

## NEW LIFE MEMBER



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THE TENNESSEE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY was founded at Nashville, in October, 1915, with a nucleus of five members, two of whom are still active in its work. A definite program of ornithological investigation was laid out at the beginning and was closely adhered to in the years that followed. Membership was made selective with a view to developing and promoting bird study as a worthwhile avocation for adults, particularly those of scientific inclination. Full page illustrated write-ups, covering various phases of bird study, were furnished to newspapers in the state's four large cities, and these brought in new members. "A Preliminary List of the Birds of Tennessee," a 32-page pamphlet, was published in 1917 under the direction of the elected curator. In 1931, with the cooperation of the membership, a 64-page "Distributional List of the Birds of Tennessee" was published.

In 1930, it became evident that, if the state-wide membership was to be increased and the work further developed, a periodical would be necessary to coordinate activities. Accordingly, *The Migrant* was founded and has appeared quarterly since that time—it is now in its fifteenth year, and about 1,250 pages comprise a complete file. *The Migrant* is edited by Albert F. Ganier, of Nashville. Under his capable management *The Migrant* has become the repository of much valuable information about birds in Tennessee and holds high rank among state ornithological journals.—ALFRED CLEBSCH, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

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