

## NOTES AND NEWS



Wilson C. Hanna, member of the Cooper Ornithological Club since 1902, past president of the Southern Division and member of the Board of Governors.

The Wilson Ornithological Club is again offering a Louis Agassiz Fuertes Grant in 1952. This grant of \$100 is especially intended to assist young ornithologists in their research projects. Grants are awarded on the basis of the merits and promise of the research project as appraised by the Wilson Club Research Committee. Application forms will be sent on request and must be returned to the chairman of the committee, John T. Emlen, Jr., University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin, by March 25, 1952.

The frontispiece of this issue showing the Red-fronted Parrot (*Amazona finschi*) is the seventeenth in the series of paintings by Andrew Jackson Grayson published in the Condor. This plate is given anonymously in honor of Francis H. Rudkin, Sr., of Fillmore, California. Mr. Rudkin, who will be 91 years of age on March 16, is the dean of American aviculturists. He and David Seth-Smith of England are the two oldest members of the British Avicultural Society, which recently conferred honorary membership upon

Mr. Rudkin. His counsel and advice in all fields of aviculture are sought by interested persons both here and abroad.

The Red-fronted Parrot was painted by Grayson at Mazatlán in October, 1864. Grayson writes of it as follows: "This handsome and well known species of western Mexico inhabits the region of the Tierra Caliente on the western slopes of the Cordillera, more abundant near the sea coast than in the mountainous regions . . . The parrots are gregarious, assembling in large flocks and are more numerous in the region of Mazatlán than any other portion of the country that I have visited. The forests in some localities, particularly where some kinds of fruit are in season, appear at times to be alive with them only . . . They often visit the cornfields or milpas in great numbers, about the time the green corn or maize commences to mature, committing great depredations and often destroying the small milpas of the native unless they are guarded . . . In feeding they waste much more than they swallow. In corn for instance they only take the heart or germ, throwing the other parts away . . . It is remarkable how ingeniously they hull off the parts rejected with their sharp edged under mandible, with which it would seem they could split a hair . . . They are good climbers, and for this their feet are well adapted. Their hooked beak is a great assistance in pulling themselves from one branch to another."

The food-plant shown in the plate is *Psidium sartorianum*, a member of the family Myrtaceae. The tropical tree producing guava fruit is placed in the same genus.

Because of growing concern about vernacular names of Middle American birds, it may be pointed out here that there are other "red-fronted" parrots. It has been suggested by Eisenmann, Sutton, and others that the name "Lilac-crowned Parrot" be adopted for *Amazona finschi*.

## COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on October 4, 1951, in room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The following were proposed for membership: Leo B. Olson, 835 S. 1st Street, DeKalb, Illinois, and Bayard

C. Auchincloss, 1711 Guilford Lane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by C. V. Duff.

Dr. Paul T. Wilson, of the College of Marin, presented an account of vertebrate animals of the Colorado high country and of the work of investigators at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory.—R. F. JOHNSTON, *Acting Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on November 1, 1951, in room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The following were proposed for membership: Janice R. Bartell, 410 Merritt Ave., Apt. 4, Oakland 10, California, and James N. Bartell, 410 Merritt Ave., Apt. 4, Oakland 10, California, Mrs. O. F. Black, 25 Panoramic Way, Berkeley 4, Calif., all by Junea W. Kelly; Mr. Harold L. Wisner, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif., Ralph S. Palmer, N. Y. State Museum, Albany 1, N. Y., by Frank A. Pitelka.

Dr. Russell T. Congdon spoke on nesting birds of Manitoba, Canada, illustrating his talk with colored motion pictures. The high point of the pictures was some excellent views of the Hudsonian Godwit, both adults and young.—R. F. JOHNSTON, *Acting Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on December 5, 1951, in room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: T. M. Street, 1435 Campus Drive, Berkeley 8, California, by Lois C. Taylor; Robert M. Laughlin, Drake's Corner Road, Princeton, New Jersey, Mrs. Jeanette Courte MacMillan, 3557 Eden Ave., Cincinnati 29, Ohio, and Aaron M. Bagg, 72 Fairfield Ave., Holyoke, Massachusetts, by Frank A. Pitelka; Ruth Campbell, 1810 Virginia Street, Berkeley 3, California, by R. F. Johnston.

A nominating committee, intended to propose a slate of candidates for the Northern Division offices for 1952 was appointed. The committee consists of E. L. Sumner (chairman), Lois C. Taylor, and Howard L. Cogswell.

Dr. Robert E. Bailey, speaking on pituitary functions in birds, summed up the present status of research in the field and also presented some of his own unpublished work.—R. F. JOHNSTON, *Acting Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thurs-

day, January 3, 1952, in room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Mr. Robert Dennis, 135 Purdue Ave., Berkeley, Calif., by George Haley; Dr. Jan Hublé, 2321 Blake Street, Berkeley 4, Calif., by Robert E. Bailey; Mrs. Paul A. Stephenson, 815 Colfax, Evanston, Illinois, and Mrs. R. J. Thornburg, Route 2, Box 665, Tuscon, Arizona, both by Junea W. Kelly.

Dr. E. Lowell Sumner, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1952: Dr. Robert T. Orr, President; Dr. Charles G. Sibley, 1st Vice-president; Dr. T. E. Reynolds, 2nd Vice-president; and Mr. Robert I. Bowman, Secretary. No nominations were received from the floor. On a motion by Dr. Alden H. Miller, the slate of officers was accepted and an unanimous ballot cast. Retiring President Junea W. Kelly relinquished the chair to the newly elected President, Dr. Robert T. Orr, who expressed the grateful thanks of the Club to Mrs. Kelly for her excellent work as leader of the Northern Division.

Mr. Keith L. Dixon spoke on bird distribution in Texas.—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Secretary*.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on November 27, 1951, at 8 p.m., 145 Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California. The following names were proposed for membership: Charles H. Allen, Griffith Park Zoo, Box 284, Los Angeles 27, Calif., by William R. Lasky; Harold A. Stanley, 2642 E. 222nd St., Long Beach 10, Calif., by Ross Hardy; Marshall Blackwell Eyster, Dept. of Zoology, Box 545, Southwestern La. Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana, William Jones Jenkins, M.D., P. O. Box 7, Olanta, South Carolina, Dr. Brina Kessel, University of Alaska, College, Alaska, Mrs. Norah Selby O'Neil, 1311 Bonham St., Commerce, Texas, and William H. Phelps, Jr., Apartado 7, Caracas, Venezuela, all by C. V. Duff.

The president appointed C. V. Duff, E. N. Harrison, and J. R. Pemberton as a nominating committee to propose a slate of officers for 1952.

Dr. Thomas R. Howell presented a paper on "Sexual Behavior in the Brewer Blackbird."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held January 22,

1952, in room 101 Architecture Building, University of Southern California. The following names were proposed for membership: Robert W. Dickerman, Arizona Coop. Wildlife Unit, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, by A. R. Phillips; W. A. Elliot, 2310 S. Gilpin St., Denver 10, Colorado, by A. H. Miller; Keisuke Kobayashi, No. 2, 1-Chome, Shinohara-Kitamachi, Nada-Ku (Rokko) Kobe, Japan, by W. C. Hanna; J. George Montrello, 10851 Wilkins Ave., West Los Angeles 24, Calif., by T. R. Howell; Albert Lang Bailly III, R.D. 1, Box 136-B, Littleton, Colorado, by F. H. Boynton; Mrs. W. H. Featherstone, 132 King St., Wallace, Idaho; Don C. Goodman, Zool. Dept., University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois; Charles G. Hansen, 420 N. 16th St., Corvallis, Oregon; Francis N. Johnson, 111 Church St., Salinas, Calif.; Alfred Rodia, 1605 Grandview Ave., Martinez, Calif.; and Dorothy E. Snyder, The Peabody Museum, Salem, Mass., all by S. B. Peyton; Wayne Wilmer Bryant, Box 211, Yosemite National Park, Calif., Walter G. Cady, Norman Bridge Lab., Caltech, Pasadena 4, Calif., S. Kip Farrington, Jr., Main St., East Hampton, Long Island, N. Y., James S. Findley, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, Mrs. Tracy C. Forward, Ione, Colorado, Frans Grootaers, de Lignestraat 12, Heverlee-Louvain, Belgium, William B. Gumbart, P. O. Box 1936, New Haven 9, Connecticut, Gerald Aubrey Hebditch, 92 Rydes Hill Road, Guildford, Surrey, England, Mrs. Elverta G. Hutchinson, R. R. 4, Box 176, Loveland, Ohio, Dr. W. K. Kraak, Bussum, Josef Israëlslaan 14, The Netherlands, Donald Edward Kunkle, 29 Edge-

wood Rd., Bloomfield, New Jersey, Miss Katharine Latta, 430 W. Moreland Ave., Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania, Comdr. R. R. Lukens, 8205 Victoria Ave., Riverside, Calif., J. Edwin Moncrieff, 2745 E. 8th St., National City, Calif., J. P. Mackie Niven, Amanzi, Uitenhage, Union of So. Africa, Fernando Costa Novaes, Aptd. 303, Rua Toneleiros 186, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Robert Pickering, 66 Menno St., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Maud Barroll Ransom, Box 557, Portland 7, Oregon, Robert H. Sehl, 7027 Hegerman St., Philadelphia 35, Pennsylvania, W. Glen Smith, Box 240, Little Mt. Camp, Vancouver 13, B. C., Canada, James M. Stauffer, Haugen, Wisconsin, and Charles M. Weise, Vivarium Bldg., University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, all by C. V. Duff.

C. V. Duff, reporting for the Nominating Committee, presented the names of W. J. Sheffler for president; Wade Fox, Jr., for first vice-president; Jean Delacour, for second vice-president; and Dorothy E. Groner, for secretary. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Sidney B. Peyton, and duly seconded, that the nominations be closed, and that the secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate as proposed. So carried. Officers duly elected. On behalf of the Club, C. V. Duff thanked the outgoing officers for the splendid work done during the past year.

S. Dillon Ripley, Associate Curator of the Peabody Museum, Yale University, was introduced by Kenneth Stager, and presented a colored motion picture of his recent ornithological expedition into Nepal.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.