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## CONSTITUTION APPROVED AND OFFICERS ELECTED AT MADISON ORGANIZATION MEETING, MAY 6-7

On May 6th and 7th about eighty interested bird people from various localities in Wisconsin gathered at the Kennedy Manor in Madison, for the organization meeting and first annual program of the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology. Representatives from Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ft. Atkinson, Baraboo, Manitowoc, Oshkosh, Hayward, Madison and other points were present.

Among the most important accomplishments of the business meeting was approval of the constitution, which appears elsewhere in this paper, and selection of the officers and two members-at-large who together constitute the new executive committee.

Newly elected officers are as follows: President, N. R. Barger; Vice-president, Alvin Throne; Secretary, Murl Deusing; Treasurer, Karl W. Kahmann; Editor, W. E. Scott; Members-at-large, A. W. Schorger and Clarence Jung. Barger had been acting president and is also president of the Madison Bird Club. Throne is president of the Milwaukee Bird Club and with the Milwaukee State Teachers College. Deusing is with the Milwaukee Public Museum and Jung, a member of the Milwaukee Bird Club, is also from that city. Kahmann is a taxidermist at Hayward and a field ornithologist with considerable background, while Schorger is well known as one of Wisconsin's authorities in this field.

After the general meeting and program the executive committee met for its first session. This meeting resulted in the decision to accept all subscribers to THE PASSENGER PIGEON at that time as charter members in the Society; to publish the bulletin monthly in its present form at least until the end of the calendar year; and to prepare both membership cards and application forms. It was felt that possibly after this present year the Society will have sufficient support to warrant a printed bulletin.

## THE PASSENGER PIGEON

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### SOCIETY OFFICERS

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### PROGRAM PROVES INTERESTING

After the banquet dinner a very interesting program followed. Irven Buss of the University of Wisconsin showed lantern slides along with his presentation of research he had done on the Upland Plover. His discussion featured an explanation of the essential habitat characteristics necessary for that bird and showed how they had once been abundant, then scarce due largely to hunting, and now were becoming more numerous in the Faville Grove area of Jefferson County. Of special value were his notes on the types of cover which are now favored due to lack of original prairie plants, and his presentation of their call notes on a musical score.

That same evening John S. Main, of Madison, gave an interesting talk on bird names. He discussed those most appropriate and most pleasing as well as others which had little rime and less reason.

Murl Deusing of the Milwaukee Public Museum followed with both movies and lantern slides in his thorough study of the Nesting Birds of Lake Koshkonong, where he and his assistants had done considerable field work the previous summer. Deusing showed unusual close-ups of such nesting birds as the Pied-billed Grebe, Black Tern, Florida Gallinule, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, and both the Least and American Bitterns. Pictures of many of the smaller marsh birds were also shown.

ORGANIZATION MEETING IS SUCCESSFUL  
Good Results on Bird Trips

On Sunday morning, May 7th, many of the visiting and local ornithologists went on field trips in small groups. When the afternoon meeting began an inventory of good "finds" disclosed the fact that Schorger had succeeded in collecting a Cinnamon Teal (reported by Main on Saturday) on Hammersley's marsh near Madison. It is believed that this is only the third authentic record of this bird for Wisconsin and so is worthy of special note. Schorger's party also reported a group of about 40 Golden Plover, while 7 were seen by Evans and Bussewitz and a few individuals by a third party.

The afternoon program began with Jones' report of The Nesting of the Holboell's Grebe in 1938 on Fish Lake in Dane County. Jones very faithfully traveled from his home at Waukesha on numerous occasions to make this study. He was at once rewarded for his efforts by an opportunity to watch the young of this shy bird climb upon the mother's back to rest.

Schorger then presented a talk on The Introduction of the English Sparrow into Wisconsin. His data, largely drawn from early-day newspaper accounts, explained how organized "Sparrow Clubs" actually imported these birds in an effort to establish them. According to Schorger, the first three Wisconsin releases were made in 1873 in the southeastern part of the State, while it was not until September, 1876, that 20 pair were released in Madison. The story of the rapid increase of the Madison birds was both interesting and humorous. The English Sparrow, however, dispersed slowly, taking about five years to move from Madison to Mineral Point.

Motion pictures of Hawks, Eagles and Falcons of Wisconsin and Surrounding States were presented by W. S. Feeney. Besides many nesting "shots" taken with great difficulty, special attention was given to flight identification and falconry.

An unusually fine set of bird photographs, taken by members of the Milwaukee Bird Club was displayed by that group in the dining room.

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Note: A list of all the mounted Passenger Pigeons in Wisconsin is being prepared for publication by the editor. If you know of any in museums or otherwise please notify the editor of owner's name and address.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF ORNITHOLOGY

## Article I. Name.

This organization shall be known as the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology.

## Article II. Objects.

Section 1. The purpose of the Society shall be to stimulate interest in and to promote the study of the birds of Wisconsin, especially in the field, and to bring together and permanently record accurate and authentic data relative thereto.

Section 2. The Society shall publish a bulletin under the supervision of the executive committee.

## Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Membership in the Society shall be of four classes: Student, Active, Sustaining and Honorary. All classes may or may not reside within the State of Wisconsin, but only resident members shall be entitled to vote or hold office. Student members shall not have power to vote or hold office. All members under the age of eighteen years will be automatically listed as Student members.

Section 2. Any person of good character, who is interested in bird study, may be nominated by any member in good standing, and admitted to membership by approval of the executive committee.

Section 3. Honorary membership is restricted to persons, who, in the opinion of the executive committee, have accomplished outstanding achievements in the science of ornithology in Wisconsin. After recommendation by the executive committee such persons may be elected to Honorary membership by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting. Honorary membership shall be limited to a total of ten.

Section 4. Dues of Student and Active members shall be one dollar for each calendar year and Sustaining members five dollars or more. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues. All annual dues for the ensuing year shall be payable on the first of January. No member in arrears shall be entitled to vote or hold office. The periodical of the society shall be free to all members. Members in arrears shall be dropped from the membership roll at the end of three months, provided that they have been sent at least two notices of delinquency.

## Article IV. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The duties of each shall be those usually pertaining thereto.

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Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee appointed by the president at the opening of the annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any member in good standing.

Section 3. Elections shall be held once each year by ballot at the annual meeting. The officers shall be distributed throughout the State as much as is practicable.

Section 4. Vacancies in the staff of officers may be filled by appointment of the executive committee for the remaining months of the current year only.

### Article V. Meetings.

Section 1. At least one meeting shall be held during each calendar year. Thirty days notice shall be given to all members for any meeting.

Section 2. A program committee, of which the Vice-president shall be chairman, and a local committee on arrangements, shall be appointed by the president at least ninety days in advance of the annual meeting.

Section 3. At least twenty percent of the voting members of the Society shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### Article VI. Accounts.

A committee of two members, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of each annual meeting.

### Article VII. The Executive Committee.

The executive committee shall consist of the above-named officers and two members-at-large who shall be elected at the annual meeting. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president or at the request of a majority of the committee.

### Article VIII. Parliamentary Manual.

Robert's Rules of Order shall be accepted as the guide for parliamentary procedure at all business meetings.

### Article IX. Amendments.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds majority of voting members present. Copies of all proposed amendments shall be sent to all voting members one month prior to the annual meeting at which time they are to be considered. Proposed amendments shall be recommended by at least ten voting members and sent to the executive committee at least sixty days prior to the annual meeting.

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Correction: In the Grundtvig list, published in the last issue, the symbols for sex were unintentionally left unfinished. However, all the specimens were males except Rough-winged Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Yellow-throated Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler, Pine Siskin, Junco, Tree Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, and Fox Sparrow.

## LOOSE FEATHERS

(A page from the pocket notebook that should have been thrown away)

Murl Deusing dusts off some old bird notes which he was going to get organized in the file five years ago...Worse than that, some 'past' ornithologists have been getting out into the field more of late,--we now see their names in THE PASSENGER PIGEON...The truly great never can lose by the mistakes of newspaper reporters. Mr. Schorger, of all people, was called an amateur ornithologist in one of the newspapers recently...It takes a man who recognizes opportunity, like S. Paul Jones, to travel three times as far, in making a study of the Holboell's Grebe, while Madison ornithologists neglect the chance at their doorstep...Mr. Main steals the march on us and discovers a Cinnamon Teal near the convention city, during the business meeting. Who wants to discuss the constitution anyway? ...Mr. Throne cannot find any paper towels at all at the convention...What we call real enthusiasm is when a man will travel clear across the state to attend a bird convention, as Mr. Mahmann did from Hayward to Madison...The meeting of the executive committee was marked by a feeling of cooperation and confidence. Mr. Oren Gronmo predicts rapid growth for the new organization...Much of the credit goes to Clarence Jung for a sound basis...The novice would thrice be amazed if he knew how much work W. E. Scott has to put into eighteen pages of the Passenger Pigeon. What we need is more like him...Among those who are usually forgotten, we find such as Mrs. Walker of Madison, who has loaned us a typewriter with small type...Found a Loon the other day (May 14) in juvenile plumage. Did not know that one-year old birds differed in color from the adults. Have you ever seen one so colored in late spring? N. R. B.

## FIELD NOTES AND THE NEW MEMBER

Now that the Society is officially organized, many new members will be joining. They will be sending in notes, and that is the chief purpose of the bulletin. The rules for this work can best be understood if we describe the goal. The ultimate aim is to accumulate as detailed information as possible on all phases of Wisconsin ornithology. Someday someone will write a State bird book. The bulletin notes help in recording data on breeding, range, abundance, arrival and departure, habitat, nesting habits, etc., for that book. Meanwhile, all of us like to hear of records made close to home, and the bulletin will also bind the Society together between annual meetings.

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## APRIL FIELD RECORDS

Notes for this department are to be sent to the Editor at the end of each month. Accurate information regarding dates and observers' names should be given.

BROWN COUNTY.--A total of 104 species was reported during the month. Purple Martins were seen on Apr. 1 (Chartier, Feller and Kust); Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Hermit Thrush (Strehlow and Flocker), Blue Heron and Prairie Horned Larks (Cleary, Krawczyk and Wetli) on the 2nd; Kingfisher and Loon on the 7th (Kendall); Woodcock, and Pigeon Hawk (C., K & W.), Winter Wren and Golden-crowned Kinglet (Lieibman), and Olive-backed and Wood Thrush (Lucias) on the 8th; Common Tern (C., K., & W.) on the 10th; Sparrow Hawk and Black-crowned Night Heron (Kendall) on the 12th; Vesper Sparrow (C., K., & W.) and Tree Swallow and Brown Thrasher (Kendall) on the 13th; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (C., K., & W.) on the 18th and Savannah Sparrow on the 19th; Woodcock and Bittern (Hussongs) on the 21st; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, White-crowned Sparrow, Least Flycatcher, Am. Rough legged Hawk (C., K. & W.) on the 22nd; Field Sparrow and Swamp Sparrows, Upland Plover, Myrtle Warbler and Barn Swallow on the 23rd (C., K., & W.); Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawks (Lieibman); Bank Swallow on the 24th (C., K., & W.); Gray-checked Thrush (Hussongs) on the 26th; Ruffed Grouse (Lieibman) on the 28th; on the 29th, Veery, House Wren, White-throated Sparrow (C., K., & W.) and Pigeon Hawk (Chartier, Feller and Kust); on the 30th, Chipping Sparrow, Spotted Sandpiper, Magnolia Warbler, Rough-winged Swallow, Red-tailed and Broad-winged Hawks (C., K., & W.); Sharp-shinned Hawk and Greater Yellow-legs (Lieibman). Various groups also reported Upland Plovers on this date. Kendall reported about 5,000 Whistling Swans in Peak's Bay on the west shore of Green Bay on the first week of April. He succeeded in getting some fine pictures of the birds. Cletus Weber reported an American Brant on the 19th, but this should be looked into. (Ed., see Kumlien & Hollister) Evening Grosbeaks were still reported at the end of April. --E. W. Strehlow, reporter.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.--Robert Fairfield reports Prairie Chicken heard booming about two miles west of Poynette on Apr. 20.

DANE CO.--Migration was late during April, and most Madison observers found a scarcity of birds that are usually common. Native sparrows have been poorly represented. We have received no reports of the Lincoln, Clay-colored, and



## APRIL FIELD RECORDS

Leconte's for April, and but one (Wright) for the Lark Sparrow. The Upland Plover arrived Apr. 22 on the Faville Grove Area, says Buss, where he is making studies. This was three days later than ever before; the usual dates being from the 13th to 19th for the past four years. They arrived simultaneously at this point, at Tiley and at Pine Bluff, all three locations being on almost the same latitude. Curiously enough 25 miles south of these points, the Upland Plover had arrived the first week in April, where it remained until the 22nd, when weather changes perhaps caused it to move. Jackson reports Prairie Chicken in the county on the 29th. They have been practically extinct here for the most part. He found Wood Ducks at at least five points in the county, which is a hopeful sign for that species. Sperry reports two Ospreys on the Arboretum, Apr. 19, which is of interest that near to the city. He also made an Arboretum record for the Upland Plover, Apr. 20. Bussewitz offers something of a problem in a 'freak' Robin which he observed April 12 and tried to collect, but without success. It was feeding on the campus near other Robins, and in the same manner. It was an outcast, as when it approached the others it was promptly chased away. In color it was extremely dark and appeared to be smaller than usual by comparison. The Carolina Wren made its appearance again Apr. 24, and was seen by Mrs. Walker. Three Titmice were counted by Jackson along the Wisconsin river, Apr. 29. A small flock of Evening Grosbeaks was found in one of the city parks by Stephenson, Apr. 23rd and in the week previous. They were afterwards reported by others in the same place. The Black-crowned Night Heron, for some reason rare here, was seen in the Arboretum, Apr. 23rd by Sperry. As reported in the last bulletin, ducks have been reduced in numbers. Mr. Main, who makes weekly censuses each year of ducks found about half the usual abundance. The greatest falling off was in numbers of Scaup and Teal, and there were fewer Redheads. The following birds arrived much earlier than usual: Black-bellied Plover, Apr. 30 (Schorger); White-throated Sparrow, Apr. 1 (Sperry); Nighthawk, Apr. 29 (Jackson); Whip-poor-will, Apr. 23 (Sperry); Barn Swallow, Apr. 16 (Barger) Northern Water-thrush; Apr. 24 (Mrs. Walker); Spotted Sandpiper, Apr. 24 (Sperry); Common Tern, Apr. 24 (Sperry). The American Bittern and Palm Warbler were on time being reported by Sperry on the 15th and 24th respectively.--

N. R. Barger, reporter.



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DOOR COUNTY.--Among the birds observed during the month of April by the Junior Bird Club here were the Loon, Vesper, White-throated and Tree Sparrows, Rusty Blackbird, Hermit Thrush, Least Flycatcher, Sparrow Hawk, Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Bay-breasted Warbler, Whip-poor-will, Barn and Tree Swallows.--Sister M. Martha, reporter.

FOUN DU LAC COUNTY.--John Schaeffer reported to the Milwaukee Club an American Pipit seen at Kettle Moraine State Forest on Apr. 8.

JACKSON COUNTY.--Scott reports a single Whistling Swan, a single and a flock of 9 Holboell's Grebes, and several Ring-necked and Scaup Ducks on Arbutus Lake, Apr. 28th.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.--Scott found a Rough-legged Hawk, Buffalohead, Great Blue Heron, and two Am. Bittern at Red Cedar lake along with various local ducks on Apr. 23; also 8 Pintail and several Shoveller on Apr. 9 at the same place. With Steen he also reports 3 pairs Shoveller, 5 pairs Baldpate, Solitary Sandpiper and King Rail on Scuppernong ponds near Palmyra, Apr. 26.

JUNEAU COUNTY.--Louis Laboda reports 3 Sandhill Cranes in a marsh in the town of Clearfield on Apr. 20; both Redhead and Canvasback single males on Lemonweir river at New Lisbon on the same day, the first in 15 years. He also reports 92 Double-cr. Cormorants at the same place Apr. 21. Scott saw hundreds of Tree Swallows, about 50 Scaup and 4 Double-cr. Cormorants on the Mauston pond, Apr. 27.

DUNN COUNTY.--Irven Buss of Madison and two others observed a Pigeon Hawk entering and lingering around a woodpecker cavity in a silver maple stub, about 18 feet above the ground. This was along the Red Cedar river, about 12 miles north of Menominee. This habit of resorting to hollow trees is an occasional departure from the general rule of nesting in the branches or on ledges.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY.--Black-crowned Night Herons are seen frequently around Milwaukee parks. Muller saw one at Lake park on the 16th, Kinzel and Staib at Jacobus park on the 23rd; Strelitzer at Washington and Bluff parks on the 20th and 24th. Throne saw Tree Swallows Apr. 8th; Muller, Purple Martins on the 11th; Yellow-bellied Sap-

suckers started coming about the 18th of April and were here by thousands from the 23rd to 27th, becoming fewer thereafter. The Myrtle Warbler concentration occurred simultaneously with the Sapsuckers, while Purple Finches were found in flocks from Apr. 24 to 30th (Corwin and Schaeffer). Strelitzer saw Pine Warblers on the 24th, Rough-winged Swallow and Horned Grebe on the 27th and Palm Warbler the 30th. Corwin reported Woodcock in Lake park on the 30th.--Carl L. Strelitzer, reporter. Barger of Madison lists a Holboell's Grebe seen in Milwaukee harbor by Mitchell on April 30.

OZAUKEE COUNTY.--Strelitzer of the Milwaukee Club reports that Marbiak and Deusing saw several Leconte's Sparrows at Cedar Grove near Fort Washington on Apr. 23.

RACINE COUNTY.--The month of April has followed the precedent set by March in regard to the uncertainty of arrival of many birds. The Towhee, for example, usually arrives Mar. 19th, but this year was first found on Apr. 14. Likewise, the Purple Martin and Tree Swallow arrived on Mar. 25, when their usual date is Apr. 15. On the 3rd two Red-bellied Woodpeckers were seen 2 miles apart by Mrs. Rood and Edward Prins, and on the 20th one was seen again. It is hoped that a pair will nest. The W. Meadowlark has also been observed in many places. A Red-breasted Nuthatch was found about 7 times but not listed as a migrant as it may be the one that came to the feeder all winter in Washington Park. During the month the two Mockingbirds could be seen at their places of residence. One which feeds at the Horlick home has been singing. The Worm-eating Warbler recorded by Hans Zell, is the first record since 1935 for this area. (Ed. note: If correct, this is a rare find as Hoy took only three specimens during his time in Racine) The Pine Warbler, also rare for the area, was observed by George and Edward Prins. Red-throated Loons were observed for the first time by several members of the club. The birds were in winter plumage. A Cardinals nest half completed was found on the 14th and two eggs were found on the 30th. By the 24th a Robin nest contained two eggs and a Blue Jay nest was almost completed. Bluebirds were building on the 26th, while a Mourning Dove had evidently hatched its young as a half-shell was found near the nest. Young Woodcocks just showing their pin feathers were found by George Prins. On the 22nd, there was proof of eggs having been laid by the Great Blue Heron. A nest of four

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eggs, the last very fresh, was found near Wind Lake. Purple Finches are few in number this year while Cedar Waxwings are even less, only one having been reported. The Horned Grebe, Rusty Blackbird, Savannah Sparrow, and Hermit Thrush seem to be more numerous than usual. At Eagle Lake on the 3rd two ducks, which were on the decrease, showed that they are on the up-grade. There were a large number of Redheads, while the Canvasback numbered more than all the other ducks combined. Another Great Horned Owl was seen by the club on a hike on the 23rd, but no nest was found this time. A Saw-whet Owl was observed regularly on its favorite perch until the 24th, when it disappeared. Dr. von Jarchow found a Long-eared Owl on its nest on the 24th. Marsh Hawks seem to be in great abundance about the Wind Lake tamaracks, as 6 were seen flying at one time in the field of vision of a binocular by Edward Prins with Deusing and Stieb of the Milwaukee Club. The migration list shows the following: ARRIVAL DATES: 1st, Migrant Shrike; 3rd, Redhead, Baldpate, Shoveller, Blue-winged Teal, Ruddy; 6th, Myrtle Warbler; 13th, Bonaparte's Gull, Henslow's Sparrow; 14th, Towhee; 15th, Savannah Sparrow, Wood Duck, Sora Rail; 21st, Rough-winged Swallow, Spotted Sandpiper; 22nd, Barn Swallow, Double-cr. Cormorant, Red-throated Loon, Chipping Sparrow, Common Tern, Caspian Tern, Lincoln's Sparrow, Sanderling; 23rd, House Wren, White-th. Sparrow, Upland Plover, Chimney Swift, Brown Thrasher, Greater and Lesser Yellow-legs; 24th, Black-th. Green Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Solitary Sandpiper, Worm-eating Warbler, Osprey; 25th, Orange-crowned, Palm, Warblers; 26th, Nashville and Pine Warblers; Northern Water Thrush, Whip-poor-will, Olive-backed Thrush; 27th, Green Heron, Grey-cheeked Thrush, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; 29th, Clay-colored and Grasshopper Sparrows, Virginia and King Rails; 30th, Red-headed Woodpecker. DEPARTURE DATES: 1st, Pipit; 3rd, Canvasback; 23rd, Rough-legged Hawk; 24th, Winter Wren; 29th, Redhead Duck, Fox and Tree Sparrows, Broad-winged Hawk.--Edward Prins, reporter.

SAUK COUNTY.--Fairfield reports 10 Double-cr. Cormorants on the Wisconsin river at Sauk City on the 19th.

SAWYER COUNTY.--Kahmann of Hayward reports seeing a female Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker at Windigo Lake on the 2nd.



## APRIL FIELD NOTES

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY.--August Frisch, postmaster of New Holstein, and Ted Plappert of the same city, report that they saw 4 American Egrets at 30 foot range while planting wild rice on the Sheboygan Marsh, Apr. 23. As they know this Egret well, they are sure there could be no mistake in their identification. With Minnesota nesting records last year and one nesting report from Jefferson Co. by Warden Leasch, it seems possible this marsh may be favored with a small nesting colony this summer. In 1880 they were found breeding as far north as Two Rivers, but such colonies were always rare in any part of the state.

WALWORTH COUNTY.--Fairfield reports 5 Snow Geese in the southeast part of this county on the 2nd.

WAUKESHA COUNTY.--Steen of the Biological Survey and Scott observed 32 Baldpate, 9 Pintail, 7 pairs Ring-necked Ducks and Lesser Yellowlegs on a pond near Muskego Lake on the 26th. The same day they found 4 Horned Grebe, 2 pairs Red-breasted Mergansers, one pair Ruddy and a Common Loon on Oconomowoc Lake and one pair of Ruddy and about 50 Canvasback in two flocks on Pewaukee Lake.

WAUSHARA COUNTY.--This month's records include American Bittern on the 7th, Tree Swallows on the 8th, Vesper Sparrow, Hermit Thrush and Savannah Sparrow (by Art Hawkins) on the 13th; Common Loon on the 16th; Sparrow Hawk, 18th; first mating on Pinnated Grouse and Solitary Sandpiper, 19th; Upland Plover, 27th. No White-th. Sparrows were seen this spring.--Frances Hammerstrom, reporter.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY.--Clyde Terrell of Oshkosh, reports an estimated number of 2000 Whistling Swans staying on Butte des Morts marsh near "Terrell's Island" from their arrival on the 8th to their departure on the 15th. Conservation Warden Albert Dunham reports that a Turkey Vulture was found on the 23rd about 12 miles west of Oshkosh by Arthur Peterson of Wausau. The bird was definitely identified by Gromme. Strelitzer states that a majority of the Milwaukee Bird Club observed 42 Whistling Swan at Lake Winnebago on the 8th and several members also found the Rusty Blackbird near there.

NOTE: THE EDITOR WANTS ALL UNPUBLISHED NOTES ON THE STARLING AND BALD EAGLE BY RETURN MAIL TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY STUDY.



## NOTES AND NEWS

Winfred Fonder was elected the new president of the Green Bay Bird Club. Other officers were re-elected.

All members should enjoy "Long After Audubon" in the June Reader's Digest.

Daniel H. Janzen, Regional Director of the Bureau of Biological Survey, wants details on any rookeries in Wisconsin, especially of Great Blue and Black-crowned Night Heron, Common, Caspian and Black Tern and Herring Gull. Janzen will send you details if you notify him of any rookeries known. Write him at 3174 Plankinton Bldg., Milwaukee.

Dr. Leon J. Cole, Dep't of Genetics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, wishes detailed accounts of all nests in which Cowbird eggs are found and would also appreciate tally counts of sex ratio noted in the field. By the way, Dr. Cole is the new president of the Kumlien Club of Madison.

Mr. Kay T. Rogers informs us that the nesting record cited in the Pine Grosbeak report on page 54 of the last issue should have correctly been for the Bald Eagle. The editor accepts the responsibility of this error.

Lists of birds observed on your biggest day during May, prepared on a separate sheet, are requested by the editor immediately. Special mention will be made of important finds.

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### FIELD NOTES AND THE NEW MEMBER

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Our field notes may go into more detail than those of a national paper, and may deal to some extent with the idea of educating. Isolated observers will forward their own reports, but where several people are cooperating, one person should be selected by the others as reporter. Reporters should send in rather detailed notes of more than just "rare finds", as authorities differ as to what is significant. Reasons should always be given explaining why the various notes are included. Reporters are requested to compose their material as they would like to have it appear in the paper. This will save the editor much clerical work.