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Halifax River Audubon Society
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BUSINESS MEETING Monday, January 26, 7:30 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A., 260 N. Beach Street, Daytona Beach. Mr. Russell Mason, Executive Director of The Florida Audubon Society, will give an illustrated talk on The Sanctuary Program of the Florida Society. The Committee on Sanctuaries will make its reports.

NEXT AUDUBON SCREEN TOUR LECTURE will be given by Mr. Howard Cleaves of the National Audubon Society at 7:30 P.M. at Seabreeze High School on January 31st; subject will be "Animals at Night." Season tickets for the remaining four lectures will sell for \$2.75.

COMING FIELD TRIPS are scheduled for Friday, January 30 to Bunnell, Crescent Beach and Matanzas Park. Saturday, February 7, half day to Tomoka Park and National Gardens. Saturday, February 14, New Smyrna Beach, Osteen Marsh and Enterprise. Friday February 20, Bethune Point, McDonald Farm, Sugarmill Gardens.

THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT conducted by Trip Director Fred Ackermann for the past five years shows remarkable consistency in the number of species recorded but wide variation in the total number of birds counted as shown by the following tabulation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Species</u>	<u>Total Birds</u>
1954	111	18,253
1955	112	8,393
1956	107	6,878
1957	110	12,463
1958	111	9,591

During the five year period 143 species were observed.

The 1958 Census listed in order of the number of each species seen was: Ring-billed Gull 1926, Fish Crow 848, Starling 508, Laughing Gull 490, American Egret 413, Little Blue Heron 400, Cormorant 375, Brown Pelican 312, Common Crow 311, Myrtle Warbler 261, Scaup Duck 235, House Sparrow 229, Sanderling 225, Snowy Heron 212, Killdeer 178,

Goldfinch 161, Tree Swallow 139, Black Skimmer 129, Mourning Dove 128, Robin 115, Western Palm Warbler 105, Royal Tern 102, Rock Dove 100, Mockingbird 98, Herring Gull 85, Blue Jay 78, Meadow Lark 78, Am. Pipit 76, Louisiana Heron 72, Sparrow Hawk 68, Rudy Turnstone 65, Cardinal 49, Kingfisher 47, Loggerhead Shrike 46, Red-winged Black-bird 44, Black-bellied Plover 38, Horned Grebe 37, Great Blue Heron 35.

Cowbird 35, Pied-billed Grebe 33, Chipping Sparrow 32, Scrub Jay 31, Knot 29, Red-bellied Woodpecker 28, Bob White 26, Bonapart Gull 25, Towhee 24, Ground Dove 24, House Wren 23, Bluebird 23, Flicker 22, Forster Tern 22, Red-shouldered Hawk 20, Caspian Tern 20, Phoebe 19, Turkey Vulture 15, Red-breasted Merganser 14, Catbird 12, Cattle Egret 12.

Savannah Sparrow 12, White-throated Sparrow 11, Brown-headed Nuthatch 10, Marsh Hawk 8, Common Snipe 8, Fla. Wren 7, Gannet 6, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6, Black Vulture 6, Fla. Yellow-throat 6, Pileated Woodpecker 5, Black-crowned Night Heron 4, Black and White Warbler 4, Coot 4, Greater Yellowlegs 4, Common Loon 4, Pine Warbler 4.

Three each- Anhinga, Chickadee, Green Heron, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Sora Rail, Willet, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

Two each- Brown Thrasher, Blue-winged Teal, Downy Woodpecker, Florida Grackle, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mallard Duck, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Spotted Sandpiper, Swamp Sparrow, Yellow Palm Warbler.

One each- (Those underlined are very rare here in Winter) Arkansas Kingbird, Bald Eagle, Coopers Hawk, Crested Flycatcher, Fla. Gallinule, Gray Kingbird, Hermit Thrush, Lesser Yellowlegs, Least Sandpiper, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Sharpshinned Hawk, Song Sparrow, Tufted Titmouse.

The number of Robins is way down this year and most of those seen were flying south. It is any one's guess, why.

Rusty Blackbird- (never seen here very often) by C. Ekdahl about Jan. 8, near the marl ponds west of Ormond Beach.

Several members have reported the Ring-billed Gulls feeding on the berries of the Cabbage Palm. This is, at least, unusual and may reflect that they are not getting much bread at the beach.

Fenn and Jean Holden write, "We greatly appreciate the many cards mailed from Christmas, Fla. and we send Holiday Greetings to the senders and to all members of the Halifax River Audubon Society. The birding is good here at La Jolla, California, about the same as Florida; but in addition to the ocean and beach, we have rocky coasts, cliffs, real mountains and real desert within striking distance. We belong to the San Diego Club which is large and active, but has fewer field trips. We need a Fred Ackermann."

"I was recently sitting in my blind at a water-hole on the desert when I got my first look at a Bewick's Wren when one lit on the end of the telescopic lense where it stuck out thru the blind. I couldn't get his picture but I got good ones of the Phainopepla which are very numerous at this spot."

THE PELICAN IS SHORT THIS MONTH to permit mailing the enclosed pamphlet "Know Your Binoculars" made available free by The Mirakel Optical Co. This is well worth reading by any one who uses binoculars for birding. Some of our members have purchased binoculars from this firm and found them very reliable. If you do not find just what you want in the models offered by the Florida Audubon Society and sold thru our society's Service Department managed by Joe Fairbank, ask to see the advertising material of this firm in the editor's files.

Reliable glasses cannot be purchased thru any corner store that may offer them even though they may cost a little less. Both Swift & Anderson who supply the Florida Audubon Society and Mirakel may be counted upon to see that all binoculars they sell are well aligned and adjusted before you buy them and will stand back of them.

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NEXT SOCIETY MEETING - 7:30 P.M. Monday, February 23rd, at the Y.M.C.A., 260 North Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Fla. This will be the annual poetry night when members bring and read poetry about birds that they have written or that they specially like. It is always one of the very interesting programs of the year.

Unfortunately our meeting conflicts with the Tourist Club that had to move its meeting ahead to avoid a conflict with a concert by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Be sure to save Monday evening, March 30th, for the Annual Meeting.

COMING FIELD TRIPS - For details see your printed schedule.

Saturday, February 28th - All day trip to Alexander Springs.

Saturday, March 7 - Half day trip to the Inlet via the South Beach.

Friday, March 13 - All day trip to Coronada Beach, via New Smyrna.

Saturday, March 21 - Half day trip to Tomoka Park and Loop Drive.

Friday, March 27 - All day to St. Johns River marshes, Osteen, Enterprise.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS - Lectures and pictures for the first two programs have been exceptionally fine. There have been very few empty seats in Seabreeze High School Auditorium. Programs start promptly at 7:30 P.M. Go early for a good seat. There is plenty of parking on the athletic field reached via Ora Street.

Coming programs: All on Saturday Nights at same place and time.

February 21 - "Land of Early Autumn" by Cleveland P. Grant.

March 14 - "Puerto Rico, U.S.A." by Fran W. Hall.

March 28, - "Rocky Mt. Rambles" by Emerson Scott.

Season Tickets for the three remaining programs may be purchased at the door for \$2.00. Single admissions at 80 cents each.

A number of Halifax River Society members attended the annual meeting of the Florida Audubon Society at Winter Park on February 7th. The program was very stimulating and demonstrated as never before how much the State Society has grown in both numbers and effectiveness during the past year under the able leadership of Russell Mason. Our society's gift of \$450. to the State Society's Sanctuary Fund was roundly applauded and will probably suggest that some of the other societies follow suit.

Field Notes on the high lights of the Society Field trips came just a day late to be in the last issue so notes for two months are here.

Jan. 2 - A very good trip to Welaka Springs. Some of the best records included: Redthroated Loon, Glossy Ibis (very rare here in winter), Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck (seen more often on the fresh water lakes of the interior than here), 50 Rusty Blackbirds, (unusual)

Jan. 9 - Carolina Chickadees and Field Sparrow were seen. These are both very good records.

Jan. 17 - To Rock Springs turned up a Barred Owl that stood still for photographs, Pileated Woodpeckers, a Blueheaded Vireo (first of the season), and many Bluebirds.

Jan. 24 - Many Meadowlarks at the Daytona Beach Airport and Brown-headed Nuthatches near Bunnell.

Feb. 3 - 30 White Pelicans near Crescent Beach and an immature Great Black-backed Gull (Chester Childs) near Ormond Beach. These have been seen since on the north beach by Ackermann and Henderson.

These are similar to the two year old Herring Gulls but much larger and with very heavy all-black bills. They might still be seen with the other gulls anywhere on the ocean beach. Keep watch.

Feb. 5 - Spotted Sandpipers, Willets and both Lesser and Greater Yellow-legs were seen.

Feb. 7 - Two very unusual finds by Fred Ackermann - A female SURF SCOTER and a CANVASBACK DUCK in the yacht basin just south of the Municipal Docks in Daytona Beach. These are both very unusual and the Scoter has stayed there for the past ten days. She is a very dark duck looking almost black with two light spots on each cheek.

Feb. 10 - Hundreds of Black Skimmers north of Ormond Beach and 28 Forster Terns at Conch Island near St. Augustine.

Feb. 14 - Ekdahl reported the first Purple Martins at the houses at the Municipal Yacht Basin. Apparently they were just looking it over as they usually do before bringing the whole flock for there were none in sight Feb. 17.

This has been a very unusual season for many species that are common here most winters. Robins were late in coming and then few stopped locally but seemed to go on south. Now they have been reported going north again. Why? Who knows? Remember how they swarmed everywhere last year? The field trips of the Bird Study classes at the Junior College have been out fourteen times without seeing a single Robin. Some members report many more inland.

Cedar Waxwings have been almost as scarce. No Hermit Thrushes have been reported to date although they are usually here at this time. Chipping and White-throated Sparrows, Warblers and other song birds have been noted for their small numbers. Other societies reporting at the State Annual Meeting gave similar reports.

While this was going on, it has been an unusually good season for Gulls, Terns, Skimmers, Plover and other beach birds. The number of species reported has held up quite well but not the number of individual birds. Well, why should we expect to have everything? We take Florida too much for granted anyway.

Feb. 17 - Roy Hudson reports a large flock (estimated 90 to 120) Gannets feeding close in shore east of High Bridge. A few were seen the same day near the Main St. Pier. Look for large white birds with Black wingtips much more black than on a gull) diving into the ocean. They can be confused with gulls but fold their wings and dive head foremost rather than to swoop down to the surface as the gulls and the pelicans do.

On February 3rd our Society Field trip group was honored to have as a guest Dr. John B. May, former State Ornithologist for Massachusetts. He is one of the country's most noted bird experts, a co-author of "The Birds of Massachusetts" and many other works. Those who went on that trip had a rare privilege in meeting him.

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D.D.T. and other poisons being used heavily in spray for control of mosquitoes, fire ants and other insect pests are working much serious damage to our birds and other wild life according to reports of some of the most expert biologists. Several high ranking men in this field gave startling reports at the State Society Annual Meeting.

Your editor is gathering detailed information on this and plans to make a more complete report in the March Issue. It seems that insufficient research work has been done to find out how much damage these poison sprays can do before they are widely used and the effort is to arrange to slow this spraying down until the whole picture can be seen more clearly.

The National Audubon Society is conducting a "hold" campaign that may be even more important than the celebrated one fifty years ago which saved our Egrets.

The S. Cornelia Young Memorial Library, 302 Vermont Avenue, Daytona Beach, has cooperated with our society in many ways and has just given a list of all of the books on their shelves that have to do with bird life. (see page 4)

The Bird Study Classes at the Daytona Beach Junior College are conducting field trips until early May. There is still room for a few more enrollments. Trips are held on alternate weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 to 12. If you want to take plenty of time to study the birds you see in the field, you will enjoy going with these groups. If interested call Robert S. Henderson, CL 3-7398 and ask to have schedule mailed.

Some members will soon be returning to their northern homes. If you are one of these phone or drop a post card to the Secretary and say where and when you are leaving so the March and April issues of THE PELICAN can be mailed to the right place.

Notify Mrs. Robert S. Henderson, Secretary, 431 N. Halifax Ave. or Mrs. Conrad Ekdahl, Box 1246, Daytona Beach, who is acting as Membership Secretary.

Books from the S. Cornelia Young Memorial Library can be drawn by any member of the library. Membership is open to all residents and visitors at 75 cents for six months or \$1.50 for a full year. (see page 4)

One of our members is making a similar list of the bird books in the Daytona Public Library which will be published later.

The following books are all to be found in the S. Cornelia Young Memorial Library, 302 Vermont Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida:

Allen, A. A.	American Bird Biographies
Allen, R. P.	On the Trail of Vanishing Birds
American Wildlife Inst.	Wild Ducks
Ashbrook, F. G.	Blue Book of Birds of America
"	Green " " "
"	Red " " "
Audubon, J. J.	Birds in America
Blanchan, Neltje	Birds
"	Birds Neighbors
"	Game Birds
Cruickshank, H. G.	Flight Into Sunshine
Dugmore, A. R.	Bird Homes (Nests, eggs, breeding habits, etc.)
Florida Grower's Press	Birds of Florida
Hall, F. W.	Birds of Florida
Hausman, L. A.	Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Birds
Howard, L.	Birds As Individuals
Howell, A. H.	Florida Bird Life
Job, H. K.	Propagation of Wild Birds
Jordan, E. W.	Hammond's Nature Atlas of America
Lainbeer, R. H.	Birds I Have Known
Lincoln, F. C.	Migration of Birds
Longstreet, R. J.	Bird Study in Florida
Longstreet, R. J.	Ornithology of the Mosquitoes
Mayr, E.	Birds of the South Pacific
Menaboni, A. & S.	Menaboni's Birds
Miner, Jack	Jack Miner and the Birds, etc.
Murphy, R. C.	Land Birds of America
National Geographic Jan. 1949	
Fearson, T. Gilbert, ed.	Birds of America
Peterson, R. T.	Field Guide to the Birds
Reed, C. A.	Bird Guide
Sprunt, A.	Florida Bird Life
Stroud, Robert	Diseases of Canaries
Stuart, F. S.	Wild Wings
Torrey, B.	Nature's Invitation
Wolfson, A., Ed.	Recent Studies in Avian Biology
Woolen, W. W.	Birds of Buzzards Roost
World of Great Stories Pg. 481	Birds of Passage
Wright, M. O.	Birdcraft, Field Book of 200 song, game and water birds
Zim, H. S.	Birds-A Guide to the Most Familiar American Birds

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the society will be held at 7:30 P.M., Monday, March 30, at the Y.M.C.A., 260 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Business to be attended to will be:

Election of Officers for the 1959-1960 year. A Nominating Committee composed of R. S. Henderson, Chairman, Mrs. Rose Block and Miss Anne Odsted, will suggest a slate of candidates. Any suggestions will be gladly received.

Amendments to the By-laws will be suggested:

To provide for a MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY to receive all membership applications and keep a record of members and:

To make the immediate past president a member of the Executive Committee.

Annual Reports will be presented by all officers and standing committees.

Mr. Jerome Burgman who is noted for his many fine presentations to our society will show slides exhibiting his superb skill as a photographer on his "Rambles through the Smokies." Anyone who has ever seen any of Mr. Burgman's pictures will surely want to be at this meeting.

COMING FIELD TRIPS: For details see your printed schedule.

Saturday April 4 - AN IMPORTANT CHANGE -- The half day trip announced will become an all day trip with lunch at Tomoka Park when we will be joined by the Duval County Audubon Society from Jacksonville. We are glad that we can welcome this very active near neighbor Club to the Halifax River Area.

Friday April 10 - All day trip to Salt Springs. This new location, not visited by our society in recent years, is reached thru some very good birding territory in West Volusia County.

Thursday April 16 - All day trip north and west of Daytona Beach in another area that we do not visit very often. It should be a good birding day.

Thursday April 23 - All day trip to St. Augustine Beach, Anastasia Park and Conch Island. This is the last organized trip this season and is to another popular place.

This will be a really big field trip month with four all-day trips. Let's make it the banner month of the year. Bring lunch every day.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOUR - The last program in this series will be held Saturday March 28 at 7:30 P.M. in Seabreeze High Auditorium. "Rocky Mountain Rambles" will be presented by Mr. Emerson Scott. We have had a most interesting and successful season with every program holding to the high standard established by the National Audubon Society. This one will be no exception.

THE FINAL SOCIETY MEETING OF THE SEASON will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday April 27. The new officers will be installed and start making plans for another booming season. Everyone having suggestions for next year's program should come prepared to make them. Those who have returned north or for other reasons cannot be there are urged to send them in writing to the new president.

FIELD OBSERVATIONS reported to Trip Director Fred Ackermann include:

2/20 - Two Ovenbirds at Sugar Mill Gardens. Many Gannets migrating north over the ocean. Green-winged Teal, Spotted Sandpipers, both Yellow-legs, Semipalmated Plover, Willets and large numbers of Cattle Egrets at McDonald's Ponds.

2/24 - The Florida Audubon Society had their annual trip in this area and were rewarded with a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers with the female on the nest. They reported 58 species.

2/27 - Red-headed Woodpecker nesting in River Front Park about 50 feet north of the lawn bowling green.

2/28 - 73 species seen on the field trip to Alexander Springs. Highlights were: Many Goldfinches, Scrub Jays, Sapsuckers, Wood Storks (Formerly Wood Ibis) Anhingas, Limpkins, Hooded Mergansers, and Ring-necked Ducks.

3/6 - A Sora Rail injured by flying against Peabody Auditorium.

3/7 - White-eyed Vireo, Cedar Wax-wings (very scarce this year) Green Herons, Caspian Terns, Black-crowned Night Herons, Hermit Thrush and Laughing Gulls with black heads of summer showing early.

3/10 - Black-necked Stilts (an new early record) Long-billed Curlews, Gadwall and Shoveler Ducks, 34 Glossy Ibis, Red-throated Loon and another injured Sora Rail on a special trip to Cape Canaveral.

3/13 - 12 species of shore birds including 12 Piping Plovers, 18 Black-bellied Plovers, many Killdeers and, in addition, the first Crested Flycatcher. Also a rare sight - Ring-billed Herring and Black-backed Gulls sitting close together on a railing near New Smyrna in the order of their size. A wonderful opportunity to compare their sizes.

Reports continue to come in regarding the unusually small numbers of small song birds this year. This seems to be true all over the state. Perhaps the special research work being done by the National Audubon Society in connection with the heavy use of insecticides to help control the Fire Ant may show some connection with this.

This menace is reported in the special article "You Are Being Stung", enclosed by courtesy of the National Audubon Society. New chemicals many times stronger than D D T are being used in quantities that threaten not only insect life but birds, aquatic life, game and domestic animals and even people. We must be alert to this new danger and support every agency that strives to slow down or discontinue this radical program of control until more is known about what the results will really be. BE SURE TO READ THIS SUPPLEMENT.

REPORTS ARE VERY ENCOURAGING regarding the improvement in the number of Wood Storks and Common Egrets (formerly the American Egret) that are resulting from a good nesting season. Reports of a study made by the Research Dept. of the National Audubon Society indicate that both of these birds are coming back. The survey revealed that more than 6,350 Wood Storks were raised to flight stage in Florida during the last nesting season. The comeback of the Egret is slower but encouraging.

BIRDS TO LOOK FOR NEXT MONTH: This has been such an upset season that many birds commonly seen before this have been scarce or not reported at all. While a few have probably wintered here, the following should show up in larger numbers during migration:

Phoebe and Crested Flycatcher, Sapsuckers, Waxwings, Purple Finches, Black and White Yellow-throated, Prairie, Palm, Pine, Parula, and Blackpole Warblers, Redstarts and Florida Yellowthroats.

Red-eyed, White-eyed and Blue-headed Vireos, Blue-winged Teal, Ruddy and Pintail Ducks, Chipping Sparrows, Goldfinches, Kinglets, Barn Swallows, Chuck-will-widows, Night Hawks and Chimney Swifts.

The birds that nest here are singing now and Flickers, Red-headed and Red-breasted Woodpeckers seem to be unusually numerous. It won't be very long before we will see Mockers, Cardinals, Jays and Florida Wrens feeding their young.

OUR SANCTUARY STATUS: Our Conservation Committee reports that not only is Daytona Beach city a bird sanctuary but the whole of Volusia County was also made a sanctuary by act of the State Legislature about 1922. We hope the birds know about this.

Mr. John Purdue, recently retired from the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources of Canada who accompanied us on some of our recent field trips, has sent in the following very interesting release regarding the present status of the Whooping Crane:

"Canada's contribution to the return of the whooping crane was nine husky youngsters hatched in Wood Buffalo National Park last Spring.

"The nine young whooping cranes form the highest number of young ever counted since the keeping of records began in the winter of 1938-1939. They are now at their wintering grounds on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

"The Canadian Wildlife Service of the Northern Affairs Department confirmed today that the known population of 38 whooping cranes is larger by about 17 birds than it was in the spring of 1955. A great share of the credit for the success should go to Canadians and Americans in all walks of life and especially sportsmen who protected the rare birds during their long southward migration. Last spring twenty-six birds flew north from the Aransas Wildlife Refuge to their nesting grounds in Wood Buffalo National Park. During the autumn 32 whoopers, including the nine chicks, completed the long return journey to Texas. The birth of the nine young cranes was the greatest breeding success in many years. The previous greatest number of young birds produced in any summer since 1938 was eight which were reported in the autumn of 1955.

"The Wildlife Service announced that the present population is higher this year than in any previous year in which accurate records were kept. The previous high count was 34 birds recorded in the winter of 1949-1950. In the autumn of 1945 there were only 17 whooping cranes known to be in existence. By 1949, this number had increased to 34. Losses occurred in 1950, '51 and '52 and by the autumn of 1954 only 21 adult whoopers were known to exist.

"The 2,000-mile flight from Wood Buffalo National Park to their wintering grounds in Texas begins each autumn about the middle or end of September. The last stragglers appear at the Refuge in late November. The long migration flight carries the whooping cranes across the Canadian Prairies, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and finally Texas. Although their migration occurs during the hunting season when millions of ducks and geese fill the sky and thousands of hunters vie for their trophies, very few whoopers have been lost in recent years to the hunters' gun. A great deal of publicity by International conservation agencies together with the cooperation of the public and the press have resulted in a gradual increase in the total population of cranes.

"The nesting grounds of the whooping crane in Canada were unknown until 1954, when W. A. Fuller, a Biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service, discovered a family of whoopers in Wood Buffalo National Park. That Park, two-thirds of which lies in northern Alberta, the rest in the Northwest Territories, became famous overnight. No other breeding grounds have been located although others are believed to exist elsewhere in the Northwest Territories.

"The six birds which are held in captivity comprise an adult pair with two yearlings and one young of the year at a zoo in New Orleans and one adult bird at a zoo in San Antonio."

All These Birds, Feathered or Not, Bear Watching

The penguin, who wobbles from side to side and struts his stuff at banquets and conventions. The eagle, who soars among the clouds and rarely gets down to earth. The parrot, who simply repeats what other parrots are saying. The humming bird, who flits from hedge to hedge. The heron, who has a shallow approach but sticks its neck out anyway. The owl, who looks wise and doesn't give a hoot for the opinion of others. The stork, who thinks all we need is lots of babies. The sparrow, who darts off at a tangent whenever it is cornered. The loon, who always sounds the same doleful note. The pelican, who swallows every fish story that comes along. The magpie, who chatters so incessantly that no one else can be heard. The guinea hen, who lays an egg every time it opens its mouth. The raven, who quotes ominous rumors of disaster. The whippoorwill, who blames others when it gets out on a limb.

SOMEONE WILL SAVE. One of our winter birders who has just gone north wishes to sell her recently purchased (February '59) 7x35 Swift & Anderson binoculars for \$30. This is \$6 less than even the special members price of the Florida Audubon Society and \$16.75 below the non-member list price with state and federal taxes paid. They are fully guaranteed to Feb. 1960 and one of the oldest binocular firms in the country will repair them any time. Your editor has these, and has tested them. Call CL 3-7398.

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APRIL

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The last regular society meeting of this season will be held at the Y.M.C.A. at 7:30 P.M. next Monday, April 27. Mr. Frank Kirkpatrick will show motion pictures of Flamingoes in the Bahamas.

The annual meeting was well attended and all enjoyed the fine pictures shown by Mr. Jerome Burgman. His close up pictures of wild flowers and his beautiful scenes in the Great Smoky Mts. will be long remembered. Many good reports were received from officers and committees. A few of the high spots follow:

Membership was 169 almost equal to last year's high of 171.

Finance: Treasurer Ekdahl's report, summarized below is good:

Cash on hand April 1, 1958 \$1949.58

Receipts

Screen Tour Series	\$1520.00
Membership dues	217.00
Miscellaneous	167.45

Totals \$1904.45

Disbursements

Screen Tour Expense	\$1122.03
Publishing Pelican	163.23
Other printing	102.23
Miscellaneous	197.20
Contributions etc.	512.00

\$2096.69

Cash on hand April 1, 1959 \$1757.39

Screen Tour profit - \$397.97. To Florida Audubon Sanctuaries Fund \$450.

The following were elected to office for the coming year:

President, Chester H. Childs; Vice-presidents, Miss Lydia Hamilton, Mrs. John Killian, George Williams; Membership Secretary, Mrs. Conrad Ekdahl; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Henderson; Treasurer, Conrad Ekdahl; Members-at-large to the Executive Committee, Joseph Fairbank and Willard Whiteman.

In appreciation for his five years of splendid service as president, the society presented Dr. Folk with a copy of LIVING BIRDS OF THE WORLD.

A few notes on progress during his administration show that:

Membership increased from 75 to 169.

The bank balance grew from \$876 to \$1757.

Screen Tour profits almost doubled, from \$201.54 to \$397.97.

Field trip schedules were planned a year in advance and printed.

The by-laws were thoroughly revised and distributed to members.

THE PELICAN was started and issued for four years.

Contributions of \$295 to the National Audubon Society and of \$613 to the Florida Audubon Society were made.

Speakers were supplied for many interesting organizations.

Interesting field reports include the following:

- 2/28 Brown-headed Nuthatches, possibly nesting, (Ekdehl and party).
- 3/20 Yellow-breasted Chat- uncommon here, (Mrs. Block).
- 3/21 Wild Turkey, Barn Swallows, Pine Woods Sparrows, (Trip group).
17 Glossy Ibis at McDonalds Farm. Same date as last year, (R.S.Henderson).
Chuck-Wills-Widow, 9 days early, (R. Hudson).
- 3/22 Blacknecked Stilt, at Bethune Point, (F. Crosby).
- 3/27 Red-throated Loon, at the Yacht Basin, (F. Ackermann).
- 3/29 Whip-Poor-Will singing in early morning, (R. S. Henderson).
- 3/30 Cape May Warblers, (Mrs. Block).
- 3/31 Ruby-throated Hummingbird and Yellow Warbler, (Mrs. Block).
- 4/2 Prairie Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, Rough-winged Swallow and Chimney Swifts, (Field trip groups).
- 4/8 Duck Hawk and Baldpate Duck, not together, (Mrs. Block).
- 4/9 Baltimore Orioles along the river, (Block and Ackermann).
Nighthawk, (Block), Summer Tanager, (Henderson).
- 4/10 Swallow-tailed Kites, near Cody Corners, (Childs and trip group).
- 4/14 Prothonotary Warbler, (Henderson and Jr. College Class).

Due but not reported as yet and worth watching for:

Wilson and Upland Plovers, Cliff and Bank Swallows, Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Yellow-throated Vireos, Black-throated Blue, Redstarts, and Blackpole Warblers, Scarlet Tanagers, Blue Grosbeaks, Purple Finches, Indigo and Painted Buntings, Gray Kingbirds, Least Terns.

New Maps of the Halifax River area have recently been issued by the U. S. Government. Vice-president George Williams and some of those who stay here during the summer are planning to use this map as a basis for some society maps showing the best birding places and how to reach them. Several trips are planned to check the roads and distances and make descriptions of the best areas for use on future field trips. Any members interested in helping on this project should call Mr. Williams at OR 7-0907. This is a very well worth-while project and deserves the support of all.

Members who do summer birding in the Halifax River area are urged to keep careful records of both species and numbers to make the society's records more complete for the entire year.

President Childs has asked all committee chairmen to suggest the names of persons they would like to have appointed to their committees, and urges them all to have enough to help so that too much will not depend on one person. Members who would like to work on any committees are to contact him or the chairman. His Phone CL-3-5527.

After the next meeting, the by-laws will be mimeographed to include all of the amendments that have been made since they were last mimeographed 5 years ago. Members who want copies should send a card with summer address to Secretary Mrs. R.S. Henderson, 431 N. Halifax Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

This is the last issue of the PELICAN-until October. The editor wishes every one a summer of good health, good birding and all of the other good things that summer should bring.

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

How nice it is that our new Audubon season has returned and we can look forward to our society activities with their many opportunities for seeing old friends and making new ones.

We have had so many good birding years that we are apt to take them for granted sometimes and perhaps not fully realize that our enjoyment in birding has resulted, in a large measure, from the careful planning and devoted leadership of members who have accepted responsibilities in our society organization and have done their jobs well.

I am glad to report that we are well on our way for another year, as you can see, from the enclosed printed program.

Vice-president George Williams has organized a good Field Trip Committee and many miles of exploration and many hours of planning have gone into their preparations for another good field trip season. Mr. Harvey Funk will be our new program chairman and some excellent features are being arranged for our meetings.

Connie Ekdahl has done his usual good job on the screen tour program and we hope that every member is ready for another good year. Let us share our fun with others who should be asked to join and give our new membership committee our help in setting a new record.

CHESTER H. CHILDS, President.

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS.

Several new routes have been added for half-day trips and promise good birding in addition to those we have found interesting in past years. We think you will like our planned all-day trips also.

On half-day trips, we plan to have small car groups cover several different good birding areas, which we hope, will result in reporting more species. In order that all may know about any "good finds" as soon as possible and to offer more opportunity for sociability on half-day trips, all groups will report back to a short meeting (11:30 to 12) at the Y.M.C.A. where the hungry ones can buy a sandwich or enjoy a cup of coffee while we all get better acquainted and enjoy hearing what the others have seen. If this proves popular, it will be continued thru the season. The Y.M.C.A. has kindly offered to make these meetings possible without extra cost.

THE FIRST FIELD TRIP is set for next Friday, October 23. Come out. See your printed program for arrangements.

THE FIRST SOCIETY MEETING will be held the following Monday, October 26, at the Y.M.C.A. at 7:30 P.M. (260 N. Beach St. Daytona Beach). Every member should be prepared to give a brief report on good birding done during the summer. These will be kept short so we will have time for an illustrated talk on "What birds to look

for in November." This fall report meeting has always been one of the most interesting of the season. Bring your friends.

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS - Vice-president
Activities Division.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE.

All society memberships expired on September 30. An application form for your renewal is enclosed. You can help the membership committee a great deal by returning it with your fee right away. PLEASE DON'T WAIT just because you do not know what your winter address will be until after you arrive in the Halifax area. RENEW NOW and give the Membership Secretary your "southern" address after you get it. We had 170 members for the year that ended in September. Let's make it at least 250 this year. If for any reason, you do not plan to renew your membership, please put your name on it and send it in marked "Not Renewing".

Membership is open to all at the following moderate rates:

MEMBER: (\$1.00 a year) for those who cannot spend much time, have moved away, or who do not care to take a very active part in the society's programs. The \$1.00 goes to pay the cost of the society's bulletin The Pelican which is mailed to all members from October thru April.

ACTIVE MEMBER: (\$2.00) for those who wish to take an active part in the society's trips and meetings and other activities.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBER: (\$5.00) to give those who wish, to give more toward the cost of carrying on the society's work.

To become a member fill out and mail the application below with dues to Membership Secretary, Mrs. Conrad Ekdahl, Box 1246, Daytona Beach, Florida.

The committee will be glad to send a cordial invitation and an application form to any prospective member whose name and address you send to Mrs. Ekdahl.

ISAAC L. MERRILL - Chairman, Membership Committee.

HERE IS THRILLING NEWS. In April, the executive committee asked the Publicity Committee Chairman to build up a colored slide library for the society's use at our meetings and to enable us to send out speakers with good programs when we are asked to help P.T.A.'s, Garden Clubs and other local organizations interested in birds. The first step was to ask Mr. Fenn Holden, expert bird photographer and formerly a very active member of our society (who now winters in California), if it would be possible to get duplicates made of some of his very excellent pictures taken here during the winter season. He replied at once to say that he already had many duplicates and would be glad to give them to us and have duplicates made of some of which he had only one slide.

In September we received nearly 500 slides representing more than 125 species. These are now being catalogued and will be shown to the society at suitable times during our winter meetings to illustrate "what has been seen and what to look for next month".

This splendid gift represents material costs of between \$100 and \$200, thousands of miles of driving and endless patience and outstanding photographic skill. This is a priceless gift and both Fenn and Jean Holden (who helped get the pictures)

have supplied our society with one of the best bird slide libraries in the country. Their friendly spirit will be blessed throughout the Halifax River area for many, many years.

Robert S. Henderson - Chairman, Publicity Committee.

CHANGES IN BIRD NAMES.

Since the publication of the Eastern Birds Guides, the American Ornithologists Union has made number of changes in bird names. New names are based on suitability and appropriateness, combining some species and grouping subspecies and races which are rarely distinguishable in the field.

The Florida Scrub jay known in other sections as California jay, Long-tailed jay, Texas jay, Woodhouse's jay and others is now just the Scrub jay.

Our common towhee is now called the rufus-sided towhee since there are three other species in the west. This bird has had no less than thirteen different names base on localities, in addition to the name Chewink.

Following are some of the changes in names of birds that may be seen in the Halifax River area.

Old Names

Water turkey
Man-O-War bird
American egret
Baldpate
American goldeneye
American Scoter
American merganser
Duck hawk
Florida gallinule
Golden plover
Wilson's snipe
Hudsonian curlew
Red-backed sandpiper
Dowitcher
Avocet
Crested flycatcher
Florida jay
Crow
American pipit
Blue-headed vireo
English sparrow
Common grackle
Bronzed grackle
Easter cowbird
Common goldfinch
Towhee

New Names

Anhinga
Magnificent frigatebird
Common egret
American Widgeon
Common goldeneye
Common Scoter
Common merganser
Peregrine falcon
Common gallinule
American golden plover
Common snipe
Whimbrel
Dunlin
Short-billed dowitcher
American avocet
Great crested flycatcher
Scrub jay
Common crow
Water pipit
Solitary vireo
House sparrow
Purple grackle
Purple grackle
Brown-headed cowbird
American goldfinch
Rufous-sided towhee

The new names might be written in the Eastern Bird Guides which use the old names.

HALF DAY FIELD TRIP ROUTES PLANNED FOR 1959-60

The following routes have all been thoroughly explored during the past summer and promise good birding during the coming season.

Several different routes may be used on one day to insure maximum observation of birds here at that time and to reduce highway hazards by limiting parties to fewer cars. More detailed information will be furnished group leaders at the start of each trip. Each route has been given a short name for ready reference.

- A- SOUTHWEST CIRCLE - Yacht basin - Bethune Pt. - WROD area - Woodpecker Lane - Reed Canal Pond - McDonald's Ponds - Daytona Highlands - back to Y.M.C.A.
- B- LOOP DRIVE - N. Riverside Dr. - Ormond Marl pits - National Gardens - Tomoka Park - Loop Ponds - High Bridge marshes - Y.M.C.A.
- C- SOUTH PENINSULA - S. Ocean Beaches - Inlet Harbor - Lighthouse area - River side of the peninsula - Y.M.C.A.
- D- PIONEER TRAIL - Old Deland Rd. - Tomoka Farms Rd. - Pioneer Trail - New Smyrna Beach - Y.M.C.A.
- E- NORTH CIRCLE - N. Ocean Beaches - Ormond Bridge - Tomoka Air Port - Hull Rd. - Barberville Rd. - Tomoka Ave.
- F- HULL SWAMPS - N. Riverside Dr. - Tomoka Ave. - Wild Life Preserve - Hull Cyprus Swamps - Tomoka Air Port - National Gardens - N. Riverside Dr. - Y.M.C.A.
- G- N. HALIFAX AREA - N. Riverside Dr. - Tomoka Park - Kings Rd. - Dupont Rd. - Old Farm Rd. - Bunnell - Flagler Beach - Y.M.C.A.
- H- WEST CIRCLE - N. Riverside Dr. - Division Ave. area - Marl Pits - Tomoka Ave. - Barber Ranch - Y.M.C.A.
- J- DUPONT LOOP - Bunnell - Route 11 - Cody's Corners - Dupont Rd. - Kings Rd. - Cobb's Corners - High Bridge marshes - Y.M.C.A.
- K- TURNBULL BAY - Turnbull Bay area - Spruce Creek area - Woodpecker Lane - WROD area - Bethune Pt. - Y.M.C.A.
- L- SUGAR MILL LOOP - Port Orange - Sugar Mill Gardens - Tomoka Farms Rd. - Old Deland Rd. - Bethune Pt. - Y.M.C.A.
- M- SPRUCE CREEK LOOP - Old Deland Rd. - Tomoka Farms Rd. - Spruce Creek Air Port - Pioneer Trail - Spruce Creek - Turnbull Bay area - Y.M.C.A.

WARBLERS ARE MIGRATING: The fall migration of warblers has been underway for some time but within the past few days more reports have been coming in. They are being seen in yards, in the Pinewood Cemetery on Main St. and other thickets. They are most apt to be seen in the morning or evening hours when they are feeding. When one species is seen, look closely for others. They are apt to migrate in small flocks of several species.

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ACTIVITIES DIVISION

George Williams

Vice-president

Field Trips in the coming month.

Saturday, Nov. 28 - A full day trip to St. Augustine and vicinity. Villano Marshes, Anastasia Island, Conch Is. if it is low tide.

Friday, Dec. 4 - Half-day short trips in the Halifax River area.

Friday, Dec. 11 - Full day trip to Canaveral Harbor for shore birds.

Groups for all trips will start at 7:30- 8:00- 8:30. Usual place.

Meeting Program. Dr. Harvey W. Funk, Program Chairman. Next Monday, November 23, 7:30 P.M., Y.M.C.A., 260 N. Beach St.

Illustrated talk on birds seen last month and what to expect next. A short business meeting. Roy Hudson will describe their several thousand mile bird trip last summer to Texas, Mexico, the S.W. Deserts.

Our first month of field trips ^(to mid-Nov.) has been very good. A total of 106 species were reported on four trips, averaging 73 species each. Seven of our 12 listed half-day trip areas were visited. Some were migrants; some permanent residents, and some just coming for the winter. ~~By the end of Dec.~~ Total was 155 for the trips.

The experiment of sending small groups to different areas is working quite well. Those who shift from one starting time to another are apt to repeat on areas. We hope to eliminate this duplication.

The following species rare in this area have been reported:

Magnificent Frigatebird - An immature, near Spruce Creek- Isaac Merrill.

Blue Geese - Six seen at Villano Marsh by Mr. & Mrs. Millard Kent.

Clay-colored Sparrow - One seen near Crescent Beach by C. Ekdahl party. This is an accidental. Common on the northern prairies.

Scientists will not credit these observations since the birds were not collected or photographed to prove identification beyond doubt and they are not offered for scientific purposes. However, all were under observation for a considerable time by competent birders whose identifications are good enough for us. Your bird list is your very own. When you think you have a good identification, list it without fear that it will be questioned in the society. Many records questioned by scientists have been proven to be forerunners of later scientific proof. However, we are birding for fun and can list anything we think we have seen. Let's not let any one "talk us out" of a record we like.

Unfortunately, space will not permit listing any but the most rare or unusual species. We will want to hear about the others at our meetings when we discuss what has been seen during the past month.

I sent the Dec. Pelican to ~~many~~ ^{many} in Soaktech.

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THE FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY offers another fine service to us. After consulting with the Florida Public Safety Department regarding good bird trip conduct on our highways, reports receiving the following:

LET'S PLAY SAFE ON FIELD TRIPS.

October 8, 1959

- 1- Cars traveling in convoys should turn on their lights to indicate to other motorists that they are following or passing a convoy group.
- 2- On fast highways, space convoy cars at least 300 ft. apart and avoid slowing down "for a better look".
- 3- When it is necessary to slow down or stop, give adequate signals to drivers who are following.
- 4- On Fast Travel Roads (Such as routes 1 & 92) DO NOT BIRD WATCH. Keep up with traffic and if you must stop, park entirely off the roadway. Exception - Public picnic areas where ample parking is offered.
- 5- On Secondary Paved Roads - A slower speed may be justified when traffic is light. In other respects follow suggestion 4 above.
- 6- On Main Graded Dirt Roads - Adjust speed to traffic conditions and park only where other cars may pass freely.
- 7- On Secondary Dirt Roads - Sometimes "one way" in places, proceed slowly and NEVER leave cars unattended in the roadway.

ALWAYS AVOID DOING ANYTHING THAT MAY CAUSE A HIGHWAY HAZARD SUCH AS STOPPING ON A CURVE, ON A BRIDGE APPROACH OR NEAR THE TOP OF A HILL.

The driver of the Lead car in a field trip group should be responsible for setting the group's driving speed, keeping his group together and parking only where all cars can get entirely off of the roadway.

Drivers of any following cars shall be responsible for keeping up with the party and keeping a suitable safe distance between his car and the next convoy car ahead. On fast highways, this should be sufficient to let passing cars get back into the right lane to let oncoming cars pass.

Starting the trip with a full gas tank will help avoid losing the party.

These are good suggestions. We should be increasingly alert to operate our field trips in the safest possible way. We owe it to our own group as well as to the other users of the highways. Good highway manners are more important than any other kind because by watching them we may save lives and injury, perhaps even our own.

ANOTHER FLORIDA AUDUBON SERVICE. Demonstrations in bird banding will be given at Audubon House, Maitland, Fla. at 3 P.M. on Sundays, Dec. 20, Jan. 11, Feb. 21, and March 6. Joe Fairbank has been appointed by President Chester Childs to "study up" on this project and see if it might be a good one for our society to promote in this area. If you think you might be interested talk to Joe who is almost always on trips and at meetings.

Reports on experiments. The 8:30 A.M. start for trips does not seem to be very popular. Perhaps it will pick up when more tourists come.

Returning to the Y. at 11:30 on half day trips does not seem to add to the sociability that we had hoped for. The trip cards can be gathered by some other method. Let's try through December and see.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION Mrs. Harvey W. Funk Vice-president

Public Meetings Committee Conrad Ekdahl - Chairman.

Tickets and programs are now available for the coming Audubon Screen Tour Season. Price is the same, \$3.00 for all five programs, from committee representatives or order by mail. Send check and return stamped envelope to Conrad Ekdahl, Box 1246, Daytona Beach. Single admissions will be sold at the door at 80¢. Children half price.

If you want to help the committee by selling a few tickets yourself just ask the chairman for a supply. We need help on this.

Membership Committee Isaac Merrill - Chairman.

Membership applications received (105) have set a new record for this early but there are still about 60 to hear from. If yours has not been received up to this mailing you will get another application. WHY NOT MAIL IT IN WITH YOUR FEE RIGHT NOW WHILE YOU THINK OF IT? Don't make us come again. THE PELICAN WILL STOP WITH THE DECEMBER ISSUE FOR ALL WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED. We are glad to report 25 new members, also a record for this early in the year. Invite your friends to join. Give their names and addresses to the Membership Secretary, Mrs. C. Ekdahl and an application and program for the year will be mailed to them.

EDUCATIONAL DIVISION Miss Lydia Hamilton Vice-president

Library Committee - Miss Anne Odsted - Chairman.

A list of books on birds found at the Daytona Beach Public Library on City Island is on page 4, this issue. (The Cornelia Young list was published in the February 1959 issue). Those who are listed to receive books at either library may draw from the other.

Instruction Committee Robert S. Henderson - Chairman.

Bird study courses given by Daytona Beach Junior College will not be given this year unless a qualified instructor who is still young enough (under 70) to get a state teaching certificate can be located.

The chairman of this committee, who gave these courses last year, may start a course early in January if a class of 20 are interested at \$5.00 for five illustrated lectures and seven field study trips. If you are interested let Mr. Henderson know. Phone CL 3-7398.

The Executive Committee Chester H. Childs - President.

The committee voted and arrangements have been completed to let Tourist Church use our motion picture projector in return for use of their fine lounge for our executive committee meetings and, if we need more space later, to hold our society meetings in their very spacious and convenient church house. It will do the machine good to be used more often and we can always have it when we need it.

The fine bird slides recently donated to us by Mr. & Mrs. Fenn Holden are being put to good use. They were used to illustrate a talk at our last society meeting and Mr. Henderson used them when speaking to the Ormond Womens' Club on "Birds to look for on the beach and in our gardens".

We anticipate that there will be other requests for such talks when it becomes more widely known that we can supply such programs. Considerable time and effort is required to plan them, select the slides, transport and use the projection equipment, give the talk and finally return the slides to their proper places in the slide library.

Most of the groups that will request such programs are willing to pay a reasonable amount for this service. The executive committee voted to give the service in the name of the Halifax River Audubon Society as far as the use of equipment is concerned but that the members who give the time and effort should be compensated by the group served. A minimum of \$5.00 per program was established.

Mr. Robert Henderson is acting as slide librarian.

Bird Books in the Daytona Beach Public Library - City Island.

	Bird Biographies	Street, J. Fletcher
	Bird Neighbors	Blanchan, Neltje
<i>check</i> →	*Bird Study in Florida	Longstreet, Robert J. <i>Robert</i>
	*On the Trail of Vanishing Birds	Allen, Robert Porter
	Game Bird Shooting	Askins, Charles
	Audubon Birds (with text)	Audubon, John James notes by Shelley, Donald
	*Flight into Sunshine	Cruickshank, Helen G.
	Human Side of Birds	Dixen, Royal
<i>check</i> -	*Florida Bird Life	Howell, Arthur H.
	Penguins Habits	Kearton, Cherry
	Island of Penguins <i>etc?</i>	" "
<i>check</i> -	Birds of New York & Vicinity	Kiersten, John
	Our Amazing Birds	Doubleday 1952
	*Migration of Birds	Lincoln, Frederick C.
	*Jack Miner and the Birds	Miner, Jack
	There is Always Adventure	Murphy, Grace
	Care and Training of Home	
	Cage Birds	Poe, Bernard
	Search for the Spiny Babbler	Ripley, Dillon
	Trail of the Money Bird	" "
	Ornithology & Oology (eggs)	Samuels
	Private Life of Birds	Williams, Henry Smith
	*Birds of Eastern N. America	Reed, Chester
	Birds of Wild Forest & Park	Gilmore, Albert Field
<i>check</i> -	*Birds of Florida	Hall, Francis Wylly
	Birds of New England and	
	Adjacent States	Samuels, Edward A.
	*Birds of America	Audubon, John James
	Biography of Audubon	Rourke, Constance
<i>check</i> -	Birds of Florida	Fla. Dept. of Agriculture
	Adventures in Bird Protection	Pearson, Thomas Gilbert

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Note: * marks titles found in both libraries in Daytona Beach.

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We salute you with a new printed head. We hope you like it.

ACTIVITIES DIVISION

George Williams

Vice-president

The four field trips since our last report have averaged 91 species each. The high was the Canaveral trip December 11 with 108 reported.

Unusual reports during the month have brought the total for the season to 155 species. The most unusual are given below with the location and the name of the field leader in charge of the reporting group or the member who reported the identification from a personal field trip.

Red-cockaded Woodpecker- West of Salt Springs- C. Ekdahl.

Long-billed Curlew- Crescent Beach Marsh- R. S. Henderson.

Canaveral Harbor- Fred Ackermann.

Hudsonian Curlew- (Now the Whimbrel) by both above groups.

Marbled Godwit- Canaveral Harbor- Chet Childs.

Snow Goose- From City Marine Docks to Bethune Pt. - C. Ekdahl.

This lone immature specimen has stayed in this section for more than a week and has been a new life record for many society members. It is very rare here.

Dusky Seaside Sparrow- Merritt Is. near Titusville- F. Ackermann.

Seaside Sparrow- Halifax River Shore near Ormond-by-the-Sea, with good opportunity to observe markings, Roy Hudson.

Snowy Plover- Canaveral Harbor- Roy Hudson and trip party.

FIELD TRIPS FOR JANUARY

Friday - 8 - Half-day groups to several good neighborhoods.

Friday - 15 - Full day trip to "BIRDS OF PREY", a very attractive tourist attraction, six miles south of Ocala. A splendid chance to see hawks and owls of many kinds. Bring lunch. Trips will start at 7:30 & 8:00 A.M. from usual place.

Saturday-23- Usual half-day trips. To several good neighborhoods.

Friday - 29 - Half day trips. Same plan as above.

The experiment to add sociability to the half-day trips by returning to the Y.M.C.A. for a report meeting has been discontinued. By 11:30 everyone seemed more interested in getting home to rest and eat.

The second experiment to start field groups at 7:30-8:00 and 8:30 A.M. has produced very good results for the two earlier starts. The 8:30 start has not proved popular and will be discontinued after January unless more interest is shown in it. The earlier ones see most birds.

The annual boat trip on the Seabreeze II is set for February 20. Cost \$2.00 each. Tickets for members only will go on sale at the next society meeting, December 28. Any remaining unsold by the society meeting on January 25 will be offered to members for the use of non-members. This trip will leave the City Marina Dock at 9:00 A.M. and return in mid-afternoon. The route will be down river to the vicinity of Turtle Mound and return. Capacity is limited, so buy early.

In case the weather is not suitable the trip will rescheduled and a possible second date will be announced in our January issue.

Bring lunch or buy sandwiches on the boat.

DECEMBER MEETING -- Monday 28.

Harvey Funk

Program Chairman

We have outgrown our meeting room at the Y.M.C.A. and are forced to move to larger quarters. Meetings for the rest of the year are to be held in the Social Hall of Tourist Church on N. Wild Olive Ave. on the peninsula. This is two blocks from the ocean and one block south of Seabreeze Ave. Ample parking space is available in the church parking lot entered from Oak Ridge Boulevard.

The program 7:30 P.M. Illustrated talk by R. S. Henderson on interesting birds seen in December and what we may expect in January.

8:00 Short business meeting of the society.

8:30 Colored sound motion pictures on "Birds of the Florida Marsh."
"Bird Migration".

A special pre-meeting talk with slides will be offered by Mr. Henderson at 7:00 P.M. for those who wish to study some special bird group. This meeting - "The Long-legged Waders." This will be an experimental program to see if there are some who will come early to get some special instruction on identification.

The Society is deeply indebted to the Daytona Beach Junior College and especially to Mr. Marcus G. Rankin, Director of Adult Education, for assistance in obtaining colored sound moving pictures to make our program throughout the winter attractive and instructive.

Arrangements have been completed for a dinner in connection with our 36th annual meeting on March 21 when Mr. C. Russell Mason, Executive Director of the Florida Audubon Society, will speak to us.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Miss Lydia Hamilton

Vice-president

Special educational programs have been given before the Ormond Beach Womens' Club and the Ormond-by-the-Sea Beach Club with our fine slides given by Mr. & Mrs. Fenn Holden. Nearly 200 were reached. A similar program has been scheduled for the Friends of the Library, New Smyrna Beach, for 8:00 P.M., January 12.

Organizations interested in illustrated talks on birds should call R. S. Henderson, 431 N. Halifax Ave., or phone CL 3-7398.

Several members have asked for the address of the Holdens. It is Box 527, La Jolla, California.

Library Committee

Miss Anne Odsted

Chairman

The Cornelia Young Memorial Library (corner Vermont and Peninsula) plans to keep us informed regarding new books on birds that are added to their shelves. They will be glad to have the society suggest books that will be useful. The list of their bird books was published in the February '59 issue. A revised list will be published again soon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Mrs. Harvey Funk

Vice-president

Public Meetings Committee

Conrad Ekdahl

Chairman.

We can still use some help in selling season tickets for the 1960 Audubon Screen Tour Series starting Saturday, January 9. Fred Ackermann is now working on his second fifty. If you want to offer them to some friends, call CL 2-1051.