

NOTES AND NEWS

Volume 7 of James L. Peters' Check-list of Birds of the World was received March 26, 1951. It treats the passerine families of the superfamily Furnarioidea (woodhewers, oven birds, antthrushes and their allies) and the broadbills. This marks then a further stride in the completion of Peters' most valuable work. The volume was published by the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The frontispiece of this issue shows the Ivory-billed Woodhewer, *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*, as painted by Andrew Jackson Grayson at Mazatlán, Sinaloa, in October, 1868. This is the thirteenth of Grayson's paintings published in the Condor. Its publication was made possible by a generous contribution from Mr. Howard Robertson. From Grayson's notes, the following comments on this woodhewer have been extracted:

"Like the little Creeper it inhabits the oldest and darkest forests, searching each tree from its roots upwards for insects upon which entirely it subsists. Circling around from one side of the tree to the other in its upward course until reaching a certain height, it suddenly drops to the roots of another tree and immediately commences its ascent as before. Often have I watched it when seated upon an old log, in the shadiest woods, performing its eccentric maneuvers, whilst my presence was hardly noticed.

"Its enormously long curved bill enables it to probe deeply into the rents and knot holes of the old trees for its food, whilst its very acute claws, and the rigid points of the tail feathers, facilitates and sustains it upon the sides of the tree, in every respect like the woodpeckers. I have never observed it pecking in the decayed parts of trees, as the woodpeckers do, indeed the form of the bill is unsuited for such work. Although its wings are ample yet its flight does not appear to be long continued, and it is usually very low, below the branches of the trees—as if endeavoring to keep concealed as much as possible in the dark and silent woods in which it is most commonly seen.

"The nest which I discovered near the Rio Mazatlán was in a small limb of a decayed tree with the top and limbs broken off, and overhung and festooned with vines. I often observed both male and female pass in and out separately. The nest was about twenty feet from the ground."

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the University of Southern California. The following names were proposed for membership: Glenn L. Berkey, 22 S. State Ct., Rittman, Ohio, and George G. Loring, 1737 Cambridge St., Cambridge, Mass., by S. B. Peyton; Edmonston Fisher Coil, 1867 Fort Stockton Dr., San Diego 3, Calif., and Norman G. Conan, 1789 Fiske Ave., Pasadena 6, Calif., by Wade Fox, Jr.; John B. Colton, 717 Ave. "K," National City, Calif., by C. L. Hubbs; Robert Charles Frohling, 1218 Plane St., Union, New Jersey, by W. L. Chambers; David C. Hooper, Box 251, College, Alaska, by Tom Cade; Nagamichi Kuroda, No. 1, Fukuyoshi-cho, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, by Mrs. J. Q. Burch; Joseph Robison Murphy, Box 461, Station 1, Provo, Utah, by C. Lynn Hayward; Mrs. Fred L. Brainerd, P. O. Box 33, La Cañada, Calif., Carleton Blaine Lyon, 6361 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28, Calif., Mrs. E. J. Miller, 159 Melville Ave., Palo Alto, Calif., Will F. Morrish, 239 Glorietta Blvd., Orinda, Calif., Alfred Ogden Ramsay, McDonough School, McDonough, Maryland, Adele Virginia van Löben Sels, "Amistad," Courtland, Calif., James Franklin Schwimmer, 1347 Colton St., Los Angeles 26, Calif., John H. Urabec, M.D., 931 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles 26, Calif., and Marion D. Simmerman, 29 Blachford Court, Oakland 11, Calif., all by C. V. Duff.

C. V. Duff, reporting for the nominating committee, presented the names of Wilson C. Hanna for president, W. J. Sheffler for vice-president, Wade Fox, Jr., for second vice-president, and Dorothy E. Groner for secretary. There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as proposed.

Dr. James Robertson-Justice spoke on "The Work of the Severn Wildfowl Trust in Great Britain," describing some novel techniques in capturing birds for marking.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club

was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on February 1, 1951. The following were proposed for membership: Norman R. French, 1501 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado, by F. A. Pitelka; Mrs. Edith D. McHenry, 396 26th St., Oakland, Calif., by Susan E. Chattin; Harrison B. Tordoff, Natural History Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, and Wally Halvoight, 341 South Roxbury Ave., Beverly Hills, Calif., by A. H. Miller.

Dr. Pitelka reported on the Second Annual Conservation Conference for the Conservation Committee and moved that a letter be written to the State Department of Natural Resources asking that organizations such as the Cooper Club be notified of future conferences. The motion carried.

Mr. Curl reported a Water Ouzel at Orinda on January 28. Mr. Ryker reported Lawrence Goldfinches at the home of Miss Wythe in Oakland on January 31.

The program of the evening was devoted to color films taken by Dr. Russell T. Congdon on his trips to Texas and to Churchill, Manitoba.—HENRY E. CHILDS, JR., *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on March 1, 1951, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following were proposed for membership: F. H. Bosbyshell, 5455 Figueroa St., Los Angeles 17, Calif., by Lois C. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Williams, 73 Hazelwood Ave., San Francisco 12, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; Platt Davis, 117 E. 1st St., Albany, Oregon, by A. H. Miller; and Blanche O. Clear, 1730 Scenic Ave., Berkeley 9, Calif., by F. A. Pitelka.

Mrs. Kelly reported an early record for the Chipping Sparrow on Mt. Diablo on February 23.

Mr. David Wiltsie spoke on the "Birds and Fur Seals of the Pribilof Islands."—HENRY E. CHILDS, JR., *Secretary*.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, with 120 members and guests present. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. in Class Hall on April 20, 1951, and at 10:00 a.m. the meetings were opened with an address of welcome by Wilson C. Hanna, President of the Southern Division, and a re-

sponse by Junea W. Kelly, President of the Northern Division.

Following a short business meeting, the following scientific papers were presented: Observations on a Southern California Diurnal Flyway, Howard L. Cogswell; Yearly Cycle in the Bird Population of Boca Spring, William Salt; Socorro Island Expedition of Andrew Jackson Grayson, Lois Chambers Taylor; High Lights of My Trip to the Tenth International Ornithological Congress in Sweden, Junea W. Kelly; *Chendytes* to Date, Loye Miller and Hildgarde Howard; Some Abnormal Growths in the Beaks of Birds, Wade Fox; Weather Influence on Raptorial Predation, Eben L. McMillan; An Ornithological Reconnaissance of the Barranca de Cobre Region, Chihuahua, Mexico, Kenneth E. Stager; Chaparral Vegetation-types as Bird Habitats in the San Gabriel Mountains, California, Howard L. Cogswell.

An evening session of motion pictures presented "Savage Splendor," "The Boy and the Eagle" by William R. Lasky, and "Seal Island." In the assembly room of Class Hall an excellent exhibit of bird portraits of Ed N. Harrison and Frances F. Roberts was on display throughout the meetings.

On Saturday, April 21, the following papers were given: Birds and Endoparasites, Marietta Voge; The Occurrence of the Incubation Patch, Robert E. Bailey; Water Loss by the Brown Towhee in Relation to Air Temperature, William R. Dawson; Observations on Hibernation in Caprimulgidae, Joe T. Marshall, Jr.; Variation in Screech Owls of the American Deserts, Alden H. Miller; Interbreeding of Red-naped and Red-breasted Sapsuckers in British Columbia, Thomas R. Howell; Interspecific Hybridization in Birds, Charles G. Sibley; Birds Found in Summer on Arno Atoll, Marshall Islands, Joe T. Marshall, Jr.; The Analysis of Tape-recorded Bird Songs, William R. Fish; A Motion Picture—with Apologies to the Condor, J. R. Pemberton, Ed N. Harrison, and Frances F. Roberts.

On Saturday evening, Ed N. Harrison and C. V. Duff presided as masters of ceremonies at the banquet table, presenting a special motion-picture award to J. R. Pemberton for his supporting role in a film on the California Condor. The evening was concluded with a motion picture record of the Sheffler-Los Angeles County Museum Barranca de Cobre Expedition.

On Sunday, April 22, field trips were made to off-shore waters of Monterey Bay and to the Hastings Natural History Reservation in the upper Carmel Valley.