

42; Bluebird, 5. 74 species. Nighthawk and Orchard Oriole were seen the previous afternoon. The few Warblers seen is remarkable.

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Port Byron, Ill., May 16, all day.—Partly cloudy a. m., cloudy p. m.; light shower on previous evening, ground moist; wind west, shifting to northwest towards evening, high, and very chilly; temp. 60° to 50°. Bobwhite, 6; Mourning Dove, 6; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Great Horned Owl, 1; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Red-headed Woodpecker, 27; Flicker, 16; Whip-poor-will, 1; Kingbird, 6; Crested Flycatcher, 8; Phoebe, 2; Wood Pewee, 9; Acadian Flycatcher, 2; Least Flycatcher, 1; Prairie Horned Lark, 4; Blue Jay, 13; Crow, 7; Cowbird, 10; Red-winged Blackbird, 4; Meadowlark, 12; Orchard Oriole, 2; Baltimore Oriole, 4; Bronzed Grackle, 6; Goldfinch, 10; Vesper Sparrow 8; Grasshopper Sparrow, 3; White-throated Sparrow, 2; Chipping Sparrow, 4; Field Sparrow, 20; Song Sparrow, 1; Towhee, 12; Cardinal, 2; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 4; Indigo Bunting, 7; Dickcissel, 6; Scarlet Tanager, 5; Purple Martin, 10; Red-eyed Vireo, 6; Yellow-throated Vireo, 4; Warbling Vireo, 2; Blue-winged Warbler, 1; Nashville Warbler, 4; Orange-crowned Warbler, 2; Yellow Warbler, 2; Magnolia Warbler, 3; Chestnut-sided Warbler, 1; Ovenbird, 1; Maryland Yellow-throat, 1; Redstart, 20; Catbird, 8; Brown Thrasher, 20; House Wren, 30; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Chickadee, 7; Gray-cheeked Thrush, 1; Olive-backed Thrush, 5; Robin, 12; Bluebird, 20. Total, 59 species, 394 individuals. Additional species seen during the preceding week and following day: May 9, Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Olive-sided Flycatcher, 1; Pine Siskin, 1; Harris's Sparrow, 1; Migrant Shrike, 1; Tufted Titmouse, 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 2 (last seen). May 10, Cliff Swallow, 2; Myrtle Warbler, 2 (last seen). May 15, Marsh Hawk, 1; Sharpshinned Hawk, 1; Nighthawk, 30. May 17, Chimney Swift, 2; Barn Swallow, 2; Black-poll Warbler, 3 (first seen).

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Organization of the Tennessee Ornithological Association

THE Tennessee Ornithological Society has recently been organized at Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of making a scientific study of the birds found in that state.

The initial meeting was held October 7, 1915, and was attended by Dr. Geo. M. Curtis, A. F. Ganier, Dr. Geo. R. Mayfield, Dixon L.

Merritt, and Prof. A. C. Webb of Nashville, and Judge H. Y. Hughes of Tazewell, Tenn. Organization was at once determined upon and a survey made of the work that should at first be undertaken. A constitution has since been adopted, frequent meetings and outings held, and steps taken to extend the membership to all parts of the state. The initial work was the preparation of a preliminary or theoretical list of birds of the state, which includes all species that should be looked for and their probable distribution at the different seasons. It is planned to supplement this list about a year hence, with one showing the species actually found and listed by members of the organization. Other supplements will be issued from time to time as new material accumulates.

The Society has a fertile field for its investigations, the state being very poorly represented in literature relating to its bird-life. West and Middle Tennessee are covered by no published papers except for a list of species found by S. N. Rhoads during a trip in 1895 extending from April 27 to May 24.

The fact that this region is on the dividing line between the northern and southern forms of many species has probably led those in search of typical specimens to seek a more southern latitude in which to collect them.

All of the members are active field workers, and this fact has encouraged them to believe that the Society has a future before it and that much earnest work will be accomplished.

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PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

The Ornithological Magazines. *The Auk*. Since the last notice of this magazine there have been received the April, July, and October numbers for 1914, and the entire volume of 1915. We shall here summarize only the faunal and ecological papers which these numbers contain, with mention of such others as seem of more general interest.

Faunal papers. John C. Phillips has two interesting papers which relate to the birds of Eastern Sudan, April, 1914, and Sinai and Palestine, July, 1915. These papers are based upon collections made in the regions, and upon such observations as were possible.

Messrs. Lewis S. Golsan and Ernest G. Holt present a well annotated list of 184 species of birds of Autauga and Montgomery Counties, Alabama, in the April, 1914, number.

R. B. Stockwell and Alex. Wetmore present an annotated and illustrated list of the birds from the vicinity of Golden, Colorado, in the July, 1914, number.