

NOTES AND NEWS

The fifty-eighth meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held in Denver, Colorado, September 1 to 4, 1941.

A noteworthy paper, likely to be overlooked, is that by R. W. Fautin (*The Great Basin Naturalist*, 1, January 28, 1940:75-92) on territorial behavior of the yellow-headed blackbird in Utah.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, January 23, 1941, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., presiding, and some 60 members and guests present. The minutes of the Northern Division were read, and, with one correction, were approved. Names proposed for membership were: Glen Christensen, 513 University Ave., Reno, Nevada, by Hilda W. Grinnell; William G. George, 257 North Branciforte Ave., Santa Cruz, California, by Alden H. Miller and Clark P. Streator; and Rhoda Huffman, Box 75, Fair Oaks, California, by Lloyd G. Ingles.

Alden H. Miller read the slate of officers drawn up by the nominating committee; they were, E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., President; Richard Bond, Vice-president; Hilda W. Grinnell, Corresponding Secretary; Frances Carter, Recording Secretary. Nominations were asked for from the floor but none were made. On motion by Bert Harwell the secretary was instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the officers as proposed.

Mr. Brighton Cain announced the publication of "Texas Bird Adventures" by Herbert Brand.

Mr. Bert Harwell gave a brief outline of the history of the Audubon Society, especially covering recent expansion of its activities on the Pacific Coast.

Field notes covered many parts of the West and a large number of species. Charles Sibley told of the birds seen in the lower Colorado River region while on a collecting trip with John Davis and John Chatten, December 20 to January 15. Mr. Sibley obtained a Least Bittern and a Sora Rail that had been caught in muskrat traps. He also reported a Slate-colored Junco collected in Berkeley, January 18, 1941. Joe Marshall reported seeing Ring-necked Ducks on San Pablo Reservoir. Frank Watson reported seeing over one hundred American Mergansers on San Pablo Reservoir on January 19. Milton Seibert reported seeing Lincoln Sparrows near Mills College within the past week. The mention of Saw-whet Owls served to stimulate a discussion of the range in pitch

of bird songs, during which Mr. Harwell gave imitations of some of the Yosemite birds.

Adjourned.—THOMAS L. RODGERS, *Acting Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, February 27, 1941, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., in the chair and about 65 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for January were read, corrected and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division were read in part. Names proposed for membership were: Dr. Floyd B. Chapman, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1140 Park Square Building, Boston, Massachusetts, by George Tonkin; Mr. Beverly Harry, 6417 Dana Street, Oakland, California, by John T. Emlen, Jr.; Elsie Sorrell (Mrs. Thomas L. Sorrell), R.F.D. No. 1, Calistoga, California, by Bert Harwell.

Joe T. Marshall, Jr., spoke on the Song Sparrows of the salt marshes of San Francisco Bay. He indicated the characteristic differences in coloration between the birds of the upland regions and those of the salt marsh habitats. In reviewing the history of the problem, he quoted extensively from the notebook of Joseph Grinnell, describing the bird populations at the mouth of San Francisquito Creek, near Palo Alto, in 1900.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum on Tuesday, December 17, 1940, with Vice-president Hildegard Howard in the chair and 16 members and guests present.

The minutes of the November meeting of the Southern Division were approved as read.

Dr. Howard appointed as a nominating committee for 1941 the following: Howard Robertson, Chairman, W. Lee Chambers and Loye Miller.

Mr. S. D. Platford reported that while visiting the State Waterfowl Refuge at Calipatria, south of the Salton Sea, in company with Luther Goldman and A. W. Elder, a flock of about sixty Whistling Swans flew in from the southeast and settled on the main pond at about noon on Sunday, December 8, 1940. They also observed 300 White-faced Glossy Ibis about 3 miles south of the refuge, many egrets, a pair of Yuma Rails and 143 Sandhill Cranes.

Observations by W. W. Bennett, George Wil-