

NOTES AND NEWS

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society is scheduled for April 21 to 23, 1955, at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. The Committee on Arrangements appointed by the Board of Directors is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Anderson, E. Laurence Curl, W. I. Follett, Elmer E. Highley, Junea W. Kelly, Eric C. Kinsey, Ken Legg, T. Eric Reynolds, Robert K. Selander, Laidlaw O. Williams, and John Davis, *Chairman*.

The color plate in this issue shows a group of Central American tanagers drawn by Don. R. Eckelberry. It was first reproduced as the frontispiece of Alexander F. Skutch's Life Histories of Central American Birds, Pacific Coast Avifauna number 31, in March, 1954.

We learn with regret of the death of Arthur Cleveland Bent on December 30, 1954. Some years ago Mr. Bent arranged with James Lee Peters, at that time President of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, to have that organization sponsor preparation of the remaining Life Histories should such action prove necessary. More recently, Mr. Bent had the Club appoint Wendell Taber as Chairman of a committee to carry out that task, and in May, 1954, he turned his work over to the committee. Members in addition to the Chairman are: Mrs. A. C. Bent, Alfred O. Gross, William G. F. Harris, Frederick C. Lincoln, Robert A. Norris, Christopher M. Packard, and Lawrence H. Walkinshaw. Contributions of material and photographs will be welcome as before and may be sent to the most convenient member of the committee. It is hoped the volume on the Icteridae will go to the printer in the spring of 1955. Preparation of manuscripts for the first of the three volumes on the Fringillidae, extending up to the towhees, is far advanced. No change in format is planned.

In conjunction with part 4 of James P. Chapin's "Birds of the Belgian Congo" there appeared a Gazetteer for the birds of the area. This Gazetteer, of about 100 pages, is available as a separate in protective paper covers from the Department of Birds at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City; cost \$1.00.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division was held on October 26, 1954, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Martin D. Brown, 11319 S. Fidel Ave., Whittier, Calif., by M. Dale Avery; Frederick Graham Cooch, Dept. Conservation, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., by C. G. Sibley; Edward Lloyd Webb, 254 E. 2nd St., Mesa, Arizona, by John T. Wright; Johnny Wiens, 428 Chatauqua, Norman, Oklahoma, and Fred C. Zwickel, Rt. 4, Box 4113, Highland Ave., Wenatchee, Wash., by J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Leon Moses, M.D., 19 E. 74th St., New York 21, N.Y., Chandler S. Robbins, Rt. 1, Box 323-A, Laurel, Maryland, G. Bernard Van Cleve, 323 S. Fairmount St., Pittsburgh 32, Pa., and Dr. Warren S. Wooster, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif., by C. V. Duff.

Dr. George A. Bartholomew, Jr., of the Zoology Department of the University of California at Los Angeles, spoke on "Wildlife of Arid Australia."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on October 7, 1954, in Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The following names were read for membership: Major Francis O. Chapelle, U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Clayton, Canal Zone, by Frank A. Pitelka; James L. Amero, 2905 SW 1st Ave., Portland 1, Ore., by Richard F. Johnston; and Miss Joan Malloy, Department of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley 4, Calif., proposed by Thomas R. Howell.

A. Laurence Curl recorded a Lewis Woodpecker on September 16 and a White-breasted Nuthatch on September 18 at El Cerrito, California. Loye Miller called attention to Tinbergen's new book, "The Herring Gull's World." He also described the behavior of a pair of Bewick Wrens, which entered a cabin in Lake County by flying under the door to reach their nest within. Later they continued to fly under an imaginary door after the door had been opened.

The speaker, Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, made "A Comparison of Some Birds of Central Europe and California."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.