

NOTES AND NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, April 24 to 27, 1958, under the sponsorship of the University of Utah and the Utah Audubon Society. Dr. William H. Behle is the Chairman of the Local Committee. The first session, devoted to the annual business meeting and the presentation of scientific papers, will be held on April 25.

The drawing of Swallow-tailed Kites which appears as the frontispiece of this issue is from a notebook of unpublished drawings and sketches by the late Allan Brooks. These have been made available to The Condor through the kindness of his son, Allan C. Brooks.

Robert A. Norris begins a term of service in 1958 as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee. The editors take this occasion to express thanks to past and continuing members of this committee for their aid.

Awards for ornithological research are made in April of each year by the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Applications should be received by March 15.

Awards were made in 1957 for the following projects: Walter Bock, Harvard University; The taxonomic importance of the pterylography of songbirds. Gerald Collier, University of California at Los Angeles; The ecology of the Common Red-winged Blackbird and the Tricolored Redwing. Robert W. Dickerman, University of Minnesota; The systematics of the Song Sparrow in México. William G. George, University of Arizona; The significance of the hyoid bones in classifying birds. William J. Hamilton III, University of California, Berkeley; The sensory basis of migration in the Pintail Duck. Robert H. MacArthur, Yale University; The ecology of the eastern warblers. Roger S. Payne, Cornell University; The auditory responses of owls. Gerald F. van Tets, University of British Columbia; The breeding biology and behavior of three species of Pacific coast cormorants.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society

was held on October 3, 1957, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: C. John Ralph, 1043 Merced Avenue, Berkeley 7, Calif., by Howard L. Cogswell, and Mrs. Brooke Clyde, 201 Laurel St., San Francisco 18, by Alden H. Miller.

The recently published fifth edition of the Check-list of North American Birds of the American Ornithologists' Union was exhibited by Alden H. Miller. The *Flamingos: Their Life History and Survival*, by Robert P. Allen, was reviewed by Loye Miller.

Donald McLean reported two California Condors feeding on a dead cow in San Antonio Valley near Mount Hamilton on July 15; this point is farthest north of those reported in recent years.

"Variations in the Awakening Times of Some Michigan Birds" was the subject of speaker George F. Fisler of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.—A. LAURENCE CURL, *Secretary pro tem.*

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on November 7, 1957, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following were proposed for membership: E. W. Jameson, Jr., Dept. Zoology, University of California, Davis, Calif., Herbert J. Dengler, 219 Wyndham Drive, Woodside, Calif., and Milton W. Weller, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Florence Plynell reported the presence of a female or immature male American Redstart in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on October 26. Don McLean reported two Tropical Kingbirds at Steele Ranch near Año Nuevo Point, San Mateo County, on October 10; and on October 28 and 29 two were seen in the town of Bodega Bay, Sonoma County, by him and William H. Thomson. In October, McLean also saw a male Harlequin Duck on the Sacramento River between Courtland and Hood, the first record of this species known to the observer for the area between its breeding grounds in the Sierra Nevada and the winter range along the coast.

Mrs. Kelly reported Red-breasted Nuthatches carrying the winged seeds of Monterey pines to tree trunks where they stored them.

Mr. William J. Hamilton III gave an illustrated talk on "Territoriality Among Pectoral Sandpipers in Fall Migration," based on observations in July and August at Delta, Manitoba.—H. L. COGSWELL, *Secretary pro tem.*