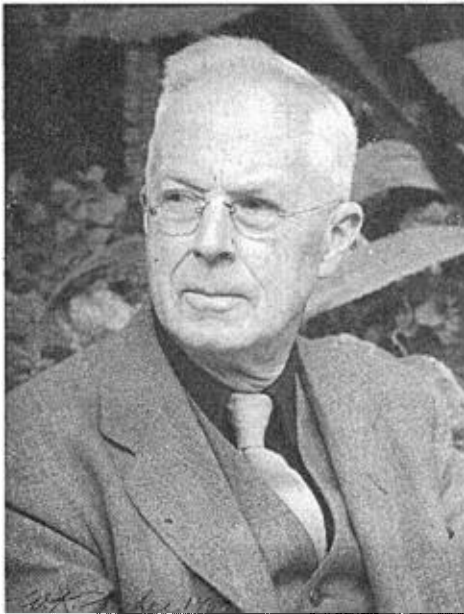


NOTES AND NEWS



Walter K. Fisher, member of the Club since 1900 and Editor of the Condor, 1902-1905.

The frontispiece showing the Derby or Kiskadee Flycatcher in this issue of the Condor is the fourteenth in the series of paintings of Andrew Jackson Grayson presented in color. The Cooper Club is indebted to the James Irvine Foundation for this plate; their generous gift was made to commemorate the Society of California Pioneers of which Grayson was a charter member.

Of the Derby Flycatcher, Grayson wrote in his notes: "It is . . . frequently met with in the neighborhood of fresh water streams and lagoons, and I have often observed them dart into the water, after water insects and minnows that were swimming near the surface, not unlike the Kingfisher, but they usually pursue and capture on the wing the larger kinds of insects.

"The nest of this species is very large. It is dome-shaped, or covered, with the entrance on the side [and] is usually placed in the forks of the branches of very thorny trees, twenty-five or thirty feet from the ground. It is composed of very coarse material of either straw or lichens, sometimes both. The lining however, is of finer and more elastic fibres.

"It was in the nest of this bird that I discovered the Red-eyed black bird [= Cowbird, *Tan-*

gavius aeneus] in its attempt to examine it, doubtless for the purpose of depositing her eggs. But the vigilance of the flycatcher was too acute to permit this. . . . The sly intruder was discovered and hurried away, just as it was about to enter the nest. I was much interested in this manoeuvre, as I was in hopes that the blackbird would have succeeded, and thus settle a doubt as to whether [it] deposits its eggs in other bird's nests as its near ally *M. Pecoris* [*Molothrus ater*] is known to do."

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, on April 20, 1951. President Ed N. Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members present: Howard L. Cogswell, C. V. Duff, Wade Fox, Dorothy Groner, Wilson C. Hanna, Ed N. Harrison, Hildegard Howard, Junea W. Kelly, C. B. Lastreto, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, Robert T. Orr, J. R. Pemberton, William J. Sheffler, Charles G. Sibley, and Kenneth E. Stager. Guests present were: Lois Taylor, Hilda W. Grinnell and Stanley G. Jewett.

Minutes of the twenty-fifth meeting were read and corrected. The report of the business manager was submitted by C. V. Duff; some of the points noted were as follows: the directors had authorized the sale of the "G" bonds held by the Club and the investment of the funds in stocks approved by the investment committee; the Club had weathered successfully the critical period resulting from the raising of membership dues; very few members were lost because of this increase.

The report of the editor was presented by A. H. Miller with discussion of the manuscript docket. Because of the wide scope of articles submitted, the editors have enlisted the help of an advisory committee which will help the editors pass on the merits of various papers offered. The report stated that Avifauna number 30, the Fifth Ten Year Index is ready for publication.

Dr. Frank Pitelka was nominated for president of the Board, Dr. Robert T. Orr for vice-president, and Dr. Charles G. Sibley for secretary. Mr. Duff moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; motion carried.

A call for new business was made and Mr. Duff

stated that he felt that the name of the Club should be changed to Cooper Ornithological Society. Dr. Miller added that he found that considerable confusion does result from the use of the word "Club" and felt that "Society" would be a great improvement. A number of other governors agreed stating that they too had experienced difficulties with the name "Club." Mr. Duff then moved that the directors of the corporation consider the matter of changing the name from "Club" to that of "Society." The motion was seconded by Mr. Lastreto and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hanna commented on the book, "Lifelong Boyhood" by Loye Miller, and made the motion that the Club acknowledge appreciation of Dr. Miller's book and the secretary be instructed to send Dr. Miller such appreciation in writing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheffler and passed. Mr. Hanna then moved that the Club send an expression of gratitude to both Loye Miller and W. Lee Chambers for the long years of service rendered the Club and regret that they could not now attend the meetings.

Mr. Harrison then opened a discussion on the matter of scientific collecting permits and the increasing difficulties encountered by serious students in obtaining federal and state permits. Mr. Hanna made the motion that the Club write the Fish and Wildlife Service, recommending that more consideration be shown in the issuance of permits to qualified students interested in scientific collecting—KENNETH E. STAGER, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on March 27, 1951, at the Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California. The following names were proposed for membership: Mrs. Ruth L. Bass, 2804 Highview Ave., Altadena, Calif., by Wade Fox, Jr.; G. Dale Hamilton, 2550 Murray St., Shreveport 51, Louisiana, by Horace H. Jeter; Brian McNab, 2216 E. Burnside St., Portland, Oregon, by S. G. Jewett; William B. Stallcup, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, by Sidney B. Peyton; James M. Walters, 2527 Midvale Ave., Los Angeles 64, Calif., by Thomas R. Howell; Paul Arons, 13956 Magnolia, Van Nuys, Calif., Swen Armington, Box 198, Stockholm 19, Sweden, Thomas A. Butler, 2971 San Isabel Ave., Pueblo, Colorado, Georgia Henderson, 63 Old Forest Hill Rd., Toronto, Canada, Thomas William Hicks, 5625 Alta St., Jacksonville 6, Florida, Mrs. Lila M. Mann, 2632 Sichel

St., Los Angeles 31, Calif., and Thomas Henry Manning, 37 Linden Terrace, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, all by C. V. Duff.

John Davis, chairman of the Research Committee, asked cooperation on a project covering a survey of the Los Angeles coastal plain of the nesting of 10 species of birds, Spotted Dove, Ringed-turtle Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon, Screech Owl, Red-shafted Flicker, Acorn-storing Woodpecker, Scrub Jay, Western Robin, Cardinal (other than San Gabriel River), and Song Sparrow. Mimeographed forms to standardize the method of correlating data may be obtained from either Dr. Davis or Kenneth Stager. Value of the survey will be proportionate to the number of years covered.

Arnold Small of the Zoology Department of the University of Southern California presented an account of his trip taken last December to the eastern coast of Mexico. In addition to Kodachrome slides, Mr. Small's talk was illustrated with bird skins and with a tape recording of bird voices made in the area by Mr. Irby Davis.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on April 5, 1951, at the Morrison Planetarium, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California. President Junea W. Kelly presided; 75 members and guests were present. The following were proposed for membership: Peter O. Seymour, 851 Warren Way, Palo Alto, Calif., by Chas. G. Sibley; Paul G. Howes, Bruce Museum, Bruce Park, Greenwich, Conn., by A. H. Miller; C. Lovett, 1461 Alice St., Oakland 12, Calif., by M. Milwain.

Mr. Bowers reported the capture and release after banding of a Saw-whet Owl in Tilden Park during mid-March.

Dr. Robert T. Orr welcomed the Club to the Academy. He then introduced Dr. R. C. Miller who spoke briefly on the future of the Academy. Dr. Orr gave an account of the history of the Academy and the personalities connected with it. Mr. Rattenbury of the Academy showed a motion picture of waterfowl in the central valley of California.

After adjournment, Dr. Orr conducted a tour of the new quarters of Bird and Mammal Department and the Morrison Planetarium.—HENRY E. CHILDS, JR., *Secretary*.