

NOTES AND NEWS

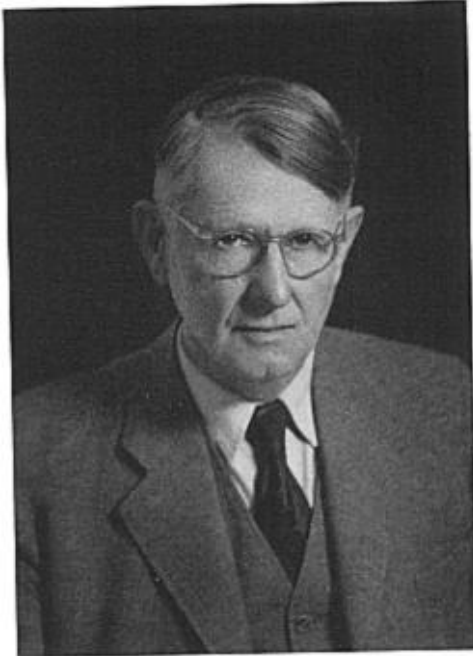


Fig. 13. Robert B. Moran, member of the Cooper Club since June 9, 1897.

The twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club will be held at Asilomar in the Monterey area on April 14, 15 and 16, 1950. Meetings at Asilomar are characterized by informality and exceptional opportunity for members to become acquainted and to talk of their interests in birds. The costs at Asilomar are very reasonable and should make it easy for members to attend. A major purpose of the Annual Meetings is to develop a scientific program. You are urged now to begin planning a contribution to the program. The committee on arrangements will issue a call for papers and a request for individual reservations at Asilomar about March 1.

The Guatemalan Ivory-billed Woodpecker (*Phloeocastes guatemalensis dorsofasciatus* Moore) which Grayson encountered in Sinaloa was known locally as Pito Real. The specimens on which he based the painting reproduced in this issue were taken on November 1, 1864, at Barone on the Río Mazatlán. All those shown in the group are females; the males are portrayed in a separate drawing less perfectly designed.

Grayson writes: "I have generally found this

woodpecker among large forests or seeking its food high up upon decayed trees and sometimes even green ones when such a tree becomes infected with the wood cutting worm or borer." These are "its general food and the perserverance and industry it exhibits ferreting out with its powerful wedge-shaped bill these destructive insects from the tough wood common to the country, is very interesting to behold. The termite . . . is also a favorite food . . . Its habits are something like the Ivorybill of the southern states, to which it seems to be allied . . . I have always found it alone, excepting in the breeding season."

The frontispiece of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker is presented through the generosity of Jean Delacour, Edgar S. Roth, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Zahn.

The Tenth International Ornithological Congress, to be held at Uppsala, Sweden, from June 10 to 17, 1950, is open to persons of all countries interested in any phase of ornithology. Several excursions based on Lund are planned for the period June 3 to 9 before the sessions, and others departing from Uppsala, June 20 to July 3, following the meetings. Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., is President, and Prof. Sven Hörstadius, Zoologiska Institutionen, Uppsala, Sweden, Secretary, for the Congress. To insure quarters and place on the excursions, applications for registration should be addressed before February 28, 1950, to Tenth International Ornithological Congress, Uppsala, Sweden.

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, October 6, 1949, at the University of California, Berkeley, California. The following names were proposed for membership: Herbert Girton Deignan, Smithsonian Institution, Washington 25, D.C., by Alden H. Miller; Gilbert Greenwald, 2411 Bowditch St., Berkeley 4, Calif., by Howard L. Cogswell; Mrs. Mabel Holtz Petrishin, 1465 21st Ave., San Francisco, Miss Florence B. Stanton, P.O. Box 738, Berkeley, Calif., Mrs. Ernest Koch, 1188 Dolores St., San Francisco 10, Calif., and Mr. J. Ross McFadyen, 2510 Bancroft Way, Berkeley