

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS  
July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1977

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JULY 1, AUGUST 5, SEPTEMBER 2, and SEPTEMBER 16. Informal meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 7. Fifty-two members and three guests were present.

Howard P. Boyd was elected to active membership.

The program of the evening consisted of a fine color slide presentation by Press Robinson on the scenery and natural history of Guyana. The slides of a Harpy Eagle at the nest were particularly outstanding.

OCTOBER 21. Seventy-six members and one guest attended the annual banquet meeting held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The guest speaker was Richard A. Rowlett, well known to many Club members as the organizer of pelagic trips out of Ocean City, Maryland. Mr. Rowlett's discussion of sea birds and mammals off the Atlantic coast was both educational and enjoyable.

NOVEMBER 4. Fifty-five members and eight guests attended the meeting.

Dr. Marvin R. Hyett was elected to active membership.

The Program of the evening was a superb color slide presentation and commentary by Donald Heintzelman on the Antarctic. Photographs of many varieties of penguins highlighted a most enjoyable evening.

NOVEMBER 18. Forty-four members and three guests were present.

Philip Hoppin was elected to active membership.

The program of the evening was on the Club Texas trip taken during the first week of May, 1976. Areas visited included Austin, the lower Rio Grande Valley, and Big Bend National Park. Color slides and commentary were provided by Harry Todd, Rick Mellon, Will Middleton, Armas Hill, and Dick Bell.

DECEMBER 2. Forty-six members and two guests were present.

Fred Ulmer reported on the very discouraging outlook for the California Condor.

Keith Seager commented on the hawk flight statistics for Cape May Point during the fall migration.

The evening's program was an excellent motion picture presentation by William A. Williams on East Africa. This Part I showing (of a two-part program) concentrated principally on Uganda, with superb shots of birds, animals, scenery, as well as interesting sidelights on the people.

DECEMBER 16. Forty-three members and six guests attended the meeting.

The evening's program was Part 2 on "Birding in East Africa," presented by William A. Williams. The colored motion pictures with sound commentary were again outstanding. Especially memorable were the pictures of the Lammergeyer in flight.

JANUARY 6, 1977. Sixty-four members and 12 guests attended the Club's 87th Annual Meeting held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

Stephen T. Harty, President  
Charles A. Wonderly, Vice President  
James K. Meritt, Secretary  
Walter F. Lipski, Treasurer  
W. Ronald Logan, Councillor  
August Sexauer, Councillor

Frank W. McLaughlin and Dr. William E. Parker were elected Honorary Members of the Club. Richard Bell, Edwin Bloor, Jr., Christopher Caracino, Frank Neumann, and Dr. Edward Wildman were elected Fellows.

Ronald T. Reuther was elected to active membership.

Reports were made on several area Christmas Counts. Among the highlights were a Thick-billed Murre at Cape May, an Indigo Bunting in southern Lancaster County, a Nashville Warbler in Gloucester County, and both eagle species and a Black Brant at Brigantine.

Following the formal meeting, members and guests adjourned for the traditional round of excellent food, drink, and good fellowship.

**JANUARY 20.** Forty-five members and four guests attended the meeting.

William A. Williams was elected to active membership.

James Hitesman, a professional wildlife artist from Riverside, N.J., displayed a number of his fine paintings.

The evening's program was the annual slide contest. Winners in the three categories were Ken Miller in "Birds," Marvin Hyett in "Scenes," and Brian Moscatello in "Natural History." The three judges were Alan Brady, Harry Franzen, and Phil Street.

**FEBRUARY 3.** Fifty-three members and two guests were present.

Chris Caracino reported receipt from Joseph Cadbury of a number of booklets and publications for the Club's library and requested that the Club's official thanks be recorded in these minutes.

The meeting was an abbreviated one, as the planned speaker could not appear.

**FEBRUARY 17.** Thirty-eight members and eight guests attended the meeting.

Bernard Morris was elected to active membership.

The evening's program was "Birds of Scandinavia" by Paul Weirick. This excellent presentation was enjoyed by all.

**MARCH 3.** Thirty-eight members and seven guests were present.

Announcement was made of the death on February 26 of Honorary Member Charles H. Rogers. Several members spoke of their close association over the years with him.

The program of the evening was "Local Birds and Beasts" by Richard Bell. The program was well composed, consisting of slides of insects, animals, plants, flowers, as well as birds—all taken locally.

**MARCH 17.** Forty-nine members and eight guests were present.

James Meritt reported that Dr. John Bonner, Chairman of the Dept. of Biology at Princeton University, had indicated that the bird collection would remain intact and with the university following the recent death of Charles H. Rogers.

The speaker of the evening was Paul McClain on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Colored films were shown on the Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, and Everglade Kite. The films concentrated on efforts being made to increase nesting success. The accompanying talk was well presented, and was most informative as well as enjoyable.

**APRIL 7.** Forty-four members and 12 guests attended the meeting.

Timothy S. Sterrett was elected to active membership.

The speaker of the evening was member James Akers, who gave an illustrated talk on a one-month birding trip to Peru. While opportunities to photograph many species of birds were limited, he portrayed the various habitats visited and the manners in which the people lived. The evening's program was enjoyed by all.

APRIL 21. Forty-seven members and seven guests were present.

Dr. Gene Udell was elected to active membership.

The evening's program was "A New Look at Bird Behavior" presented by member Albert Conway. Drawing upon his professional knowledge, Mr. Conway compared in-born instincts of young birds and young children. It was an educational topic for the entire membership.

MAY 5. Forty members and six guests attended this meeting at the Philadelphia Zoo.

Greetings were extended by members Ronald Reuther and John Griswold, who announced his forthcoming retirement.

Dr. Wilbur Amand spoke on the care, handling, and diseases of captive animals, a well illustrated and informative presentation.

A box supper was served in the administration building.

MAY 19. Forty-five members attended the meeting, which was held in the cafeteria at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The meeting was conducted on an informal basis, with several members talking on recent trips taken.

Reports were made on the May 8 Spring Round-up. Results were generally disappointing.

JUNE 2, JULY 7, AUGUST 4, SEPTEMBER 1, and SEPTEMBER 15. Informal summer meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 6. Fifty-eight members and 15 guests were in attendance.

The recent death of ex-DVOC member J. Stanley Quickmire was announced.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Ernest Choate. His talk on shorebirds was illustrated with color slides, many taken at Cape May. Dr. Choate's presentation was enjoyed by all.

OCTOBER 20. Fifty members and six guests attended the annual dinner held at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Five additional members and five additional guests attended the meeting which followed.

Paul Harris and William Hart Rufe III were elected to active membership.

The evening's speaker was Dr. George Gee of the Endangered Species Program of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland. Dr. Gee reviewed the entire endangered species program briefly and concentrated on the breeding of endangered birds, the Whooping Crane in particular. A rather extensive question and answer period was evidence of the membership's interest.

NOVEMBER 3. Fifty-two members and five guests were present.

Robert Orenstein and Dr. Dwight Smith were elected to active membership.

The program of the evening was devoted to Julian K. Potter, one of the most respected members of the Club for many years. Speakers included Bob Haines, Will Middleton, Ernest Choate, Edward Manners, Stephen Harty, Ed Weyl, and Phil Livingston. At the conclusion of the program the 1977 Julian K. Potter award for outstanding contributions to field ornithology was presented to Dr. Ernest Choate.

NOVEMBER 17. Fifty-three members and six guests were present.

Stewart Maines was elected to active membership.

It was reported that the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection had secured additional property in the Higbee's Beach area of Cape May Point.

The evening's program was "Birding in the Southwest" by Elmer Rowley. The fine colored movies and accompanying talk were enjoyed very much by all present.

DECEMBER 1. Sixty members and 13 guests attended the meeting.

D. Lee Yoder was elected to active membership.

Announcement was made of the death on November 26 of Honorary Member Frank W. McLaughlin.

The program of the evening was "Birds of Brigantine and Points West" by Dr. William E. Parker. Excellent colored movies were shown of a variety of birds, shore-birds particularly. The sequence of the Great Gray Owl in Yosemite was outstanding.

DECEMBER 15. Fifty-six members and two guests were present.

Announcement was made of the death on December 11 of former Club president John McIlvain.

Dr. Frank Gill presented a program on "Avian Molts and Plumages." This very educational lecture evoked a number of questions from the membership.