

tions are an artistic delight as well as useful and accurate guides to identification. Three very informative plates show downy young.

It is no criticism of the present book to remind ornithologists that research on the anseriforms is still a wide open field. For example, a complete analytical comparative anatomy of the order is not available to support or refute the details of Delacour and Mayr's classification. Also, we are only beginning thoroughly to record and catalog behavior of anseriform species and a consolidated comparative behavior of the whole group, with strong phylogenetic implications, may emerge in several decades.—ALDEN H. MILLER.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—A special meeting of the Northern Division was held at the University of California on January 27, 1955, in place of the regular February meeting. Mr. Elmer G. Worthley, Bonita Avenue, Owings Mills, Maryland, was proposed for membership by C. V. Duff.

Reports of field observations included the following: Alden H. Miller reported finding the nest and egg of an Anna Hummingbird at Clear Lake on January 22. It was suggested that early breeding of the Anna Hummingbird there is made possible by early blooming of manzanita. Dr. Miller also reported a Tree Swallow present at Clear Lake on January 22. Howard Cogswell stated that a Ross Goose had been seen at the Marina in San Francisco on the day of the Christmas Bird Census in December, 1954.

The speaker of the evening was H. J. Frith of the Australian Wildlife Survey Section, who gave a talk on "Incubation in the Megapodidae."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on March 3, 1955, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Mr. Thomas S. Butler, San Clemente Road, El Granada, Calif., proposed by Dr. R. T. Orr; Mrs. Betsey D. Cutler, 2128 Great Highway, San Francisco 16, Calif., proposed by Mrs. J. W. Kelly.

A. L. Curl noted a male European Widgeon at Fleishhacker Zoo in San Francisco on February

19 and Howard Cogswell reported that one, presumably the same individual, was present there on February 27. Mr. Cogswell reviewed George Wallace's new text on ornithology, "An Introduction to Ornithology." A. H. Miller called the attention of members to a recently published monograph on the Passenger Pigeon by A. W. Schorger.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Richard E. Genelly, who discussed the "Annual Cycle and Dynamics of a California Quail Population."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on April 7, 1955, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Mr. Robert F. Jasse, 3719 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 4, Pa., proposed by R. K. Selander; Mrs. L. N. Feenaty, 510 North Meridian Street, Apartment 101, Indianapolis 4, Ind., and Capt. Albert L. Prosser, Box H, Springvale, Maine, proposed by F. A. Pitelka; Mrs. Freda W. Berwick, Room 548 Mills Lower, 220 Bush Street, San Francisco 4, Calif., Nina Moody, 547 13th Street, Richmond, Calif., Mrs. Beth C. Snyder, 449 Nob Hill Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif., and Mrs. William Greuner, 877 Broadway, Lafayette, Calif., proposed by Mrs. J. W. Kelly.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Russell L. Congdon, who presented color motion pictures of the birds of the Malheur Refuge, Oregon.—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

JUNE.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on June 2, 1955, at the University of California, Berkeley. The members present voted not to hold a regular meeting of the Northern Division in September. The following names were proposed for membership: Mrs. E. S. Gillette, Jr., 3212 Jackson Street, San Francisco 18, Calif., proposed for Sustaining Membership, and Mrs. Ruth B. Robertson, 567 Vistamont Avenue, Berkeley, Calif., proposed by Mrs. J. W. Kelly; Capt. Merle L. Kuns, P. O. Box 192, Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, proposed by F. A. Pitelka.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. C. G. Willis of Sierra Madre, California, whose illustrated talk was "Following Birds with a Candid Camera."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.