

MINUTES

of the

Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union was held at Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, 1917. The sessions were held at the Temple Building of the University of Nebraska, and there were two programs given on May 4, one in the afternoon from 4:00 to 5:45 and an evening program from 8:00 to 10:30. The annual banquet was held at the Lincoln Hotel at 6:15 p. m., with twenty-six members and their guests present. After the banquet the business session was held, with President R. H. Wolcott in the chair. The officers reported briefly, and following the report of the Secretary-Treasurer an Auditing Committee consisting of Mr. C. E. Mickel and Mrs. G. A. Loveland was appointed. A Nominating Committee consisting of Prof. L. Bruner, Mrs. L. R. Button and Dr. D. C. Hilton was also appointed. While these committees were deliberating the society proceeded with the election of new members.

The names of eight new members were proposed by various members of the society and all were elected as follows: Mr. L. H. Watson and Mesdames Katherine Follmer, May Hathaway, Emma Hathaway, A. E. McChrystal and Olive Wallace of Lincoln, Miss Mary Ellsworth of Omaha, and Miss Floy Canaday of Murdock. The Auditing Committee reported finding the accounts of the society correct, and upon motion the report of the Treasurer was accepted. The Nominating Committee then reported and the following officers were elected for 1917:

President—Mr. C. E. Mickel, Lincoln.

Vice-President—Mrs. W. F. Baxter, Omaha.

Secretary-Treasurer—Prof. M. H. Swenk, Lincoln.

The following thirteen members were present at the business meeting of the society: Mesdames L. R. Button, G. A. Loveland, C. W. McCaskill, E. Ruth Pyrtle, R. S. Rice and A. E. Sheldon, and Messrs. L. Bruner, R. W. Dawson, D. C. Hilton, H. B. Lowry, C. E. Mickel, M. H. Swenk and R. H. Wolcott.

The combined program of the afternoon and evening follows:

The Birds of the Philippine Islands (illustrated with selections from a series of over 800 skins collected during 1914-1916), Mr. J. T. Zimmer, Port Moresby, Papua.

The Birds of Scottsbluff County, Nebraska, Mr. C. E. Mickel, Lincoln.

The Pinyon Jay in Nebraska, Rev. J. M. Bates, Red Cloud.

New Records of Bird Songs, Mrs. L. R. Button, Fremont.

President's Address, The Migration of Birds, Dr. R. H. Wolcott, Lincoln.

Demonstration of Bird Portrait Slides, Dr. S. R. Towne, Omaha.

The fifteenth annual field day of the Union was held in the environs of Lincoln on Saturday, May 5. There were three field parties, all starting at 7:00 a. m., one taking the train for Jamaica and working along Salt Creek to Hanlon, under the leadership of Prof. L. Bruner and Mr. J. T. Zimmer, one circling Capital Beach under the leadership of Prof. M. H. Swenk, and the third, led by Mr. C. E. Mickel, studying the birds in Wyuka Cemetery. The first two parties worked until the middle of the afternoon and the third party until noon. The total list of the day included ninety-six birds, as follows:

Bluebird, Robin, Olive-backed Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Wood Thrush, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Long-tailed Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Western House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Grinnell Water-Thrush, Myrtle Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Warbling Vireo, Migrant Shrike, Cedar Waxwing, Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Cardinal, Towhee, Arctic Towhee, Swamp Sparrow, Lincoln Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Western Field Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Gambel Sparrow, Harris Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Leconte Sparrow, Western Grasshopper Sparrow, Savanna Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, Bronzed Grackle, Rusty Blackbird, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Meadowlark, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Cowbird, Crow, Blue Jay, Prairie Horned Lark, Phoebe Kingbird, Red-shafted Flicker, Northern Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher, Sparrow Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Swainson Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Mourning Dove, Piping Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Western Willet, Solitary Sandpiper, Yellow-legs, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Red-backed Sandpiper,

Least Sandpiper, Baird Sandpiper, Wilson Phalarope, Coot, Bittern, Bluebill, Wood Duck, Shoveller, Blue-winged Teal, Widgeon, Double-crested Cormorant, Franklin Gull, Ring-billed Gull and Eared Grebe.

REPORT OF TREASURER, 1916-1917.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, May 5, 1916.....	\$188.13
Annual dues collected.....	76.00
Sale of Checklists.....	4.71
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Expenditures.

Wilson Bulletin.....	\$ 60.00
Postage	2.85
Balance on hand, May 4, 1917.....	205.99
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MYRON H. SWENK,
Secretary-Treasurer.