

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union was held at Omaha, Nebraska, Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, 1921. This meeting was held in joint session with the Nebraska Audubon Society, as was the nineteenth annual meeting on May 10 and 11, 1918, and, as at that meeting, the sessions were held at the First Unitarian Church, 31st and Harney Streets.

The business meeting was called to order at 6:00 p. m. by Dr. R. H. Wolcott, in the absence of the President, Dr. H. B. Lowry. The reports of the officers were received, and the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer was referred to a committee composed of Mr. J. T. Zimmer and Mrs. G. A. Loveland for auditing.

The names of Mrs. Margaret M. Corey of Lincoln, Mr. F. M. Dille of Valentine, and Mr. C. K. Hart of Prosser, were proposed for membership, and all were elected.

It was moved and carried that nominations for new officers be made from the floor. As a result of the nominations made in that way the following officers were elected for 1921:

President—Dr. H. Hapeman, Minden.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. C. Johnston, Superior.

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

A motion was carried authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer to donate \$30.00 of the funds of the Union toward the financial support of the Wilson Bulletin during the current year, with the understanding that additional Nebraska material would be published by the Bulletin as offered.

Eleven members were present at this session of the N. O. U., as follows: Mesdames W. F. Baxter, L. R. Button, Blanche Garten, H. C. Johnston, G. A. Loveland, L. H. McKillip and Mary St. Martin and Messrs. L. O. Horsky, M. H. Swenk, R. H. Wolcott and J. T. Zimmer.

Adjournment of the business session took place at 6:30 p. m., shortly after which the members of the N. O. U. and Nebraska Audubon Society gathered in the Assembly Room of the church for the joint banquet. About one hundred members of the two societies were present at the banquet, along with several guests of the two societies from the neighboring state of Iowa.

Following the banquet Mr. Fitz Roberts, President of the Nebraska Audubon Society, introduced Dr. H. Gifford of Omaha, who spoke on "Some Random Observations of a Bird Chaser" giving especially his recent experiences on a trip to British Guiana. Prof. M. H. Swenk then announced the plans for the field day and introduced Dr. R. H. Wolcott of Lincoln, who spoke briefly on the

"History of Bird-Study Organizations in Nebraska." At the conclusion of Dr. Wolcott's remarks the two societies adjourned, at 9:30 p. m.

On Saturday, May 14, the nineteenth annual field day of the N. O. U. was held in conjunction with the members of the Nebraska Audubon Society. There were two principal field parties, the first entering the Fontenelle Forest along the Missouri River, south of Omaha, at 7:00 a. m., and the second an hour later. About seventy-five persons participated in the field day, the various parties meeting at noon for a picnic lunch, the out-of-town people as the guests of the Nebraska Audubon Society. The total list of the day included eighty-seven birds, as follows:

Bluebird, Robin, Olive-backed Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Wood Thrush, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Long-tailed Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Western House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Redstart, Yellow-breasted Chat, Maryland Yellow-throat, Kentucky Warbler, Louisiana Water-Thrush, Grinnell Water-Thrush, Oven-bird, Cerulean Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Black and White Warbler, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Bank Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Scarlet Tanager, Dickcissel, Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Cardinal, Towhee, Swamp Sparrow, Lincoln Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Harris Sparrow, Western Grasshopper Sparrow, Goldfinch, Bronzed Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, Orchard Oriole, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Cowbird, Crow, Blue Jay, Least Flycatcher, Traill Flycatcher, Wood Pewee, Phoebe, Crested Flycatcher, Kingbird, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Chimney Swift, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Broad-winged Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Western Mourning Dove, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellow-legs, Sora, King Rail, Black-crowned Night Heron, Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, Blue-winged Teal and Black Tern.

Compared with the list made in exactly the same locality almost exactly three years previously, we find that twenty-one birds, namely the Brown Creeper, Long-billed and Short-billed Marsh Wrens, Kentucky Warbler, Bank Swallow, Purple Martin, Swamp and Western Grasshopper Sparrows, Least Flycatcher, Wood Pewee, Hairy Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Chimney Swift, Turkey Vulture, Spotted Sandpiper, Greater Yellow-legs, Sora, King Rail, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron and Black Tern, were noted in 1921, but not in 1918; but that in 1921 fourteen birds, namely the Carolina Wren, Black-poll, Palm, Golden-winged

and Prothonotary Warblers, Bell Vireo, Rough-winged Swallow, Summer Tanager, Lark Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Acadian Flycatcher, Arkansas Kingbird, Sparrow Hawk and Killdeer, were not noted though seen in 1918.

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was found just beginning construction of a nest. At the N. O. U. field day last year a pair with a completed nest was found.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1920-21

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, May 9, 1919.....	\$ 43.59
Annual dues collected.....	102.00
Interest on investment.....	10.87
	\$156.46

EXPENDITURES

Wilson Bulletin	\$ 58.50
Postage	4.00
Balance on hand, May 13, 1921.....	93.96
	\$156.46

PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

BIRDS OF SWOPE PARK, IN THE HEART OF AMERICA

The latest bird book for the middle west has just been issued, by the McIndoo Publishing Company of Kansas City. It is entitled "Birds of Swope Park, in the Heart of America,"¹ and has been written by Mr. A. E. Shirling. For some time Kansas City has been developing a group of active bird students, including Mr. Ralph Hoffman, now of California, and Mr. Harry Harris. This little booklet on the birds of Swope Park now places its author among the "upper-classmen" of the middle west.

Swope Park, which lies within the city limits of Kansas City, Missouri, is a tract of 1332 acres in the valley of the Blue River, and it includes all the variety of topography and vegetation which is found in the Missouri River valley. It is reported to be an ideal haunt for seventy-eight species of nesting birds; and this number includes some not known in the Sioux City region, such as the Tufted Titmouse, Northern Parula Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Summer Tanager, etc. A Blue Grosbeak nested just outside the bounds of the park in 1918, making a total of seventy-nine for the park and vicinity.

The author's method was to divide the park into seventeen smaller areas, arbitrarily bounded. He made an early morning

¹Birds of Swope Park in the Heart of America, Kansas City, Missouri. By A. E. Shirling, M.A. 1920. McIndoo Publishing Company, Kansas City, Mo.