

QUINTIN KRAMER 1908-1975

HOWELL PENISTON

Quintin Kramer began his birding career in the middle 1930's, soon after his wife, Evelyn, took a job with Mr. Horace Groskin. Mr. Groskin was a member of the DVOC and banded birds at his home in Lower Merion. He got Mrs. Kramer interested in going into the field for birds and Quint went along. Soon, Quint developed a keen interest which stayed with him.

Quint joined the DVOC in 1939 and subsequently became a Fellow. He was very active in their trips and other operations. His very friendly and helpful attitude, together with his quick wit, made him popular with his fellow members.

During World War II, Quintin and Evelyn did most of their birding by public transportation and shank's mare. They walked the Jersey beaches for miles and found numerous dead birds, including an occasional rare species. Sometimes, they would bring the bird back to Philadelphia to have it identified.

Quint taught a bird identification class at the Junto when it was at Twelfth and Chestnut Streets. Later, he conducted bird classes with field trips at the Academy of Natural Sciences when James Fowler was there. These classes were discontinued when Mr. Fowler left the Academy.

Unlike today's birders, Quint's sphere of operations was confined to the eastern half of North America with one trip to Churchill and one to the Dry Tortugas.

Quintin Kramer died 30 September 1975 and is survived by his wife, Evelyn Kramer.

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