

# ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS — 1960

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JANUARY 7. Seventy-five members and eight guests were present at the seventieth annual meeting. The following officers and councillors were elected:

John F. McIlvain, *President*  
Robert H. Sehl, *Vice-president*  
Alan Brady, *Secretary*  
Edward L. Altemus, *Treasurer*  
Stephen T. Harty, *Councillor*  
Phillips B. Street, *Councillor*

Elected to the rank of *Fellow* were:

Frank P. Frazier, Jr.  
John T. McNeill, Jr.  
Frederick P. Poole  
August Sexauer  
Asa P. Way

Henry Underdown, retiring Treasurer, was honored for his thirty-two years of devotion in that office, and to convey the sentiments of the Club, the award of "DVOC" was conferred upon him. He was presented also with an autographed copy of Peterson's *Bird Over America*.

Ten area Christmas Counts were reported upon and discussed.

Following a short entertainment emphasizing the Club's seventy-five years, the meeting adjourned to the traditional sumptuous repast.

JANUARY 21. Thirty-three members and five guests were present. The following committee appointments were made:

Communication — Sehl, Chairman; J. Cadbury, Kramer, Matthews, Street.

Field Trip — Kronschnabel, Chairman; Peniston, Reynolds, Sexauer, Stasz.

Conservation — Rigby, Chairman; Jenkins, Linton, McNeill, Street.

Publications — Thomas, Editor; Haines, Poole, Reynard, Schwalbe.

Books — Livingston, Chairman; West.

Ornithological Studies — Devlin, Chairman; Hughes, Manners, Merrit, Reimann.

Bird Accounting — Harty, Chairman; D. Cutler, Price.

Library — McDonald, Chairman; W. Middleton.

Membership — Richards, Chairman; Brady, Sawyer.

Witmer Stone Award — Hebard, Chairman; Nixon, Sterner.

Nominating — Potter, Chairman; Corn, F. Poole.

The annual Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

R. J. Reichert of the Mirakel Optical Company spoke to the Club on binoculars, covering optical systems and the practicality of various types in the field.

FEBRUARY 4. Fifty-seven members and thirteen guests were in attendance.

The death of Samuel A. Tatnall was announced.

Dr. John Kimmich was elected to active membership.

Dr. Robert H. MacArthur addressed the Club on the population ecology of some warblers, namely, the Cape May, the Black-throated Green, the Myrtle, the Blackburnian, and the Bay-breasted. The environment under study was in the white spruce forests of northern Maine and Canada.

FEBRUARY 18. Twenty-nine members and five guests were present.

Charles E. Price, Jr. was elected to Council to fill an unexpired term ending December 1961.

Donald S. Heintzelman presented a slide talk entitled "Destination - Wild Life", in which the photographs were taken mainly in Pennsylvania, showing a variety of species of the animal kingdom but with emphasis on birds of prey.

MARCH 3. Meeting was cancelled because of heavy snow storm.

MARCH 17. Forty-seven members and five guests were present. The deaths of members Lewis C. Spencer and Edward Woolman were announced. Elected to active membership were George C. Tillman and Roderick F. Welsh.

Dr. Robert C. Stein spoke on his studies of birds of British Columbia with his primary objective being further work on Traill's Flycatcher. This study has led him nearer to the conclusion that this species is actually divided into two distinct species with several sub-species.

APRIL 7. Forty-four members and eight guests were in attendance.

J. Robert Hendricks entertained the Club with an excellent series of wild flower transparencies made in Bucks County. A hundred or more species were photographed in their natural habitat.

APRIL 21. Forty-four members and twelve guests were present. Henry E. Crouter and Charles J. Hepburn, Jr. were elected to active membership.

An audio-visual picture of Haiti was given by Dr. George B. Reynard as he blended color slides with his tape recordings of Haitian bird songs and other local sounds. The program was most vivid and unique.

MAY 5. Forty members and ten guests were present.

John T. McNeill, Jr. presented an authoritative talk on the history and geography of the creeks and rivers of Philadelphia, supplemented with many old maps of the region which showed the numerous streams that still flow underground throughout the city of Philadelphia.

MAY 26. Forty-seven members and eight guests present. Elected to active membership were Seal Brooks, Emlen L. Cresson, Walter Lipski, William Russell and Thomas Tailorowski.

The spring Round-Up reports were given by the leaders of the thirteen various groups, with a grand total of 232 species observed.

JUNE 2, JULY 7, AUGUST 4 and SEPTEMBER 1. Informal summer meetings were held, with good attendance.

OCTOBER 6. Forty-eight members and fourteen guests were present. Horace G. Alexander was elected to active membership.

A discussion was held on the effects of the hurricane, "Donna", on the bird life along the New Jersey shore. This was followed by 16mm color motion pictures taken by Dr. William Parker of birdlife from Maine to Texas. Close-up shots of most of the shorebird group observed in Brigantine Wildlife Refuge were featured.

OCTOBER 20. Forty-four members and five guests present. Grier Saunders was elected to active membership.

William R. Middleton presented a slide talk entitled "Desert Awakening" which showed the flora and general appearance of the Mojave Desert country of California in early spring.

NOVEMBER 3. Forty-two members and thirteen guests were in attendance. George S. Abbot, Richard W. Coles, and Stevens Heckscher were elected to active membership. Albert E. Conway was reinstated to membership as a Fellow.

Joseph Devlin presented a summary of his migration observations and findings based on the arrivals and departures of birds in a city park oasis.

NOVEMBER 17. Forty-one members and ten guests were present. Roger C. Brown, Ronald Logan and Frank B. Moody were elected to active membership.

A slide talk entitled "Further Studies at Old Cape May" was given by Dr. Ernest A. Choate. Included were histories of the recent avian arrivals into the Cap May area, especially those species which have become well-established summer residents since the publication in 1937 of Witmer Stone's classic work on the area.

DECEMBER 1. Forty-one members and nine guests were present. Dr. William E. Parker was elected to active membership.

Frederick A. Ulmer, Jr. presented a talk on the whales and dolphins of the New Jersey coast, covering the seventeen species which have been recorded there. Color slides were shown, and a brief history of the early whaling industry in the area was given.

DECEMBER 15. Twenty-nine members and seven guests present. Gene Stern was elected to active membership.

Dr. Earl L. Poole, on a subject entitled "Birds as an Artist Sees Them", retraced his first steps as an artist, showing not only some of his early work but also some of the methods he has used to perfect his craft. On display were numerous original sketches, etchings, and paintings which he used to illustrate his talk.