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MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, October 22, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Alden H. Miller presiding and about 125 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for September were read and approved. There were four proposals for membership: Grace Irene Crowe, 1420 Henry St., Berkeley, by May Titus; Marjorie Lillian Peterson, 2725 Ridge Rd., Berkeley, by Winifred M. Smith; and Donald Lynn McKevnan, 810 24th Ave., Seattle, and Albert Wolfson, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, both by Alden H. Miller.

A letter from George Willett to Mrs. Hilda W. Grinnell was read, which expressed appreciation to members of the Cooper Club for his election to Honorary Membership.

Mr. Follett reported a Mockingbird from Modoc County on September 12. Mrs. Allen reported recent arrival dates of several migrants and winter residents in Berkeley, and Dr. Miller contrasted these, in general terms, with earlier arrival dates along the coast of Humboldt County.

Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon, speaker of the evening, presented five excellent colored motion picture films. The major subjects were (1) shearwaters and other Pacific Coast birds, (2) American egrets in the San Joaquin Valley, (3) marsh birds in the Carson River Valley, Nevada, (4) common garden birds, and (5) desert birds in the Imperial Valley of California.

Adjourned.—FRANK A. PITELKA, *Acting Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, November 19, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Alden H. Miller in the chair and 37 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for October were read and corrected. Minutes of the Southern Division for September were read. Names proposed for membership were: Mr. Dean Amadon, American Museum of Natural History, New York City, N. Y., by W. Lee Chambers; Warren Fischer, 106 Magnolia Avenue, Piedmont, Calif., by Brighton C. Cain; William V. Mayer, Route 2, Box 3125, Del Paso Heights, Calif., by Alden H. Miller;

Daniel F. Tillotson, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by Frank A. Pitelka.

Mr. Miller reviewed "Wildlife Portfolio of the Western National Parks" by Joseph S. Dixon, a recent publication of the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. He commented on its pleasing form, and its usefulness in presenting to the park visitor the birds and mammals he would be most likely to see.

Mr. Dixon brought a heartening report from among his field observations. In one region of California there was a great increase in the number of White-tailed Kites, two pairs present in April apparently having been able to rear two broods each. This was correlated with an abundant population of *Microtus*. Mr. Covel spoke of the annual duck banding at Lake Merritt on November 5, and Mrs. Austin noted that 1105 birds were handled, 600 of these being banded for the first time.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Joseph Dixon, entitled his talk, "Fading Trails," from the book of that name, dealing with diminishing wildlife forms. Reproductions of the colored plates originally planned for the book were shown as lantern slides.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, December 17, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Alden H. Miller in the chair and 55 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for November were read and approved. Names proposed for membership were: Florence Anne Henderson (Mrs. R. N.), 3922 Broadway, Sacramento, Calif., by E. L. Sumner; Mrs. Blanche Wallace, 750 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, by Junea W. Kelly. A standing order of business calls for the appointment of a nominating committee at the December meeting. A telegram from the president, E. Lowell Sumner, named Jean M. Linsdale, John T. Emlen, and Mrs. J. T. Allen, chairman.

A letter was read from Dr. T. Eric Reynolds who finds opportunities to study birds of south Pacific islands in spite of his naval duties.

As speaker of the evening, B. C. Cain described his summer's field work at Camp Phillmont, in the Sangre de Cristo range of New Mexico, illustrating his talk with Kodachrome slides of exceptional beauty. This camp, the largest in the world devoted to youth, comprising some 127,000 acres, was presented to the Boy Scouts of America, together with the means for maintaining it, by Waite Phillips.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, October 27, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, California, with President Sherwin F. Wood in the chair and 92 members and guests present. Minutes of the Southern Division for September were approved as read. Minutes of the Northern Division for August and September were read. Two applications for membership were presented as follows: Mrs. A. W. Kildale, 1402 D St., Eureka, Calif., proposed by W. Lee Chambers; and Miss Anita Syrek, 4905 Gaviota Ave., Encino, Calif., proposed by Loye Miller.

George Willett gave an interesting report on the Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held recently in Philadelphia. He stated that the meeting was very well attended by approximately 150 members plus many local guests. He summarized for us a number of the papers which were presented at the meeting. The Cooper Club takes just pride in knowledge of the fact that Mr. Willett was elected First Vice-President of the A.O.U. at the 1942 meeting.

Mr. Willett announced receipt of a new publication, "The Blue Goose," by J. Dewey Soper, issued by the Department of the Interior, Northwest Territories and Yukon Branch, Ottawa, Canada.

The program of the evening, "Wildlife of Australia," was then presented by Mr. Ed Harrison and Mrs. Frances Roberts, of Encinitas, California. The subject matter comprised five reels of sound motion pictures, four of which were loaned by the Australian News and Information Bureau, of New York City, and one of which was rented from the Filmsound Library, of Hollywood.

Adjourned.—JACK C. VON BLOEKER, JR., *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, November 24, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, California, with George Willett in the chair and 21 members and guests present. Minutes of the Southern Division for October were approved as read. Two applications for membership were read, as follows: Pfc. Harry James Fletcher, U.S.M.C., 2851 Community Ave., La Crescenta, Calif., proposed by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; and Mr. Richard Hayes Robinson, 949 So. Hudson Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., proposed by Jack C. Couffer.

Mr. Willett reported that Dr. Loye H. Miller was enjoying better health and wished to be remembered to his many friends. Mr. Willett brief-

ly commented upon the transportation problem, asking for suggestions of members concerning future meetings. Dr. I. D. Nokes suggested holding the next meeting as scheduled.

Mr. W. A. Kent reported seeing American and Ferruginous Rough-legged hawks in San Bernardino County in October.

Mr. Willett introduced Dr. Carl G. Kadner of Loyola University, Los Angeles, who spoke upon the subject "Bird Malaria." The role that the study of bird blood parasites has played in aiding the work on the most serious world disease of man has been and still is a very important one. Approximately 10 per cent of southern California birds harboring blood parasites are found infected with bird malaria, according to Dr. Kadner's records.

Adjourned.—SHERWIN F. WOOD, *Acting Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, December 29, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, California, with I. D. Nokes in the chair and 35 members and guests present. The minutes of the Southern Division for November were approved as read.

Sherwin F. Wood reported the appointment of George Willett, chairman, Hildegard Howard and Howard Robertson as the committee for nomination of officers for the Southern Division for 1943. Mr. Willett reported a communication from Alden H. Miller announcing the abandonment of the 1943 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Nokes introduced Miss Irene Tillinghast of the Los Angeles Museum whose subject was "Behavior Studies of Young Brewer Blackbirds and Cliff Swallows." The adventures of this "good samaritan" of birds completely absorbed the interest of every member of the Club fortunate enough to be present. Miss Tillinghast has doctored and reared a number of young birds, including a Cliff Swallow, Brewer Blackbirds, a California Shrike and a Horned Lark. Most of the lecture dealt with the life history of "Susie," a Brewer Blackbird which was brought to her as a nestling with a fractured leg. Some of this bird's behavior was demonstrated by a short color film and by the personal appearance of "Susie" who, although much excited by the company, demonstrated her responsiveness to Miss Tillinghast's directions.

A motion extending a vote of thanks to Miss Tillinghast and her assistant, Mr. Melville Lincoln, for this unusual, interesting, and entertaining study of bird behavior received unanimous approval.

Adjourned.—SHERWIN F. WOOD, *Acting Secretary*.