

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS

January 9, 1975 to December 31, 1975

Compiled By Charles A. Wonderly

JANUARY 9. 85th Annual Meeting—73 Members, 7 Guests

The following officers and councillors were elected:

Stephen R. Wing—President
Stephen T. Harty—Vice President
Charles A. Wonderly—Secretary
Walter Lipski—Treasurer
John La Via, Walter Lipski, Keith Richards—Councillors

Frank Gill and John La Via were elected Fellows. Joseph Cadbury was elected Honorary Member. The Julian K. Potter Award was presented to Charles H. Rogers. The Witmer Stone Award was presented to Keith Russell. Reports were made on the various Christmas counts—Cape Charles, Va. high with 174 species. The meeting ended with the traditional sumptuous repast.

JANUARY 23. 50 Members, 5 Guests

Harry Franzen elected to Fellow. Annual Slide contest was won by: Bird—Joe Cadbury; Animal—Bob Garner; and Scene—Press Robinson.

FEBRUARY 6. 50 Members, 4 Guests

Millard C. Davis, Andrew Levin, Carl Williams were elected into active membership. Gene Stern spoke on "The Galapagos Islands and Cuzco Area of Peru."

FEBRUARY 20. 54 Members, 6 Guests

A new projector was purchased for D.V.O.C. Howard Brokaw presented "Forest and Puna of Peru"—an outstanding evening.

MARCH 6. 48 Members, 4 Guests

Dr. George L. Seifert elected to active membership. "Panama and Costa Rica" was presented by Stephen Harty, Paul Weirack, and Dr. Edward Wildman.

MARCH 20. 36 Members, 5 Guests

Dr. Keith Richards spoke on "Ornithological Identification Problems".

APRIL 3. 46 Members, 3 Guests

Dr. William Parker presented "Birds East and West in Movies" An outstanding production.

APRIL 17. 42 Members, 2 Guests

Jon E. Richert was elected into active membership. Dr. Frank Gill presented two films presented to the Academy by Mrs. Richard Bishop, one on "Ducks and Duck Hunting" and "Laysons and Black-Footed Albatros on Midway Island".

MAY 1. 37 Members, 1 Guest

Dr. Frank Gill illustrated and spoke and defined the subject "What is a Species?".

MAY 22. 38 Members, 1 Guest

Stephen Wing called for the May Round Up Reports—low counts and low numbers. Total species—227.

JUNE 5, JULY 3, AUGUST 7, SEPTEMBER 4 and 18. Informal meetings held at Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 2. 42 Members, 6 Guests

Wesley Doughty elected to active membership. "Guatemala" was presented by club members Harry Franzen, Gene Stern, Alan Brady, Art Bergey and John Evans with sound effects by Dr. George Reynard. A tropical evening.

OCTOBER 16. 60 Members, 4 Guests attended the Annual Dinner.

A film was donated to the Club by Dr. Alexander Leighton showing Club field trips in 1925 and 1926. It was enjoyed by all. R. Dudley Ross presented "Animals and Birds of Africa"—another outstanding evening.

NOVEMBER 6. 46 Members, 3 Guests

Julian Boryszewski, Edward Engerth, Richard Morton, John Padalino, James Sands, Chris Stieber were elected into active membership. A movie "Northwestern Venezuela" was presented by Bill Williams with an outstanding number of birds.

NOVEMBER 20. 41 Members, 4 Guests

Walter Free, Gary Krause, Phillip Spear, Richard Walter were elected into active membership. Stephen Harty spoke on "Northwestern Venezuela" showing excellent slides of Bird Skins.

DECEMBER 4. 58 Members, 2 Guests

Armis Hill elected into active membership. "DVOC Tall Tales from Texas" was presented by Steve Wing, Steve Harty, Harry Todd and slides from members.

DECEMBER 11. 70 Members and Guests

Helen Hayes—Exchange speaker from Linnaean Society presented "Great Gull Island—Natural Laboratory". A unique program.

DECEMBER 18. 39 Members, 3 Guests

Crawford Mechem was elected into active membership. Dr. George Reynard edited a program of sound recordings brought in by members, with new tapes awarded to Will Middleton, Steve Harty, and Ed Altemus for their fine recordings.

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January 1 — June 30, 1976

Compiled by James K. Meritt

JANUARY 8, 1976. Fifty-six members and two guests were present at the Club's eighty-sixth annual meeting.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

Stephen T. Harty, President
Charles A. Wonderly, Vice President
James K. Meritt, Secretary
Walter F. Lipski, Treasurer
Frank Hubbart, Councillor
Dr. Edward Wildman, Councillor

Dr. George B. Reynard was elected an Honorary Member of the Club. Richard Mellon, Dr. Keith Richards, Elmer Rowley, and Keith Seager were elected Fellows. Whitson Fowler was elected active membership.

The Club's annual Julian K. Potter award for outstanding work in field ornithology was presented to Alan Brady. Dr. Ernest A. Choate was the recipient of the Club's Witmer Stone award.

Reports were made on a number of area Christmas Counts. Among the highlights were a Green-tailed Towhee in Gloucester County, a Western Kingbird, both crossbills, and both eiders at Cape May, and Marbled Godwit and Dickcissel at Brigantine. The traditional refreshments capped the evening's activities.

JANUARY 15. Forty-two members and four guests were present.

The program of the evening consisted of the Club's annual slide contest. Winners in the three categories of Birds, Natural History, and Scenes were, respectively, William Middleton, Richard Bell, and Wesley Doughty.

FEBRUARY 5. Thirty-five members and four guests were present.

Announcement was made of the death on January 26 of former Club member Raymond T. Bye.

Dr. Keith Richards presented an identification program, illustrating his talk with skins. Comparisons were made between such species as Audubon's and Manx Shearwaters, American and European Golden Plovers, Horned and Eared Grebes, as well as loons and petrels.

FEBRUARY 19. Fifty-two members and seven guests attended.

Alva Collins was elected to active membership.

Reports were made on two recent field trips. A group of Pine Grosbeaks and 13 Rough-legged Hawks were the highlights on the February 7-8 Poconos weekend. In New England on the following weekend Club members recorded Red-necked Grebe, Barrow's Goldeneye, Harlequin Duck, Black-headed Gull, Little Gull, Black Guillemot, Thick-billed Murre, Snowy Owl, Bohemian Waxwing, Common Redpoll, and Green-tailed Towhee.

Richard Walter presented the evening program on Australia. He had an excellent series of slides taken on a trip to northeastern Australia in late 1974. Many birds typical of the area were featured.

MARCH 4. Forty-two members and three guests attended.

Dr. Keith Richards reported on the February 29 field trip to Bombay Hook Refuge. Highlights included a large number of hawks and a group of some 25 Brewer's Blackbirds.

The program of the evening was a fine slide presentation by Richard Mellon on Bowman's Hill. Wildflowers were featured. Activities of the nature center there were discussed.

MARCH 18. Forty-eight members and four guests were in attendance.

Robert Mangold, a biologist with the N.J. Fish and Game Department, gave an excellent presentation with color slides on the New Jersey salt marshes and the Clapper Rail. An extensive question and answer period afterwards was evidence of the membership's interest.

APRIL 1. Sixty-six members and three guests attended.

Edwin Johnson and Brian Moscatello were elected to active membership.

Report was made on the recent Club trip to Gloucester County. Three Saw-whet Owls and a large number of Whistling Swans were among the highlights.

The evening's program on South Africa was presented by Dr. Ernest Choate. Dr. Choate gave an interesting historical account of the region before showing his excellent series of slides on flowers, birds, and general scenery.

APRIL 15. Fifty-five members and four guests were present.

John F. Normand was elected to active membership.

The program of the evening was presented by biologist Otto Heck. His interesting discussion of comparative studies of Great Horned Owls in rural vs. suburban areas was illustrated with a fine series of color slides.

MAY 6. Twenty-three members and two guests attended the picnic supper meeting at the Schuylkill Valley Nature Center.

Mr. Richard James, Director of the Center, gave an interesting and informative talk on the work of the center and its problems in educational endeavors.

MAY 27. Fifty-three members and two guests were in attendance.

Joseph Jacobs gave an interesting account of the status of breeding Ospreys in southern New Jersey.

The program of the evening consisted of the Spring Round-up reports. Approximately 230 species were recorded on the May 14 and May 16 trips.

JUNE 3. The first of the informal summer meetings was held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.