

NOTES AND NEWS

The editors call attention to a significant work in the botanical field that has recently appeared and which may be of great value to students of wildfowl. This is the book by Herbert L. Mason entitled, "A Flora of the Marshes of California." It is a superbly illustrated manual of the marsh plants and should serve as an important technical reference for all persons concerned with waterfowl management and natural history. We are not in a position technically to review this botanical work but believe it will be welcomed by ornithologists. The book is published by the University of California Press and consists of 878 pages. There are 365 figures. The volume was issued November 25, 1957, and is priced at \$10.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on September 24, 1957, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Alice G. Allen, 143 W. Acacia, Apt. 4, Stockton, Calif., by Ethel S. Willets; Donald G. Davis, P. O. Box 145, Timnath, Colo., by Paul H. Baldwin; John Polk Kerr, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif., by Carl L. Hubbs; Seymour H. Levy, Rt. 9, Box 960, Tucson, Ariz., by Joe Marshall; John C. Ondrias, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by A. H. Miller; C. John Ralph, 1043 Merced Ave., Berkeley, Calif., by H. L. Cogswell; Herald H. Shoup, Middlebury, Ind., by F. A. Pitelka; Lee Silvernale, 755 N. Robinson Rd., Topanga, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers; David Armstrong West, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and William Frederick Zimmerman, 126 South Drive, Fox Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Charles G. Sibley; Dr. George A. Allen, 1328 Allen Park Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Robert J. Niedrach, Box 116-A, R. R. No. 3, Littleton, Colo., by Ed N. Harrison; Chas. S. Jones, 555 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif., W. Alton Jones, 1 Sutton Place South, Apt. 8-A, New York, N.Y., and C. R. Smith, 510 Park Ave., New York, N.Y., by J. R. Pemberton; John Jewet Garland, 117 W. 9th. St., Los Angeles, Calif., Wm. T. Sesnon, Jr., 612 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif., and Clyde G. Smith, 9739 Guatemala, Downey, Calif., by W. J. Sheffler; Mrs. Vance Phillips, 1010 Monte Drive, Santa Barbara, Calif., James O. Seamans, Alcott Road, Concord, Mass., and James R.

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On August 13, Arnold Small observed two Black-footed Albatrosses, 35 Black Petrels, and one Skua off the southeast end of San Clemente Island. On August 24, at Mt. Pinos on the day of the fire in the Cleveland National Forest, he saw 25 to 30 Condors; 17 of them were in view at one time. Small also reports a moderately good flight of Elegant Terns off the southern California coast. On August 25 he observed one female Black Scoter and one Osprey at Malibu, and 2500 Sooty Shearwaters off Point Dume.

On August 28, 29, and 30, while with the U. S. Navy on maneuvers between San Diego and San Clemente Island, Ben King, Jr., saw 19 Black-footed Albatrosses, 75 Black Petrels, 20 Leach's Petrels, 2 Ashy Petrels, 1 Sabine's Gull, 1 Skua, 1 Tropic Bird, and 20 Xantus' Murrelets. Later,