

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS

July 1, 1973 — December 31, 1974

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JULY 12, AUGUST 2, SEPTEMBER 6, and SEPTEMBER 20. Informal summer meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 4. Thirty-nine members and four guests were present.

The annual dues were increased from \$7.50 to \$10.00 effective January 1. At the same time a junior membership rate of \$6.00 was created for those younger than age 21.

The program by Dr. Frank Gill was on his favorite research project, East African Sunbirds. Dr. Gill's very interesting and enlightening talk was illustrated with slides and movies of these colorful birds.

OCTOBER 18. Sixty-six members and five guests were present at the Annual Dinner Meeting.

Stephen Harski, Jr. and Donald Webb were elected to active membership.

Albert Conway introduced Crawford H. Greenewalt, who presented his fine program entitled "Exploring Aerodynamics in Hummingbird Photography." The photographs produced sights of hummingbirds which could not be seen in any other manner.

NOVEMBER 1. Thirty-three members and five guests were present.

Dr. Frank Gill introduced G. Stuart Keith who spoke on the American Birding Association. Mr. Keith is president of that association.

NOVEMBER 15. Thirty-eight members and five guests were present.

Christopher Caracino was elected to active membership.

Dr. Ernest A. Choate presented the evening program on bird names. The talk highlighted some of the material in Dr. Choate's new book on this subject.

DECEMBER 6. Forty-one members and eleven guests were present.

James Akers, William T. Tucker, and Anthony Bledsoe were elected to active membership.

Davis S. Finch, exchange speaker from the Linnaean Society, presented a program on "Gulls of the Northeast—Identification and Distribution." Excellent photographs were used to illustrate the identification points discussed.

DECEMBER 20. Thirty-four members and five guests were present.

Thomas A. Reeves was elected to active membership.

The evening program presented by Elmer C. Rowley was on the Galapagos Islands. Excellent movies illustrated a fine talk about a most fascinating area.

JANUARY 3, 1974. Forty-eight members were present at the eighty-fourth annual meeting.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

Stephen R. Wing, President
Stephen T. Harty, Vice President
James B. Woodford, Treasurer
Charles A. Wonderly, Secretary
James K. Meritt, Editor

Joseph M. Cadbury, Harry Franzen, and Alfred J. Kronschnabel, Councillors
C. U. Atkinson, Frank Hubbart, and Stephen Wylie were elected Fellows.

The Club's annual Julian K. Potter award for outstanding work in field ornithology was presented to Stephen T. Harty.

Reports were made on a number of local Christmas Counts on which Club members participated. The Brigantine Count of 136 was a record there.

Dr. Ernest A. Choate gave a talk on "Memories of Witmer Stone."

The meeting ended with the traditional sumptuous repast.

JANUARY 17. Forty-three members and two guests were present.

Stephen J. Ross was elected to junior membership.

It was announced that a newsletter, edited by Dr. John T. LaVia, would be mailed to all members.

Gene Stern's color slide of a Hawk Owl won top honors in the Club's annual slide contest.

FEBRUARY 7. Forty-three members and four guests were present.

Lance D. Wood was elected to active membership.

Dr. George B. Reynard presented an excellent program on "Hispaniola" with slides and two tapes of bird songs recorded there.

FEBRUARY 21. Forty-seven members and six guests were present.

Dr. Arnold J. Rawson was elected to active membership.

Howard Brokaw took everyone with him on a trip in the little known jungles of eastern Peru. "A Biological Expedition of the Manu River" was a real adventure with outstanding slides.

MARCH 7. Forty-four members and four guests were present.

August Sexauer spoke on "The Beauty Around Us," depicting the seasons. With musical background he concluded with an outstanding set of slides.

MARCH 21. Thirty-eight members and six guests were present.

Dr. William Kirshner, Kenneth M. Miller, and James Stasz were elected to active membership.

Charles E. Mohr updated the audience on the status of "Marine and Other Endangered Turtles." More protection is urgently needed for these species.

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

Joseph A. Jacobs presented a talk on "Turkey Vultures in South Jersey." He has devoted countless hours of field work to Turkey Vultures and has successfully enticed them to nest in man-made structures.

APRIL 18. Forty-one members and three guests were present.

It was announced that the Witmer Stone Award may be presented by recommendation of Council for articles published in *Cassinia*.

Charles H. Rogers gave a program on Whip-poor-wills and Nightjars. It was another outstanding ornithological presentation, and his thirty-first to the Club.

MAY 2. Forty-two members and seven guests met at the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens and were given a guided tour by Ronald Reuther, Director, and John Griswold, Curator of Birds. The hummingbird house and African plains exhibit were outstanding. A buffet supper was served and a short business meeting held. Mr. Reuther gave an informal talk about America's first zoo, now celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Jerome Freilich was elected to active membership.

MAY 23. Thirty-three members and two guests were present.

Dr. Ernest Choate's book, "The Dictionary of American Bird Names" was available to members, with the author on hand to autograph copies.

Harry Todd called on members for the May Roundup reports. Fifteen groups saw a composite total of 234 species.

JUNE 6, JULY 11, AUGUST 1, SEPTEMBER 5, and SEPTEMBER 19. Informal summer meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 3. Thirty-four members and seven guests were present.

Elmer C. Rowley gave an outstanding illustrated talk on "The Birds of Trinidad and Tobago."

OCTOBER 17. Sixty-two members and two guests attended the Annual Dinner.

James Bond spoke on "The Nesting Status of the Birds of Mt. Desert Island, Maine."

NOVEMBER 7. Forty members and three guests were present.

Harold Jackson and Charles Perry, Jr. were elected to active membership.

Frederick A. Ulmer, Jr. presented an excellent illustrated program on "New Jersey's Whales and Dolphins."

NOVEMBER 21. Thirty-eight members and eight guests were present.

John A. Hornbeck, Press Robinson, and Michael Stopler were elected to active membership.

Dr. Michael Linshaw, exchange speaker from the Linnaean Society, spoke on "Birds from the Rio Grande to the Arctic." This was a fine presentation with excellent slides.

DECEMBER 5. Fifty-eight members and six guests were present.

Dr. Clive Bagshaw and Howard L. West, III were elected to active membership.

Alan Brady and Dr. John T. LaVia spoke on a trip to Churchill and Brandon, Manitoba, made by a group of Club members in 1973. A fine assortment of slides was shown.

DECEMBER 19. Fifty-three members and four guests were present.

Richard Bell and H. Goodwin Stevenson were elected to active membership.

Phillips B. Street introduced a symposium of members who spoke on a trip made to Alaska by about sixteen Club members early in the summer. Excellent slides were included in the program.

Announcement was made of the institution of the Philadelphia Rare Bird Alert phone system. Credit for this is due Dr. Frank Gill and Dr. Keith Richards.