

## NOTES AND NEWS

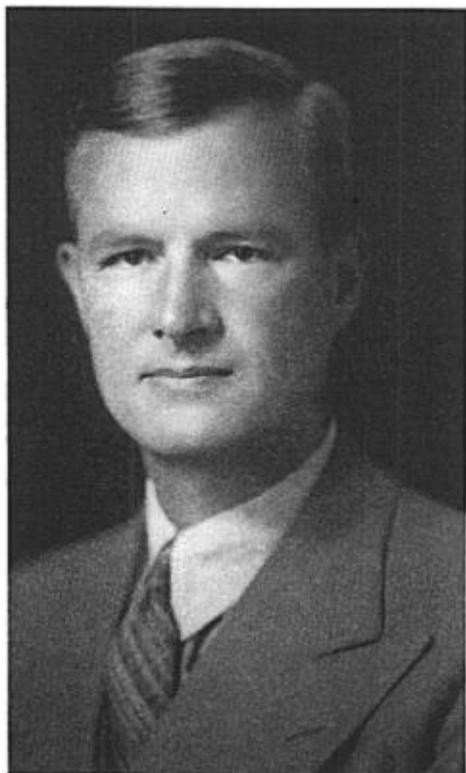


Fig. 65. Robert Cushman Murphy, Chairman of the Department of Birds at the American Museum of Natural History; author of *Oceanic Birds of South America*.

As many inquiries are coming in to the undersigned as to the progress of my work on the *Life Histories of North American Birds*, perhaps the readers of the *Condor* would like to know that there are two finished volumes in Washington awaiting publication; another, the 17th, is so near completion that I am beginning to gather information for the 18th volume, which is to contain the wood warblers. The material now in manuscript form covers all the birds from the jays to the vireos, inclusive. Nothing more is likely to be published during the war, but manuscript is to be piled up for future publication. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed notes and photographs for previous volumes, and to request that similar material be sent to me now for use in the warbler volume. The sooner I receive this material, the better use I can make of it.—A. C. BENT, *Taunton, Massachusetts*.

The Sixty-first Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, October 20, 1943. Due to travel restrictions, the usual five-day meeting with program sessions was dispensed with, all activities being condensed into a stream-lined one-day business session to meet requirements of the by-laws and incorporation rules. Fifteen members of the Council, 19 Fellows, and 11 Members were present.

Officers elected for the new year were as follows: President, James L. Peters, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Vice-presidents, George Willett, Los Angeles, California, and Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa, Canada; Secretary, Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; Treasurer, J. Fletcher Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Editor, John T. Zimmer, New York City; new members of the Council—Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, Cleveland; Ludlow Griscom, Boston; Dr. Alden H. Miller, Berkeley.

The Brewster Medal Award was made to Dr. Alden H. Miller for his publication on "Speciation in the Avian Genus *Junco*." Two fellows were elected: Dr. S. Charles Kendeigh, Champaign, Illinois, and Austin L. Rand, Ottawa.

In addition to 155 new Associate Members, 5 new Members were named: Dean Amadon, New York City; Robert J. Niedrach, Denver, Colorado; Frank A. Pitelka, Berkeley, California; Julian K. Potter, Collingswood, N. J.; Terence M. Shortt, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The 1944 meeting, if conditions permit, will probably be held in New York City, in October.

—LAWRENCE E. HICKS, *Secretary, American Ornithologists' Union*.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

**JULY.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, July 27, 1943, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, with President I. D. Nokes in the chair.

Minutes of the June meeting of the Southern Division were approved and minutes of the Northern Division for March to June, inclusive, were read by title. Applications for membership were read from Robert L. Mansfield, Capt. U.S. M.C., Rt. 1, Box 1103, La Mesa, Calif., proposed by Mrs. N. Edward Ayer; and for life membership from Edward McIlhenny Simmons, care of E. A. McIlhenny, Avery Island, La., proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

Mr. George Willett reported that James Moffitt recently was killed in the Aleutian area and