

THE PELICAN

Information Bulletin issued by the

HALIFAX RIVER AUDUBON CLUB

Number 1, Daytona Beach, Florida, January, 1956

This is the first issue of the news bulletin recently authorized by our club to keep members informed of our activities. We plan to issue it monthly except during the summer. The need for such service is just one more indication of the increase in activities and the broadening of our club program under the good leadership of President G. Edgar Folk and the active organization he has established

Committee chairmen and others who have information that should go to the club membership are urged to communicate with Vice-President Robert S. Henderson, who will serve as editor. He prefers to have it in writing and mailed to him at 431 N. Halifax Avenue, Daytona Beach before the 20th of each month.

Our January club meeting will be held Monday, January 9, at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Room at Oids Hall, 340 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach. This will be our annual "poetry" meeting at which members will read short poems relating to birds. These may be original or not. A similar program last year was very interesting and uncovered a number of real poets in our groups.

Field Trips: Trip Director Fred Ackerman has been giving us some of the best "birding" in the long history of our club. Each one turns up unusual species. Last Wednesday 25 members recorded 75 different species on the all-day trip to Cocoa and Merritt Island. Some of the most notable records were the Glossy Ibis, Avocet, Marble Godwit, Black Backed Gull, Bald Eagle, and Piping Plover.

Several of our members had the privilege of assisting Mr. Cruikshank in taking the Christmas Bird Census in this same area on December 27 when twelve "teams" recorded 184 species. This is believed to be the largest number ever recorded in one day in a Florida census. It may also be a national record for any one official "census" area (a circle fifteen miles in diameter).

Our own Halifax Area Christmas count, made on December 30 by several "teams" of club members under Director Fred Ackerman, reported 115 species, even though heavy fog cut down good observation during the early morning hours. This is believed to be a record for this territory.

Field trips scheduled before our February meeting are:

- Wed. Jan. 11 -- Half day field trip. 8 A.M. to 12 noon. Bethune Point - WROD - Beville Road - Canal Road - Bellevue Road - Garbage Dump.
- Wed. Jan. 18 -- Day field trip. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Rock Springs via Deland - Sanford, then Route 46 to Mount Plymouth, then south on Route 435 for 4 miles to the Springs. Some hiking. Bring lunch.
- Sat. Jan. 28 -- Half day field trip. 8 A.M. to 12 noon. Yacht Club Bethune Point - WROD - Reed Canal Pond - Armsted Nursery.
- Wed. Feb. 1 -- Day field trip. 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Matanzas Inlet via Ocean Beach to Ormond - to John Anderson Drive - High Bridge Road Pond - Bunnel to Flagler to Inlet. Bring lunch.

This field program affords you opportunities to get out with a fine group noted for its friendliness and even our most inexperienced members are urged to join in. All field trips start at 8:00 A.M. from the parking lot at the west end of the Silver Beach - Orange Avenue Bridge, Daytona Beach. Those who wish to ride with others will be accommodated. As usual, they will share the expense with the person whose car is used (50 cents for half day and 1.00 for all day).

Our first Audubon Screen Tour program of the year will be held in the Seabreeze High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. Saturday, January 7. It is open to the public. Chairman Conrad Ekdahl and his committee have arranged for four more excellent programs in the 1956 series. Season tickets (\$3.00) and single admissions (80 cents) will be available at the door. Come early. Remember the crowds last year?

The Executive Committee proposed that our Club Constitution be amended to provide for an assistant secretary. This will be voted on at the next club meeting, January 9.

Executive Committee meetings are now being held two weeks before, rather than one week before, the monthly club meetings.

The New Halifax Children's Museum is working with Vice-President Bob Henderson on an Audubon Junior Club program to be integrated into their very promising work. All who are interested in helping to make nature study opportunities available to children may render a real service by enrolling as a member of this Museum group. Memberships cost per year:

Children under 19 years	..... 25 cents
Individual adult	5.00
Family group	8.00

More will gladly be accepted.

Our support is especially needed now as the museum building is being developed in the Mary Karl School area.

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Halifax Hospital: Glad to be well enough to send the bulletin from here, and expect to be out again as good as ever in a short time.  
Bob Henderson, Editor.

Reports from the Executive Committee meeting show real progress:

Membership -- Frank James, Chairman

The membership list has been checked over very thoroughly and we now have:

Renewed memberships	66
New Members	32
Honorary Members	6
TOTAL membership	<u>104</u>

The bulletin is being sent to just these members. If any have been missed or any former members wish to receive it and fail to do so, they should check with the membership committee or with Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Purinton, phone CL2-4803, after 1:30 P.M. New members are always welcome.

Screen Tours -- Conrad Ekdahl, Chairman

The programs have been of the usual high order and the attendance has exceeded the capacity of the hall. Those who come late have to sit on the stairs.

Arrangements have been made for Screen Tour visitors to park on the school parking lot on the north side of the school, (entrance from Ora Street). It will, however, be necessary to walk around to the usual south or east school entrances to enter the auditorium and leave by the same route. The capacity of this parking area is, of course, somewhat limited.

Field Trips -- Fred Ackerman, Director

On the Matanzas Inlet trip about 70 species were recorded, including a very fine group of White Pelicans. Weather was a little uncertain, but the usual good fellowship made it a fine bird day.

Fred says: "Have you been up early enough to see the morning migration of herons north on the river? It is a real sight. Usually American Egrets, White Ibis, Wood Ibis, and a number of others are commonly seen in flocks. Scaup ducks seem to be less plentiful than usual. Mrs. Block reports seeing a Vermilion Flycatcher near the Ormond Beach golf course -- very unusual -- and witnessed by a number of other club members, and about fifty Cow Birds in a pasture on Bellevue Road (Old Deland Road) near Route 92. These have been absent in this area for several years.

"One Golden-eyed Duck (Rose Block) on Halifax River, -- very rare on salt water. Spotted Sandpiper (Fred Ackerman) on Halifax River near Broadway Bridge. Two Purple Finches (Frank James) near WROD area. Rare winter visitors. Cedar Waxwings are back. Orange-crowned Warbler. White Pelican (Rose Block) Halifax River."

Field Trips Scheduled:

- Saturday, Feb. 11: Half day. Inlet - Reed Canal - Port Orange Causeway - Ocean Beach.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15: Half day. Daytona Highlands and Deland Road.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22: All Day. Tangerine Eustis Lakes and Hills area, guided by Lake County Audubon Society. Bring lunch.
- Wednesday, Feb. 29: Half day. Bethune Point - Bellovue Road - Deland Road areas.

It looks as though the Mt. Dora trip will have to be cancelled unless there is considerably more rain. The river is too low to navigate. More on this later.

Screen Tours Coming:

- Saturday, Feb. 18: Fran William Hall presenting "Hawaii U.S.A."
- Saturday, Mar. 10: Leonard Hall "Outdoor Almanac."

Our thanks to the Peninsula Women's Club for the donation of \$5.00 toward our work. It is good to know that others beside just us "birders" appreciate our activities.

The Flying Egret, bulletin of the National Audubon Society, says:

"Some societies make use of a special telephone committee to alert members to a rare find which they may wish to see. This is a quick way of getting information to members who would not want to miss seeing an unusual bird that may be in the area for only a brief time."

Any one want to volunteer to work on such a committee? If so, tell our good President, G. Edgar Folk.

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Number 3

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March 1956

Editor - Robert S. Henderson, 431 N. Halifax Ave.

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March Business Meeting, Monday, March 5, 7:30 P.M. at Olds Hall.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING and election of officers will be held Monday, April 2, at 7:30 P.M. at Olds Hall, 340 S. Ridgewood Ave., DB

Any suggestions for officers or members at large to the club executive committee should be given to the Nominating Committee: Chairman, Frank James, Box 1954, Ormond Beach; Mrs. Marion Anderson, 507 N. Peninsula, Miss Lydia Hamilton, Whitehall, N. Atlantic.

BOAT TRIPS: Fenn Holden, Chairman.

The March 3d trip from New Smyrna Beach to Titusville sold out. March 17 -- The same trip will be run again if there is demand. Limit 30 persons. Cost \$3.00 per person. Bring own lunch. Reservations may be made through Mr. Holden, CL3-4594.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOUR LECTURES: Conrad Ekdahl, Chairman.

March 10 - "Outdoor Almanac" by Mr. Leonard Hall.

March 24 - "Between the Tides" by Mr. Robert C. Hermes.

Both at Seabreeze High School auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

Renewing the Screen Tour Contract of next year has been authorized.

FIELD TRIPS: Director Fred Ackerman reports:

Feb. 4 Our club was host to the Florida Audubon Society for a trip around this area. Many Gannets, both young and adult, were seen flying over the ocean.

Feb. 3 A GLAUCUS GULL, rare visitant from the Arctic, was reported by Mrs. Rose Block, seen near the Silver Beach bridge. It was also seen by Fred Ackerman, Conrad Ekdahl, Fenn Holden and several other experts and has been reported once since on the beach near Ormond (Feb. 11). It is all white and larger than the Herring Gull. Watch for it.

Feb. 11 The PURPLE MARTINS came back to their house at the yacht basin. They are early this year. Other recent records show Feb. 16 in '52; Feb. 16 in '53; Mar. 1 in '54; and Mar. 5 in '55.

- Feb. 12 Fred Ackerman saw 14 Black Crowned Night Herons flying over the river near the Broadway Bridge.
- Feb. 17 Fred Ackerman reported an Albino Robin at McDonald's Pond, also an Avocet, many Wood Ibis and 69 other species on a trip to Titusville.
- Feb. 27 Fenn Holden reported 5 White Pelicans near the High Bridge on the Loop Drive. They seem to be really moving into this area.

FIELD TRIPS COMING UP: Fred Ackermann, Director.

- March 7 Half Day - Reed Canal, McDonald's Pond, Port Orange.
- March 14 All Day - Cocoa area and west on Rt. 520 to the St. John's River. Glossy Ibis have been seen in this area several times this winter.
- March 21 Half Day - Bethune Point and the Highlands.
- March 28 All Day - Alexander Springs. This is a very good trip.
- April 4 All Day - Lake Harney and Persimmon Hammock. Very good.

MEMBERSHIP: Frank James, Chairman.

Please check your listing on the enclosed list. If there are corrections or if you wish your club mail to reach you at an out-of-town address part of the year, be sure that Mrs. Arthur Purinton, Assistant Club Secretary, has both addresses with the dates you will be away.

Additional new members will be announced each month.

Please put your information on a card and mail it to Mrs. Purinton at 734 Alcazar Avenue, Ormond Beach.

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Number 4

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April 1956

The Annual Business Meeting on April 2 attracted a capacity crowd to see beautiful colored pictures of the birds of Florida taken and shown by Vice-president Fenn Holden who demonstrated again his unusual skill as a photographer and artist in selecting beautiful subjects.

Interesting reports by the president and committee chairmen show that the past year has been one of the most active and productive in the club's long history (34 years).

All officers were reelected except a corresponding secretary. In view of the recent appointment of a professional Assistant Secretary, this position was deemed no longer necessary.

The club is having a telephone for the president placed in his home. This will be installed soon and will greatly facilitate his work.

A new public address system will be purchased to improve the quality of our Screen Tour lectures.

The 1955-56 Screen Tour season was most successful. On only one occasion, when the Ice Follies competed, were there any vacancies. Contracts have been signed for the 1956-57 season. Same rates.

Membership reached a new high at 130, about evenly divided between residents of the Halifax area and winter visitors.

Treasurer Conrad Ekdahl reported:

Balance on April 18, 1955			\$1115.07
Receipts:	Screen Tour admissions	1609.30	
	Membership fees	126.00	
	Miscellaneous	8.00	<u>1743.30</u>
	Total		2858.37
Expenses:	Screen Tour costs	1222.80	
	Office Expense	89.69	
	Contributions, etc.	78.00	
	Equipment	27.95	
	Printing	13.91	
	Miscellaneous	4.28	<u>1436.63</u>
Balance on April 2, 1956			1421.74

Since the fall field trip season opened on October 29, Director Fred Ackermann and his able assistants have conducted 14 half day and 10 all day trips as well as two all day boat trips arranged by Special Activities Director Fenn Holden. "Hats off to them."

Two all day trips remain to be held. Bring lunch both days.

April 18: to New Smyrna Beach, Coronado Beach and Turtle Mound.  
 April 25: to Ormond via the beach, High Bridge, Loop Drive Pond, Bulow Ruins, Riverside Drive and Tomoka Park.

Director Ackermann reports that since our last issue the following have been noted:

- Mar. 3 On the club boat trip from New Smyrna Beach to Titusville, 26 members saw 60 species including 12 WHITE PELICANS, 5 BALD EAGLES, 22 WHITE IBIS, 400 BLACK SKIMMERS.
- Mar. 5 1 RINGED or SEMIPALMATED PLOVER at New Smyrna Beach by Frank James.
- Mar. 9 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER, ORANGE CROWNED and PARULA WARBLERS in Pine Cemetery by F. Ackermann and Mrs. Block.
- Mar. 13 WHIP-POOR-WILL at the Highlands by Mrs. Leon Fellows.
- Mar. 20 On the club trip to Cocoa, 76 species including 12 AVOCETS, 2 BLACK-NECKED STILTS, 8 CATTLE EGRETS, 25 WHITE PELICANS, 1 OLD SQUAW DUCK and several GLOSSY IBIS.
- Mar. 27 VERMILION FLYCATCHER (male) on N. Wild Olive Avenue on the peninsula by Miss Abbie Hobbs.
- Mar. 28 On the club trip to Alexander Springs 53 members saw 57 species, including CHUCH-WILL-WIDOW, RED-EYE, WHITE-EYE and BLUE HEADED VIREOS, 4 SWALLOW-TAILED KITES, 1 LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH, 2 LIMPKINS and 1 lone ROBIN. The thousands of ROBINS that spent the winter here went North nearly a month ago.
- Apr. 4 On the club trip to Persimmon Hammock 29 members recorded 75 species including three large flocks of WHITE PELICANS, 2 GULL-BILLED TERNS (very uncommon), BLACK-NECKED STILTS in large numbers, 2 BALD EAGLES, 2 LEAST TERNS and the first ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOWS.
- Apr. 7 WILSON'S PLOVER similar to the semipalmated but slightly larger reported on City Island by Fred Ackermann. They will probably nest there just above high tide.
- Apr. 11 On the club trip to the Highlands 14 members saw the first AMERICAN REDSTARTS and BLACK AND WHITE WARBLERS.



(On April 2, R. Henderson found a dead AMERICAN EGRET on N. Halifax Ave. It had apparently flown against a high power line in the dark. It had a wing spread of six feet. On April 9 Mrs. Smith at 209 S. Hollywood Ave. found an injured LEAST BITTERN in her yard. She turned it over to Fred Ackermann who released it at McDonald's Pond. On April 11 Mrs. Rose Block found a dead VIRGINIA RAIL.)

Fred Ackermann reports on a three-day National Audubon Trip in late March to the Miami area and the Florida Keys. The most outstanding record was the SPOTTED-BREASTED ORIOLE which is a Central American species that was probably blown in to the Miami area and has established itself there. Fred describes the Oriole as being much larger than a BALTIMORE ORIOLE with an all black back and tail about six inches long with the throat, head and body a very beautiful orange-yellow. There are black spots on the sides of the breast and white patches on the black wings. This bird was first noted in Cocconut Grove in 1948 and seems now to have become a permanent resident. Fred reports it was feeding on insects in the blossoms of the Black Olive tree.

Other species of special note among the more than 100 kinds recorded during the three days were:

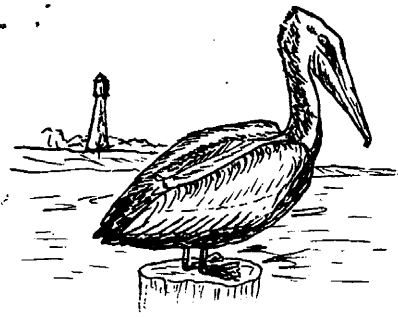
1 SMOOTH-BILLED ANI	16 PAINTED BUNTINGS
20 REDDISH EGRETS	2 WOOD DUCKS
40 ROSEATE SPOONBILLS	15 SWAINSON'S HAWKS, a western specie
18 GREAT WHITE HERONS	2 EASTERN KINGBIRDS
1 LIMPKIN	6 GRAY KINGBIRDS
35 SEMIPALMATED PLOVERS	5 WESTERN KINGBIRDS
1 SORA RAIL	3 SWALLOW-TAILED KITES
1 VIRGINIA RAIL	2 SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHERS
3 PURPLE GALINULES	12 MAN-O-WAR BIRDS
1 WHITE CROWNED PIGEON	2 CRESTED FLYCATCHERS

Due to the fact that many members will be away for all or a part of the summer and there will be no meetings to report, the Executive Committee voted to discontinue the publication of THE PELICAN during the summer. The next issue is planned for October.

Any members who note any unusual records in the HALIFAX AREA during the summer that will be of interest to those who are away should report them to Editor Robert S. Henderson by phone, CL 3-7398, or by mail at 431 N. Halifax Avenue, Daytona Beach.

The October issue will carry important information regarding the Fall program, so check the mailing list of members sent to you with the March issue, and if your October address is not listed, be sure to send it to Mrs. Arthur L. Purinton at 734 Alcazar Ave., Ormond.

The staff of THE PELICAN wishes every member a good summer of birding and hopes that every one of you will be back next year ready to renew your club membership which expires October 1.



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Editor: Robert S. Henderson, 431 N. Halifax Ave., Daytona Beach.

The editor is leaving on vacation soon so this copy is as of mid-August. However, President Folk will review it just before publication and make any needed changes.

THE FIRST FALL MEETING - Monday, November 5, 7:30 P.M. at Olds Hall, 340 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach.

Come prepared to give the highlights of any birding you have done this summer. This is always one of our best meetings.

#### FIELD TRIPS FOR NOVEMBER:

Wednesday, Nov. 7 - Half day trip to Tamoka Park, Loop Drive and Ormond Beach.

Saturday, Nov. 17 - All day trip to Osteen Marshes, Deland and Enterprise.

Saturday, Nov. 24 - Half day trip to the Inlet, McDonald's and Reid Canal Rd. Ponds via Pt. Orange.

DUES ARE DUE - The club year starts October 1, so send your dollar to Treasurer Conrad Ekdahl,  
414 S. Segrave Ave., Daytona Beach,  
or to Secretary Mrs. Arthur L. Purinton,  
734 Alcazar Ave., Ormond Beach.

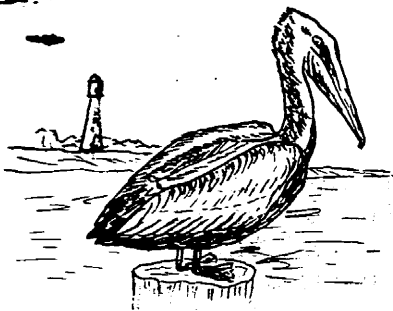
This mailing is going to all members who send new addresses or to the old ones listed as of June. If you don't get it, the Post Office Dept. doesn't know where you are, so send your dollar anyway. Don't blame this last remark on the president; he didn't do it.

It has been a warm, quiet summer for those of us who remained in the Halifax area. We've had a few good trips and saw some very interesting things. Among the unusual were Oyster Catchers, Gull-billed, Common and Black Terns, and many Willets, Black-necked Stilts and a few Mottled and Florida Black Ducks and Knots.

Very few gulls and shore birds compared to winter. A few warblers have been going South lately and there should be many more by press time.

Those are supposed to be Pelicans on the printed heading. If you can do better, go ahead and laugh.

The Editor.



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Number 6

November

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The First Fall Meeting was well attended and members reported some very good birding during the summer.

Membership Renewals have reached 64 (Nov. 19). This is only about half of the last June membership. If you have not sent your membership fee (\$1.00) and this year's address to the Membership Committee, better do so now so we can keep in touch with you. Don't wait. We want you in. Send renewals to one of the following:

Mrs. Samuel Fopma, Olds Hall,  
340 S. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Miss Ann Odsted, Seabreeze Apartments,  
514 Earl St., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Next Club Meeting, Monday, Dec. 3, at Olds Hall. Meeting time has been moved ahead to 7:00 P.M. to enable members who want to go to the Civic Music Concert a chance to do so.

Vice President Fenn Holden will give one of his interesting talks and show some of his latest colored bird slides. Don't miss it.

Field Trips scheduled for December:

Wednesday, 5th. All day trip to Loop Pond, Tamoka Park and Ormond Beach. This is always a good trip. Come. Bring lunch.

Saturday, 15th. Half day trip to Ekdahls' Woods and Deland Road.

Wednesday, 19th. All day trip to Titusville and the Banana River. This is the area in which the largest Christmas week census of the whole country was made last year. Very little hiking. This will be a very fitting climax for one of the best field trip years in the club's long history. Bring Lunch.

All Field Trips start at 8:00 A.M. from the parking area at the west end of the Memorial (Silver Beach-Orange Ave.) Bridge. Transportation is always available for those without cars. Those who do not furnish cars will be expected to contribute 50¢ on half day trips and \$1.00 on all day trips to help cover the transportation costs.

Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Monday, December 19. Board members please note the change of date from Christmas Eve.

Send in your bird records. Since some of our members cannot attend our field trips regularly, they miss the fun of being out with their friends, both "bird" and otherwise, and the editor feels that they may want to know what has been seen. THE PELICAN will, therefore, include in each issue as far as space will permit a few "highlight" notes on who saw what. If you see something of interest that you would like to pass along, mail it to the editor, Robert S. Henderson, 431 N. Halifax Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla. by the 20th of the month.

These notes will not be intended to be a valuable scientific record, so the editor will make no attempt to verify or evaluate any report but will just publish as many as possible of the most unusual record reported.

We like the comments of Mr. Bennett R. Keenan, List Editor for the BULLETIN of a Massachusetts Audubon Society, in the April 1956 issue in connection with the members' lists sent in to him by members of his society, and pass it along as a good expression of our own point of view.

"There is no thought of questioning your reports: no one evaluates and accepts or rejects them. It is simply that sight records are not necessarily valid, but they bring pleasure to the observer. ....

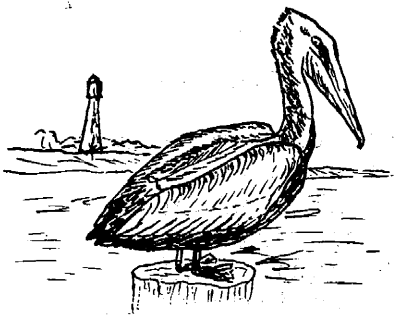
"We may 'know' perfectly well that it was a Pacific Leon we saw, but the only way we can really know is to collect it or photograph it. If in this summary, we were attempting something scientific, we should have to call each of you on the carpet to prove each identification, and the absurdity of that underlines the point.

"The question is often asked of birders, When you have seen them, what do you do? This is asked both by the uninitiated and by the serious student of scientific ornithology. My own answer, which often appears to leave them baffled is, 'Nothing; I just enjoy it.' There is sometimes a feeling that to do something for pleasure is a waste of time; if your reports have no scientific value or if you don't catch the birds and eat them, you shouldn't spend time at it. Phooey on all of them! I go birding for pleasure; I keep a year's list because it interest me, and I send it in to Audubon House because I enjoy doing so--and so do we all. And the more that do it, the more fun; so send in your lists."

If our members will send in the total number of different species of birds on their year's list for 1956, we will publish a summary of them in the January issue. You do not need to list the species, just the number, and if you birded in other parts of the country, note where, in addition to Florida.

Field Notes reported by:

- 10/24 Fred Ackermann. On the beach: 5 Ospreys, 9 Piping Plovers, 16 Semi-palmated Plovers, 24 Caspian Terns, 3 Snowy Egrets, many Royal Terns and Sanderlings, large flocks of Scaup Ducks and Cormorants flying South.
- 10/29 Mrs. Rose Block. Daytona Highlands: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, House Wren.
- 10/30 Fred Ackermann. Yacht Basin: Savannah Sparrows, Mallards.  
Mrs. Lucille Dence: Least Bittern near the beach.
- 11/1 Fred Ackermann. South beach: many Willets and Knots.  
Highlands: Catbird and White-eyed Vireo.
- 11/3 Mrs. Rose Block. Highlands: White throated Sparrow.
- 11/4 Mrs. Willard Kent. Thousands of Tree Swallows on the road to Titusville.  
Fred Ackermann. Large flocks of Tree Swallows at High Bridge.
- 11/7 Club Trip, Tamoka Park & Loop Pond. 25 members, 60 species including Caspian, Royal, Forsters and Cabot Terns, Sharp-tailed Sparrows, Yellow throated Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Marsh Hawk, Laughing Gulls, Piping Plover.
- 11/13 Mrs. Rose Block. Daytona Highlands: First Winter Wren.
- 11/15 Fred Ackermann and party. Matanzas Inlet: 15 White Pelicans, thousands of Laughing Gulls, 3 Bufflehead Ducks, 6 Baldpates, 5 Ruddy Ducks, and 10 Scaup Ducks and many others  
Henry Gottfried. On the Beach: Stilt Sandpiper, very rare
- 11/17 Club Trip, Enterprise and Osteen Marsh, etc.: Bald Eagle, Florida Scrub Jays, Boat tailed Grackles, Meadow Larks, Bluebirds, Redheaded Woodpeckers, Tree Swallows, and a large flock (Estimated 1,000) Cowbirds.
- 11/18 Conrad Lkdahl. Near Deland: 25 American Pipits --  
Very early.



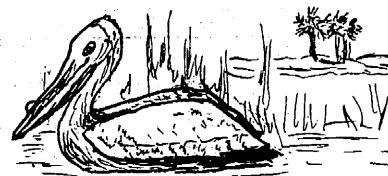
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Number 7

December

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Next Club Meeting, Monday January 7 - 7:00 P.M. at Olds Hall.

Mr. Robert Hunter will show colored pictures - Very fine.  
Those who wish to leave in time to attend the Civic Music concert at 8:30 will be able to do so.

Executive Committee meets Monday, January 21, 7:30 P.M. at Olds Hall.

Membership Renewals and new memberships have now passed 100.  
Is yours in yet? If not, be sure to send your dollar and both winter and permanent addresses to either:

Mrs. S. Fopma, 340 S. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

or

Miss Ann Odsted, 514 Earl Street, Daytona Beach, Fla.

This is the last issue of THE PELICAN that will be sent to those who do not renew their memberships for 1957. We plan to include the 1957 Club Directory with the January issue. Be sure you're in.

1957 Audubon Screen Tour Series starts Saturday, January 5, 8:00 P.M. at Seabreeze High School. Mr. Karl H. Maslowski of the National Audubon Society staff will show and explain exceptionally good colored moving pictures on "Earthquake Lake." This is the first of a series of five fine programs. (Season tickets \$3.00; single admissions 80¢). Remaining dates (all Saturdays) January 26, February 16, March 19 & 23.

### Field trips for January:

Thursday, 3rd. Half day: Loop Pond, Tomoka Park Marshes-High Bridge.

Thursday, 10th. Full day: Cocoa and St. John's River marshes, ocean and Canaveral Fill beaches. Bring lunch. This is a very good trip.

Wednesday, 16th. The scheduled half-day trip has been cancelled in favor of a new full day trip to the celebrated exhibit "Birds of Prey" (recent Saturday Evening Post) 5 miles south of Ocala. A special admission price of 52¢ (half fare) has been arranged. This is the club's first trip to this attraction and is looked forward to with great anticipation. Fenn Holden says, "This is a never-to-be-forgotten experience for any bird lover." Bring lunch.

Thursday, 24th. Full day: The annual trip to the Waleka Fish Hatchery with much good birding en route. Don't miss it. Bring lunch.

Thursday, 31st. Half day: Ocean Beach to Inlet, McDonald Pond, etc.

TO CLEAR UP A POINT about our field trips: The club is very anxious to have all members go on these trips but it seems that some stay away because they fear they have no one to ride with, while others do not want to drive their own cars and feel that they may impose on someone else. It seems worthwhile, therefore, to state again that there is always car room for all who come to the usual starting place at the west end of the Memorial (South Bridge) near the City Recreation Hall at 8:00 A.M. on trip days.

In order that all may feel free to go, it has been the practice for some years for those who ride with others to offer to share the cost of transportation. It has become a general thing to offer to contribute 50¢ for half days and \$1.00 for all day trips. THESE ARE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS and are not in any sense required by those whose cars are used.

Some drivers make up their own parties of members who live near them and can be easily picked up and returned home. Others come ready to take who ever may want transportation or willing to help avoid an unnecessarily long caravan by leaving their own cars in the parking lot and riding with others.

This arrangement has worked out so well that it has become a club custom. It enables the Trip Director to arrange rides for those who want them and it enables new members to get acquainted quickly.

Some drivers prefer not to accept such contributions, but since some members will not go unless they can pay their own way, it has become the standard practice. It is, nevertheless, purely a voluntary matter and one to be settled between each driver and those who ride with him. It is hoped that every club member will always feel free to either drive or ride with others. There has always been plenty of car space for all who come and varying car groups promotes good fellowship.

There is usually an experienced bird watcher in each car, and those with little or no experience in identifying birds will find that others more experienced will always be glad to help.

December Club Field Trips have been very successful and some very good records have been made. Some of the most interesting reported since our last issue are:

Club trip November 24. Ocean beach to Inlet, McDonald's Pond, etc. 25 members saw 55 species, including Common Loon, First Semipalmated Sandpipers, Knots, large numbers Piping Plover, Willets, Cabot's Terns, Caspian Terns, Royal Terns (several hundred), Black-bellied Plovers, Laughing Gulls, many Red-breasted Mergansers, Horned Grebes, first of season.

November 30. (Mrs. Rose Block) 7 Rusty Blackbirds at Daytona Highlands.

Club Trip December 5. 38 members saw 78 species. Ormond Beach, Tomoka Park, Bulow Ruins, High Bridge and vicinity: White Ibis, White Pelicans, Black Skimmers, Anhinga, Forrester's Terns, Sora and Clapper Rails, 39 Snowy Egrets in flock, 5 species of woodpeckers.

December 1. Mrs. Gretchen Farr -- one Great Blackbacked Gull on New Smyrna Beach; stayed for about a week.

December 7. Fred Ackermann -- Bonaparte's Gulls returned to Bethune Pt. Lesser Scaup Ducks, many Bluebirds along Canal Rd.

December 12. Mrs. Block -- 3 Parula Warblers and a Hermit Thrush.

December 15. Club Trip - 35 members saw 64 species. Bethune Pt., Deland Road area, etc. Both young and adult Redheaded Woodpeckers, American Pipits in large flock, Green Heron, large flocks of Black Skimmers, Laughing Gulls, Redwinged Blackbirds, Royal Terns, Tree Swallows and Cormorants.

December 15. Fenn Holden -- Parasitic Yeager off the ocean beach. This is rarely seen from land though deep sea fishermen see them.

December 16. Mrs. Martha L. Humphrey -- One dead Atlantic Blue-faced Booby at New Smyrna Beach. Miss Ann Odsted -- first Robin.

December 19 Club Trip. 42 members saw 75 species. New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Haulover Canal, Titusville Beach, etc. Bald Eagle, Gannets, both immature and adults, many Boat-tailed Grackles, Lesser Yellowlegs, Redbacked Sandpiper, Chipping, Savannah and Vesper Sparrows, Osprey, Kestrel, Pigeon Hawk.

The Christmas Bird Count. Every year at this time Audubon Clubs all over the country cooperate with the National Audubon Society in making a one day census of birds. Each club covers a circle 15 miles in diameter between dawn and dusk and lists all species and the number of each kind seen. Comparison of one year with others reveals trends, such as increases and decreases, or shifts in bird population.

Due to conflict with Civic Music, business has been eliminated from the December and January club meetings. The following are note actions by the Executive Committee not covered by other announcements in the November and December issues:

Club Secretary Marion Adams resigned because she will not be South this winter, and Mrs. R. S. Henderson was elected to the vacancy for the balance of the year.

The Halifax River Audubon Club joined the local Humane Society.

The Treasurer reports: Receipts since annual meeting, \$99.00.  
Bills paid " " " 159.52

Beginning with the February meeting the time will again be 7:30 P.M. and the regular business session will be a part of each meeting.



Daytona Beach and vicinity

December 22, 1956

WATER BIRDSCommon Loon 6; Grebes: pied-billed 22, horned 16.Gulls: Great Black-backed 1, Herring 157, Laughing 400, Ring-billed 800, Bonaparte 17.Terns: Caspian 5, Royal 475+, Common 4, Cabots 2, Forster's 8.Ducks: Baldpate 1, Golden-eye 1, Mallard 2, Scaup 200+, Red-breasted Merganser 24, Hooded Merganser 2.Black Skimmer 152, Florida Cormorant 182, Pelican: Brown 174, White 54.Hérons: Black-crowned Night 3, Little Green 2, Little Blue 22, Louisiana 21, Great Blue 19; Egrets: American 67, Snowy 25, Ibis: White 120, Wood 4, Anhinga 1.Plovers: Killdeer 19, Black-bellied 41, Piping 4, Semi-palmated 10, Willet 36, Knot 25, Ruddy Turnstone 87, Wilson Snipe 10, Red-backed Sandpiper 2, Sanderling 400, Lesser Yellowlegs 1, Clapper Rail 3, Florida-Gallinule 3, Coot 21.LAND BIRDSDoves: Mourning 80, Ground 38, Bobwhite 15; Vultures: Turkey 36, Black 43; Hawks: Marsh 3, Red-shouldered 5, Red-tailed 3, Sparrow 43, Osprey 3.Kingfisher 14, Florida Bluejay 23, Florida Scrub Jay 2, Starling 350+, Meadow Lark 18, Florida Grackle 8, Crows: Common 200+, Fish 500+.Woodpeckers: Red-headed 4, Red-bellied 23, Pileated 3, Hairy 1, Downy 3, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 13, Flicker 27.Phoebe 35, Red-winged Blackbird 250+, Cowbird 25, Rusty Blackbird 2, Goldfinch 2, Sparrows: Song 7, Chipping 6, English 72, Savannah 23, White-throated 8, Swamp 2, Towhee 33, Cardinal 27.Tree Swallow 80, Catbird 32, Brown Thrasher 2, Mockingbird 77, American Pipit 75, House Wren 26, Carolina Wren 12, Loggerhead Shrike 50.Warblers: Myrtle 400+, Orange-crowned 1, Western Palm 42, Yellow Palm 3, Florida Yellow-throat 8, Vireos: Blue-headed 1, White-eyed 1, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 7, Carolina Chickadee 1, Tufted Titmouse 1, Robin 200+, Bluebird 15.

1956 -- 106 Species -- about 8,900 individual birds.

1955 -- 115 " " 8,400 " "

1954 -- 112 " " 18,250 " "

Members taking part: Fred Ackermann, leader, Mrs. Olive Brodeau, Mrs. Rose Block, Mrs. Lucile Donce, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Ekdahl, Miss Lydia Hamilton, Robert S. Henderson, Fonn Holden, Kenneth Hunter, Beacom Rich, Col. O. E. Thomas, Mrs. Edgar Ulman, Mrs. Marie Wemberg.