

## NOTES AND NEWS

## COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

At the Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, on April 21 and 22, 1955, the following papers were presented: More about *Chendytes*, Extinct Diving Goose, by Hildegard Howard; Song Recognition by the Bewick Wren, by William R. Fish; The Molts of the Anna Hummingbird, *Calypte anna*, by Francis S. L. Williamson; Notes on Birds of the Revilla Gigedo Islands, Mexico, by Thomas R. Howell and Bayard H. Brattstrom; W. W. Ellis: Naturalist-Artist with Captain Cook's Last Expedition; Paintings of North American Birds, by Theed Pearse; A Hybrid Woodpecker and Its Significance in Speciation in the Genus *Dendrocopos*, by Alden H. Miller; Nesting Birds of Alaska, California, Utah, and Colorado, by Sidney B. Peyton; A Nesting of the Spotted Towhee, by John Davis; Molt in Steller Jays of the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, by Frank A. Pitelka; Recorded Songs and Calls of Western Birds, by William R. Fish; A Strange Jay from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, by Frank A. Pitelka, Robert K. Selander, and Miguel Alvarez del Toro; Some 1955 Observations on Robin Behavior, by Junea W. Kelly; Age Characters in Tropical Cactus Wrens, by Robert K. Selander; Population Density of Salt Marsh Song Sparrows, by Richard F. Johnston; Visible Migration of Loons and Other Birds at Point Lobos, by Laidlaw Williams and Elmer E. Highley. On the evening of April 22, Laurel Reynolds presented "Western Discovery," a motion picture.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on March 29, 1955, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Mrs. Mary C. J. Gonie, Box 633, Chico, Calif., by S. B. Peyton; John H. Arnett, Jr., 6200 Arbleigh St., Philadelphia 38, Pa., Marguerite Caram, 42 Rue Montoyer, Brussels, Belgium, Earl Hazeltine Frothingham, 4702 Village Road, Long Beach 8, Calif., A. Peter Mar-

gosian, 11428 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 25, Calif., Dan R. McFadden, 1311 Montana St., Los Angeles 26, Calif., Miss Elizabeth C. Patterson, 15862 La Forge St., Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Bessie H. Ramey, 4305 Elenda St., Culver City, Calif., Dr. George Milton Stirrett, Canadian Wildlife Service, Old Arts Bldg., Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Francisco H. Walz, Reconquista 453, Buenos Aires, Argentina, all by C. V. Duff; Otis D. Hyde, 32745 Gravelley Lake Dr., Tacoma 99, Wash., Joseph Beatty, 434 Kayne Ave., Chambersburg, Pa., Mr. T. C. O'Callaghan, Maromaku R.D., Bay of Islands, Northland, New Zealand, and Dr. H. Lukas Hoffman, Tour du Valat, par le Sambuc, B. d. Rh., France, all by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.

Mr. Gerhard Bakker, Jr., Department of Biology, Los Angeles City College, and Mrs. Bakker presented a program entitled "Naturalists' Trek from Cape to Cairo," illustrated with colored slides and motion pictures.—THOMAS R. HOWELL, *Acting Secretary*.

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on April 26, 1955, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Laurence Charles Binford, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., by C. V. Duff; Elton L. Morel, 2637 E. Glenoaks, Glendale 6, Calif., by Mrs. John Q. Burch; and R. Dudley Ross, 16510 Las Casas Pl., Pacific Palisades, Calif., by Arnold Small. The name of Alfred Brazier Howell proposed for Honorary Membership by Loye H. Miller and Thomas R. Howell was read for the first time.

The following field observations were reported by Arnold Small: Black Scoter, January 29 at Huntington Beach and on February 5 at Malibu; Elf Owl at Cottonwood Springs, April 16; over 1000 Starlings at Sacramento Wildlife Refuge on Christmas Count.

"Studies of Wright Flycatchers in the San Bernardino Mountains," was the subject of the speaker, Dr. John Goodman of the University of Redlands.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.