

what is known to date. In preparation for this note I wrote Mr. F. H. Hands concerning any possible recent occurrences. He replies that he has no personal knowledge of their occurring since 1917-18, but that a number of summers ago he "heard an unconfirmed rumor that a few were on top of the mountains, but it wasn't allowed to leak out in order to protect them." With this desire I can heartily sympathize.

The fourth edition of the A. O. U. Check-list gives the range of the Thick-billed Parrot as follows, "Mountains bordering the Mexican tableland, northward sporadically to the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona, and casually to the *Dragoon, Galiuro, and Graham ranges*" (italics mine). I can find in the literature only suggestions that they *may* occur in ranges other than the Chiricahuas; including in other ranges the Huachuclas. Yet I can find no *record* whatever of occurrence elsewhere than in the Chiricahuas.—CHARLES T. VORHIES, *University of Arizona, December 1, 1933.*

NOTES AND NEWS

The annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held this year in Chicago during the week beginning October 22. Headquarters will be at the Field Museum of Natural History where Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood will receive the Union as Chairman of the Local Committee. Dr. Osgood was the first President of the Cooper Ornithological Club, back in '93; and for this reason as well as others C. O. C. members will be warmly inclined to attend this Chicago meeting. A large general attendance from the West is likely also because the Century of Progress Exposition will still be open, with attractive railroad rates available. This factor will appeal especially to bird students in California, whence there should be a good-sized delegation. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Osgood, addressed as above, concerning this, the most important ornithological event of the year in America.—J.G.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Audubon Societies the following statement of policies with relation to the protection of hawks and owls was approved. We are confident that well-nigh every member of the Cooper Ornithological Club will find himself ready to endorse this

admirable statement in all its sections and will thenceforth be ready at every opportunity to aid the Audubon Societies in carrying out their aim, as here expressed, to save these commonly misunder-



Fig. 30. Clinton G. Abbott, Director, Natural History Museum, San Diego, and President, Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club.

stood birds from further depletion and even, some of them, from extinction.

"1. We oppose the extermination of any species of bird; in this we include all hawks and owls without exception. 2. We advocate protection, under all conditions, of rare hawks, such as the Duck Hawk, and of beneficial hawks and owls, such as the Broad-winged Hawk and the Barn Owl. 3. We oppose the killing of hawks and owls other than those individual birds known to be damaging property. 4. We condemn bounties, hawk campaigns and general hawk shoots because—First: They result in indiscriminate killing, without regard to merit, because great numbers of hunters are not qualified to tell one species of hawk or owl from another. Second: They put many hunters in the field outside the regular shooting season, making law enforcement more difficult. Third: If control is needed, such work should be conducted only by properly qualified authorities. 5. We are opposed to the pole-trap because it is cruel and indiscriminate. 6. We aim: *a*, Through educational methods to create greater popular appreciation of the esthetic, scientific and economic value of hawks and owls; *b*, to combat the constant propaganda which encourages their destruction; *c*, to work for the enactment and enforcement of laws giving them adequate protection."—J.G.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB

MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The March meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on March 22, 1934, at 8:00 p. m. in Room 2003, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with Vice-president Miller in the Chair and sixty-five members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for February were read and approved. Minutes of the Stanford Chapter for February and March were read. Minutes of the Southern Division for February were read by title only.

The following applications for membership were received: Walter W. Bennett, Arnolds Park, Iowa, proposed by J. Grinnell; Miss Elsa Dresbach, 1238 Cowper St., Palo Alto, Calif., by C. B. Lastreto; J. Stanley Brode, 215 N. Blaine St., Pendleton, Oregon, and Donald M. Hatfield, 2504 Etna St., Berkeley, Calif., by J. M. Linsdale; Mrs. Anna R. Einarsson, 699 Santa Barbara Rd., Berkeley, Calif., Mrs. Antoinette B. Hillebrand, 1400 Hawthorne Terrace, Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, High Acres, Berkeley, Calif., by Amelia S. Allen; Mrs. Albert B. Stephens, 1695 Filbert St., San Francisco, Calif., by Cornelia C. Pringle; Wilbur V. Henry, Route 1, Box 381, Los Altos, Calif., by Clare McGee; Mrs. Allace M. Rigden, 424 Harriet Ave., Palo Alto, Calif., by Isabel M. McCracken.

Notes on the arrival of the Western Warbling Vireo were contributed by Alden Miller who reported hearing the song on March 15 near the President's house on the Campus, by Mrs. Mead who saw a pair of the birds on Etna St., March 18, and by Miss Albro who heard one of these vireos singing in Faculty Glade on March 22. Beverly Blanks first noted the Rufous Hummingbird on March 10. Lutescent Warblers were reported seen or heard in the East Bay region on March 4, 8 and 18.

The evening's program was given by three of the nine contestants whose names are entered in the program contest sponsored by the Northern Division and was as follows: "A Trip to the Farallon Islands," Clarence F. Smith; "Effects of Weather upon Migration of Birds," Howard H. Twining; "Observations on Birds of High Altitudes," H. Beverly Blanks. Announcement was made that the second group of three papers would be given at the April meeting of the Northern Division, and the third and last group at the May meeting.

Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Room 2003, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with Vice-president Miller in the Chair and about seventy-five members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for March were read, corrected and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for March and of the Stanford Chapter for April were read.