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FIFTY-EIGHTH STATED MEETING OF THE A. O. U.

THE Fifty-eighth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held in Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, beginning Monday, September 9, 1940. The Local Committee after much careful thought has selected an unusually early fall date instead of the customary later one, for a number of reasons. In the first place, in order to take advantage of the low-rate railroad fares that it is expected will again be offered this year in connection with the New York World's Fair, it is necessary to hold the meeting before the middle of October; secondly, it will be possible to obtain the use of Harvard University lecture halls near the Museum of Comparative Zoology prior to the opening of the fall term; third, the committee feels that with the increasing attendance and growing importance of the field trip as a feature of the meetings, the second week in September offers a maximum of abundance and variety of bird life of all kinds, chance of better weather conditions and longer period of daylight. It is further hoped that a September date will permit those planning to attend to take advantage of the normal vacation period.

An exhibit to include both paintings and photographs of birds will be held in conjunction with the meeting, at the New England Museum of Natural History. Prospective exhibitors should communicate with Mr. D. L. Garrison, 234 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.

Further information as to hotel headquarters and other accommodations, together with attractions and field trips planned, will be announced in the July 'Auk' and in the 'circular of information' to be issued by the Local Committee well in advance of the meeting.

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