

about how to use ecological principles in their own field work with birds. Members will be given an opportunity to inspect the facilities and equipment for this kind of work at the Vivarium Building and to observe researches under way. The new Natural Resources building, where the Illinois State Natural History Survey is conducting many studies dealing with conservation and wildlife management, will also be open for inspection.

For Sunday there is planned a trip to the Chautauqua Wildlife Refuge near Havana, where a large number of waterfowl may be expected at that season of the year. The trip will include a stop at the new Natural History Survey Laboratory located on the Refuge, with an inspection of the work with water birds and other animals that is being conducted there.

We expect a large attendance for our Annual Meeting at this important and conveniently-located ornithological center which the Club has never before visited.

June 3, 1941.

To the Editor of the Wilson Bulletin:

For the benefit of your readers, I am submitting this report of progress on my series of Bulletins on the life histories of North American birds.

The fourteenth volume, on flycatchers, larks and swallows, will go to the printer very soon, though it will not be published before some time next spring, as the Government Printing Office is congested.

My work on the fifteenth volume, containing the Corvidae and the Paridae, is now all written and will go to the publishers this fall.

I am now starting work on the sixteenth volume, to contain all the birds on the 1931 Check-List from the Sittidae to the Mimidae inclusive. I should be glad to receive, as soon as possible, any notes, data or photographs relating to any of the birds in these six families.

The sooner these are sent to me, the more likely they are to be included in the work, and the more conveniently I can handle them.

I wish to thank all former contributors to this co-operative work for the valuable material sent to me in the past, and to solicit their help in the future. All material is welcome, though I can use only the most important part of it.

Sincerely yours,

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OBITUARY

MYRON H. SWENK, formerly president of the Wilson Club and associate editor of the *Bulletin*, died at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 17 at the age of fifty-seven. Professor Swenk, long chairman of the entomology department of the University of Nebraska, was also the recognized leader in ornithology in his state. He was the founder and editor of the *Nebraska Bird Review* and in addition published there and elsewhere a series of scholarly contributions of his own to the ornithology of the West.