleton, President

Arthur H. Bergey, Vice President

Stephen T. Harty, Secretary

James B. Woodford, Treasurer

James K. Meritt, Editor

Robert L. Garner and Frank Gill, Councillors

Dr. Thomas Fitzpatrick and Luke Martin were elected to active membership. Howard Brokaw and Robert L. Garner were elected Fellows. J. d'Arcy Northwood and Waldemar H. Fries were elected Honorary Members of the Club.

The Club's annual Julian K. Potter Award was presented to Joseph M. Cadbury.

Announcement was made of the increase in life membership dues from \$100 to \$150.

Reports on various area Christmas Counts constituted the main program of the evening. Dr. Ernest A. Choate's report on the dark-phase Gyrfalcon at Brigantine Refuge was also a program highlight.

The meeting ended with the traditional period of refreshment and fellowship.

JANUARY 20. Thirty-eight members and six guests were present.

Dr. Frank Gill presented an excellent program on color phases in birds. The principal species discussed included Screech Owl, Ruffed Grouse, Western Grebe, Gyrfalcon, Fulmar, the jaegers, Reddish Egrets, and several other herons.

FEBRUARY 3. Thirty-seven members and six guests were present.

Dr. William Parker returned to show the membership more of his outstanding films on birds from many parts of the United States.

FEBRUARY 17. Thirty-nine members and seven guests were present.

Dr. Ernest A. Choate presented a most interesting and well-received program on his recent trip to Australia. Dr. Choate stated that many of the birds' names were a bit confusing, citing as examples the fact that one group of flycatchers were called robins and one bowerbird was called a catbird.

MARCH 2. Forty-one members and five guests were present.

Frank Neumann was elected to active membership.

James B. Woodford presented his program "Fur and Feathers." On their 185 acres at Cedar Run Lake near Marlton, New Jersey, the Woodfords maintain a wildlife preserve which has been a source of enjoyment and education to many people.

MARCH 16. Forty members and four guests were present.

Sam Leonardi presented his program "Pacific Nature Trails." Working his way northward through California Mr. Leonardi covered many of the highlights and high spots of the state.

APRIL 6. Forty-eight members and one guest were present.

Paul F. Pilch was elected to active membership.

Dr. George B. Reynard played a number of unusual sound recordings from "Jamaica and Point South." The excellent group of recordings and slides from Jamaica was coupled with an equally fine presentation on Dr. Reynard's recent trip to Australia.

APRIL 20. Thirty-seven members and one guest were present.

Kenneth Tischner was elected to active membership.

Raymond Hendrick presented the evening program on conservation and local natural history. The photographs and stories were outstanding.

MAY 4. Fifty-six members met at the Philadelphia Zoo.

John A. Griswold and Stephen Wylie presented the evening program on their recent collecting expedition to Ecuador. A very fine supper and program were enjoyed by all.

MAY 25. Fifty-five members and two guests were present.

The evening program was devoted to accounts of the various Spring Roundup trips.

JUNE 1, JULY 6, AUGUST 3, and SEPTEMBER 7 and 21. Informal summer meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 5. Forty members and seven guests were present.

Stephen H. Putman was elected to active membership.

Charles H. Rogers of Princeton University returned to once again deliver one of his interesting and informative lectures, this one covering virtually every aspect of the birds of prey.

OCTOBER 19. Sixty-one members were present at the Annual Dinner Meeting.

Howard P. Brokaw presented an outstanding program on the recent trip which he and members of his family took to the Peruvian Andes. With thorough advance planning, including many Spanish lessons, the Brokaw family travelled via river raft and trail. The excellent photographs, particularly those of the Andean Condor, and fine narration kept the audience spellbound.

NOVEMBER 2. Fifty-two members and three guests were present.

Ellis Akers was elected to active membership.

The death of Herbert Mills was announced.

Edward Graham presented a most informative and interesting program on his visits to Bonaventure Island and Machias Seal Island.

NOVEMBER 16. Thirty-eight members and three guests were present.

The program of the evening was presented by John Dornan. His excellent African wildlife films were enjoyed by all.

DECEMBER 7. Forty-three members and eight guests were present.

Irving Miller displayed an amazing collection of optical equipment and discussed with those present the pros and cons of various modern optical pieces.

DECEMBER 21. Twenty-two members and one guest were in attendance.

Keith Russell and Herman W. Cooper were elected to active membership.

The death of Dr. Francis Harper, an Honorary Member of the Club, was announced.

Dr. Frank Gill returned to talk on junco variations. Illustrating his presentation with maps and bird skins, Dr. Gill covered the complex subject with great ability.

JANUARY 4, 1973. Fifty members and nine guests were present at the eighty-third annual meeting.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

William R. Middleton, President

Stephen Wing, Vice President

Stephen T. Harty, Secretary

James B. Woodford, Treasurer

John Billings and Stephen Wylie, Councillors

Oliver S. Johnson and Minturn T. Wright III were elected to active membership.

Horace Alexander and Dr. Maurice Broun were elected Honorary Members of the Club.

The Club's annual Julian K. Potter award for outstanding work in field ornithology was presented to Donald S. Heintzelman.

Reports were made on a number of local Christmas Counts. Goshawks were observed on several counts, and this species was new on the Delaware County count.

JANUARY 18. Fifty-four members and four guests were present.

James Akers presented an outstanding program on his birding trip last summer to Churchill, Manitoba.

FEBRUARY 1. Thirty-two members and two guests were present.

Paul Beach and Nicholas J. Pulcinella were elected to active membership.

Stephen Wing and Robert Schl combined to present a most interesting program on birding in Japan and the Orient.

FEBRUARY 15. Forty members and one guest were in attendance.

Allen M. Levantin was elected to active membership.

Don Eckelberry's fine film on Trinidad entitled "Birds in the Hand, Birds in the Bush" was shown to the membership.

MARCH 1. Forty-nine members and four guests were present.

Dr. Paul Buckley presented a program on his studies of Royal Terns. Very completely illustrating the life history with movies, Dr. Buckley showed how much could be learned through detailed study. The program was exceptionally well received.

MARCH 15. Fifty-four members and one guest were present.

John Danzenbaker and George S. Greene were elected to active membership.

Mr. Samuel Leonardi presented his film on "The Southern Rockies." The excellent pictures reflected the artistic eye of the photographer. The narration described equally well the beautiful geographical formations, fauna, and birds of this area.

APRIL 5. Thirty-nine members and two guests were present.

Alan Brady was panel moderator for this program on birds of Arizona. Bird skins were used. John Billings, John Evans, and Joseph Cadbury each added their Arizona stories to the evening program.

APRIL 19. Forty-one members and three guests were in attendance.

The evening program was presented by Arthur Bergey, who showed his fine motion pictures on the birds of southeastern Arizona.

MAY 3. Forty-two members were present.

Philip A. Livingston presented the evening program on his expedition to Zululand. Many photographs showed the blending of architecture with the natural landscape, which should be a lesson for us all. Arthur Bergey added many fine photographs of birds to fill out a perfect program.

MAY 24. Forth-three members and four guests were present.

The Spring Roundup reports constituted the program of the evening. Thirteen groups afield recorded a total of 228 species.

JUNE 7. The first of the informal summer meetings was held.

Joseph A. Jacobs, 1970-1971

William R. Middleton, 1972-1973