

NOTES AND NEWS

The editors call attention to a significant work in the botanical field that has recently appeared and which may be of great value to students of wildfowl. This is the book by Herbert L. Mason entitled, "A Flora of the Marshes of California." It is a superbly illustrated manual of the marsh plants and should serve as an important technical reference for all persons concerned with waterfowl management and natural history. We are not in a position technically to review this botanical work but believe it will be welcomed by ornithologists. The book is published by the University of California Press and consists of 878 pages. There are 365 figures. The volume was issued November 25, 1957, and is priced at \$10.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on September 24, 1957, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Alice G. Allen, 143 W. Acacia, Apt. 4, Stockton, Calif., by Ethel S. Willets; Donald G. Davis, P. O. Box 145, Timnath, Colo., by Paul H. Baldwin; John Polk Kerr, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif., by Carl L. Hubbs; Seymour H. Levy, Rt. 9, Box 960, Tucson, Ariz., by Joe Marshall; John C. Ondrias, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by A. H. Miller; C. John Ralph, 1043 Merced Ave., Berkeley, Calif., by H. L. Cogswell; Herald H. Shoup, Middlebury, Ind., by F. A. Pitelka; Lee Silvernale, 755 N. Robinson Rd., Topanga, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers; David Armstrong West, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and William Frederick Zimmerman, 126 South Drive, Fox Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Charles G. Sibley; Dr. George A. Allen, 1328 Allen Park Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Robert J. Niedrach, Box 116-A, R. R. No. 3, Littleton, Colo., by Ed N. Harrison; Chas. S. Jones, 555 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif., W. Alton Jones, 1 Sutton Place South, Apt. 8-A, New York, N.Y., and C. R. Smith, 510 Park Ave., New York, N.Y., by J. R. Pemberton; John Jewet Garland, 117 W. 9th. St., Los Angeles, Calif., Wm. T. Sesnon, Jr., 612 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif., and Clyde G. Smith, 9739 Guatemala, Downey, Calif., by W. J. Sheffler; Mrs. Vance Phillips, 1010 Monte Drive, Santa Barbara, Calif., James O. Seamans, Alcott Road, Concord, Mass., and James R.

Travis, 4498-B Fairway, Los Alamos, New Mexico, by Frank H. Boynton; John M. Gates, Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, Mr. Seima Matsui, % Kamo Norin Koto-Gakko, Jyojo, Kamo-Shi, Niigata-Ken, Japan, H. H. Singleton, 1236 So. 2nd St., San Jose, Calif., Ronald LeRoy Walker, P. O. Box 1761, Hilo, Hawaii, by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Murray Abowitz, M.D., 6333 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., Sydney Anderson, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., T. K. R. Bourns, Dept. Biology, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Samuel Renick Chamberlain, Refugio, Texas, Ben B. Coffey, Jr., 672 N. Belvedere, Memphis, Tenn., Gordon Curtis, 1391 Franklin St., Santa Clara, Calif., Mrs. Roy N. Dickie, 3840 Loquat Ave., Miami, Fla., Cora L. Evans, 1444 Calhoun St., New Orleans, La., Harry S. Fasnacht, Union Deposit, Pa., Bernard Feinstein, 506 "A" St., N.E., Washington, D.C., Mrs. Thomas Fleming, 1541 Lombardy Rd., Pasadena, Calif., John Edmond Galley, 1610 Holloway Ave., Midland, Texas, Brother Gines, Sociedad de Ciencias Naturales La Salle, Apartado 681, Caracas, Venezuela, James K. Guthrie, The Sun Company, San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. Neil Haig, 2216 Federal Ave., Seattle, Wash., Palmer D. Miller, M.D., 1063 N. Fulton St., Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Ernest M. Pace, Jr., 627 S. Windsor Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., A. J. Penick, 6344 Brompton, Houston, Texas, Robert M. Stabler, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Raymond R. Stefanski, Armstrong Creek, Wis., by C. V. Duff; Richard E. Woodard, 2050 Torrey Pine Rd., La Jolla, Calif., by Thomas R. Howell.

On August 13, Arnold Small observed two Black-footed Albatrosses, 35 Black Petrels, and one Skua off the southeast end of San Clemente Island. On August 24, at Mt. Pinos on the day of the fire in the Cleveland National Forest, he saw 25 to 30 Condors; 17 of them were in view at one time. Small also reports a moderately good flight of Elegant Terns off the southern California coast. On August 25 he observed one female Black Scoter and one Osprey at Malibu, and 2500 Sooty Shearwaters off Point Dume.

On August 28, 29, and 30, while with the U. S. Navy on maneuvers between San Diego and San Clemente Island, Ben King, Jr., saw 19 Black-footed Albatrosses, 75 Black Petrels, 20 Leach's Petrels, 2 Ashy Petrels, 1 Sabine's Gull, 1 Skua, 1 Tropic Bird, and 20 Xantus' Murrelets. Later,

on September 9, on a trip from San Pedro to approximately 25 miles south of San Clemente and 50 miles off the mainland coast, he saw 75 Elegant Terns, 3 Arctic Terns, 8 Common Terns, and 5 Red-billed Tropic-birds.

Dr. R. A. Boolootian of the Department of Zoology, University of California at Los Angeles, showed his fine colored motion picture, "Habits and Behavior of the California Sea Otter."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on October 29, 1957, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Prof. F. Bourliere, 15 Avenue de Tourville, Paris 7, France, by Thomas R. Howell; J. E. Boyd, 3640 Los Feliz Court, Riverside, Calif., and Irving Kassoy, 235 S. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio, by C. V. Duff; James S. Fassero, 4622 Loleta Ave., Eagle Rock, Calif., Derek T. Lees-Smith, Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire, England, and Robert Garr Mayne, 312 N. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif., by J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Stanley B. Hare, 2505 Canyon Oak Dr., Hollywood 28, Calif., by Kenneth E. Stager; Glen L. Kashin, 61 "T" St., Salt Lake City 3, Utah, by Mrs. Stanton Tainter; and Dr. Robert M. Stabler, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo., by F. H. Boynton.

Roland C. Ross reported having seen 40 Surf-birds at Playa del Rey on October 21. Earle Greene reported that 100 Elegant Terns were still at Malibu Creek on October 19. Dorothy Groner saw an Eastern Phoebe at Squaw Flat in Little Sespe Canyon on October 27.

"Fat Deposition in Relation to Migration" was the subject of speaker Dr. Eugene Odum, Department of Zoology, University of Georgia.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on November 26, 1957, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following

names were proposed for membership: Mrs. Paul W. Hiller, 6436 Via Canada, San Pedro, Calif., by C. V. Duff; Leonard J. Peyton, R.F.D. No. 2, Box 260, Fillmore, Calif., by Jack C. von Bloeker; John G. Sarles, 3403 Pine Crescent, Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada, by F. H. Boynton; Prof. Dr. Ernst Schuz, Naatl. Museum fur Naturkunde in Stuttgart, Stuttgart-O, Schloss Rosenstein, West Deutschland, by T. R. Howell; and John R. Stevens, Dept. of Life Sciences, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles 29, Calif., by A. H. Miller.

Gerhard Bakker reported that a hibernating Poorwill had been brought to him by a student at Los Angeles City College. Among recent observations made by Arnold Small were: Oct. 5th, on a boat 12 miles west of Monterey, 1 Cassin's Auklet, 3 Xantus' Murrelets, 2 Rhinoceros Auklets, 1 Black-footed Albatross, 4 New Zealand Shearwaters, 2 Slender-billed Shearwaters, Skuas sighted 10 times, with 3 in sight at once, 4 Pomarine Jaegers, 26 Parasitic Jaegers, at least 300 Ashy Petrels, and 40 Black Petrels; on Oct. 5th, at the mouth of the Salinas River, 1 Golden Plover; on Nov. 9, at the Ventura County Gun Clubs, at least 50 Starlings; and on Nov. 2, as far as 50 miles south and west of Newport Beach and circling San Clemente Island, 3 New Zealand Shearwaters, 30 Black Petrels, and 50 Ashy Petrels. Ed N. Harrison reported that while he was on a fishing trip between La Paz and Cape San Lucas during the week of Nov. 18, many unidentified petrels followed the boat and appeared to land almost in the wake and on the backs of the marlin. W. J. Sheffler, while at San Quintín Bay, Baja California, between November 21 and 24, found that Black Brant had arrived early this year and were abundant. Scaup were present in flocks of 300 to 700, Hooded Mergansers in groups of 2 to 6, and Common Mergansers in groups of 12 to 15. He also found that Buffleheads were more abundant there so far this year.

Sidney B. Peyton showed a fine collection of colored slides taken on his trip in early summer to Old Crow and the vicinity of the Porcupine River, Yukon Territory.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.