

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS

JULY 1, 1962 – JUNE 30, 1963

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JULY 5, AUGUST 2, and SEPTEMBER 6. Informal summer meetings were held.

OCTOBER 4. Fifty-four members and five guests were present.

John Linehan was elected to active membership.

Christopher White, a seasonal park ranger at Glacier National Park, presented a talk on this area, illustrated with color slides of many plants, mammals, and birds.

OCTOBER 18. Fifty-seven members and ten guests were present.

Dr. Peter Hall and Donald S. Heintzelman were elected to active membership.

A program on Eagles was presented by the D.V.O.C. Ornithological Studies Committee, with information and comment by Chairman Clarence Stasz, Joseph Jacobs, and Edward Manners. It was pointed out that the decline in Eagle numbers indicated in the four-year New Jersey study had been in progress for many decades. A National Audubon Society motion picture on Eagles was shown.

NOVEMBER 1. Fifty members and five guests were present.

Dr. Richard D. Benedict and Robert H. Grant were elected to active membership.

Paul W. Schwalbe presented a talk on his studies of Mimics of the Delaware Valley, including documentation of numbers, location, distance from houses, etc. Studies included the Catbird, Brown Thrasher, and Mockingbird.

NOVEMBER 15. Forty-seven members and nine guests were present.

Dr. Jeff Swinebroad of Douglas College, Rutgers University, described preliminary analysis results of radar studies of bird migration. The various radar locations were in southern New Jersey.

DECEMBER 6. Forty-nine members and nine guests were present.

Dr. William E. Parker presented a new series of 16 mm. color movies on Arizona. The various close-ups of rare and interesting birds and mammals showed the State to be well worth visiting for natural history studies.

DECEMBER 20. Forty members and ten guests were present.

Taylor Schoettle was elected to active membership.

Dr. P. Paul Kellogg of the Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, presented commentary and sound recordings of "Controversial Rail Calls and other Natural Sounds." The need was indicated for further information on the Black and Yellow Rails. Sound recordings from a recent Venezuelan trip were also presented and new recording equipment described.

JANUARY 3. Fifty-seven members and nine guests were present. The following officers and councillors were elected at this seventy-third annual meeting:

Robert H. Sehl, *President*
Alan Brady, *Vice-President*
George B. Reynard, *Secretary*
Edward L. Altemus, *Treasurer*
Alfred J. Kronschnabel, *Councillor*
Paul W. Schwalbe, *Councillor*

Arthur H. Bergey, John A. Griswold, and William Russell were elected to the rank of Fellow.

Nelson D. W. Pumyea was elected an Honorary Member.

The honorary title of DEVOC was conferred upon Norman J. McDonald.

The results of bird counts for the Christmas period were presented for Delaware County, Bucks County, Pennypack Park (Pennsylvania), Gloucester County, Moorestown, Mt. Holly, Brigantine, Cape May (New Jersey), and Rehoboth (Delaware).

Light entertainment with slides and bird skin identification was followed by a light repast.

JANUARY 17. Forty-five members and five guests were present.

A moment of silent reverence was held in memory of Julian K. Potter, who had been a leading member of the Club for fifty-three years.

A program on "Birding in Europe" was presented by Stephen R. Wing. Color slides showed recommended birding areas as well as many birds. Bird song recordings made in France were played along with identifying slides.

FEBRUARY 7. Forty-six members and five guests were present.

Mark Jepson was elected to active membership.

Charles H. Rogers of Princeton University presented a thorough summary of Pigeons and Doves of the world. Specimens from the Academy and D.V.O.C. collections were exhibited.

FEBRUARY 21. Thirty-eight members and five guests were present.

Albert E. Conway presented a talk on "Birds Then and Now" from documentary notes of some 50,000 entries assembled on birds in the Philadelphia area. Changes in local numbers and distribution of many species were described.

MARCH 7. Thirty-eight members and seven guests were present.

Neal Griffith Smith of Cornell University presented a very informative illustrated talk on his studies of Gulls over a period of several years in the Baffin Island area of Canada.

MARCH 21. Thirty-nine members and four guests were present.

Samuel J. Leonardi presented slides and tape recordings of natural history subjects, including close-ups of birds, flowers, fungi, and mosses.

APRIL 4. Forty-two members and six guests were present.

William Craighead and George Spitalny were elected to active membership.

William Russell presented a documentary movie and tabular material on evolutionary changes in dark and light moths in England.

APRIL 18. Forty members and six guests were present. Birdlife in Puerto Rico was discussed by a trio of members, Stephen T. Harty, Dr. George B. Reynard, and Philip A. Livingston. Slides of scenery, principal bird habitats, and close-ups of live captured birds were shown. New sound recordings of Puerto Rico birds were played.

MAY 2. Forty-five members and six guests were present.

"The Anatomy of the May Run" was the program of the evening, with contributions by David Cutler, Robert Sehl, and Robert Haines, as well as from the floor. The history and methods of conducting bird surveys were reviewed.

MAY 23. Fifty-two members and six guests were present.

Dr. W. A. Davis, Dr. William Medway, and F. Joseph Stokes, Jr. were elected to active membership.

The Spring Roundup reports were presented under the chairmanship of Alfred J. Kronschnabel. Fourteen groups reported on May 12 Runs and two on May 11 Runs. A total of 236 species was reported, the highest since 1956.

JUNE 6. The first of the informal summer meetings was held.