

Club Notes

SIXTEEN meetings of the Club were held during 1919. The average attendance was twenty-five, while sixty-eight members attended at least one meeting during the year.

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THREE field trips were taken during the year as follows: February 22, 1919, to New Lisbon, N. J. The members were entertained at the cabin of Messrs. Samuel Scoville, Jr. and J. Fletcher Street. The day was overcast and damp, wind blowing from the northeast. Eleven species of birds were noted, including a flock of twenty-seven Evening Grosbeaks, seven of which were males. Eighteen members and two visitors attended.

April 18, 1919, to valley of Ridley Creek from West Chester Pike to Paoli, Pa., and return. Twenty men took part. Cloudy, wind west. Fifty-two species of birds noted. A remarkable number of Hawks (six species) and Sparrows (thirteen species) were listed. A Wilson's Snipe and a Baltimore Oriole were observed.

May 30, 1919, Port Indian to Oaks, Pa. Clear and very warm; 85 to 91 degrees. Ten members and three visitors attended. Fifty-nine species of birds observed, including Lesser Scaup Duck, Upland Plover and Bobolink. Nests of Cooper's Hawk, Grasshopper Sparrow and Blue-winged Warbler were found.

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ON December 11 the Club tendered an informal dinner to Mr. William Lutley Sclater, the famous British ornithologist and editor of "The Ibis," who was visiting the city. Forty-five members attended. President Street presided and Dr. Stone acted as toastmaster. Mr. Sclater spoke of his former visit to Philadelphia with his father, the late Dr. Philip L.

Slater. Dr. Spencer Trotter spoke of his early association with the Academy of Natural Sciences and the foreign ornithologists that he met there in the late seventies. Dr. Cornelius Weygandt discussed the love of nature, especially birds, as a common heritage of the English-speaking people, and other addresses were made by Dr. Wm. E. Hughes and Samuel N. Rhoads, while William L. Baily exhibited a series of admirable lantern slides of birds.

As it was almost exactly thirty years since the first steps were taken to organize the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club in late December, 1889, it was decided that this event should be considered as the Club's anniversary meeting.

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THE field work of the members was spread over a wide area during 1919. Stuart visited Newfoundland in search of the eggs of various boreal species, while Harlow was in New Brunswick on a similar errand. Stone spent the summer in camp in the Chiricahua Mts., southern Arizona, as the guest of J. Eugene Law, while Rehn was catching grasshoppers in the Death Valley, Hughes was cruising through the West Indies and Trotter at his old haunts in Nova Scotia.

Of members far removed Burleigh has been active in the formation of the Northwestern Bird and Mammal Club at Seattle, and Hunt in the recently organized Chicago Ornithological Club, while Coggins has been induced to attend at least one meeting of the Cooper Club at Berkeley, Calif., during the year.

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