

SEPTMBER MEETING

The first fall meeting of the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society will be at 7:30 Monday, Sept. 20, at the Garden Center. Visitors are urged to attend.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Many fascinating reports of birds seen and places visited were submitted, but due to limited space, only a few items from each report are included.

Mrs. F. D. Hill reported a Rufous Hummingbird in her yard in late August, and she gave an account of surprising a family of 2 adult and 12 baby Scaled Quail at Albuquerque. After the quail had scattered, the Hills watched them regather.

The Waddills traveled extensively, and we have it from a reliable source that after Esther had picked up Black-footed Albatross and Shearwater as new life list birds on a deep sea fishing trip off the California coast, she suddenly lost interest in birding!

As you may recall, last year we had very few winter birds. We wonder if things will be more interesting this year, as Mrs. George (Rena) Ross, Mrs. Grady (Thelma) Fox, and the Fox's daughter, Mrs. David (Patsy) Black of Pittsburgh, saw large numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches in the mountains of New Mexico. (White-breasted Nuthatches were also numerous in Michigan-ed.) Weather conditions had been favorable in N. M. this spring and mountain sides were covered with flowers which were being visited by many, many hummingbirds.

On a trip to Colorado, Mrs. Joe (Vera) Deason, Rena Ross, and Thelma Fox saw their only Rock Ptarmigan being chased by a young boy. Other mountain birds were Brown-capped Rosy Finch and Gray Jay, a first for Thelma. The George Ross's visited Hawaii and should have some exciting species to report.

The Kenneth Whipples took the long way around to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In Colorado they saw Mountain Goats and Marmots. They were unable to find the White-winged Junco in the Black Hills, but did add birds to their life list, among them the European Tree Sparrow in Grand Marais State Park in East St. Louis. (We're envious; we couldn't find them last Christmas-ed.)

Although the Henry Gibsons saw no unusual birds, their boys found a pet Raccoon but couldn't locate the owner. They couldn't even give it away, and the Animal Shelter didn't want it. Finally the Raccoon was turned loose at the Boy Scout Camp.

From Nutcracker Springs, Polebridge, Montana, comes word that the small Jokerst girls and their parents were fascinated by the White-footed Mice and Red-backed Voles raising families in the yard. Jim and Carol found a Water Ouzel nest with three young, and on a pack trip Jim found a Bald Eagle nest with one young and watched the adult catching a fish from a lake.

How would you like to wake up at 2:00 a.m. and find 5" of water running through your tent? This is the experience Mrs. Alvin Fiedler and family had at Black Mesa State Park, Oklahoma. In Colorado, they enjoyed seeing the American Magpie.

As usual, Mrs. I. D. (Peggy) Acord has seen a great variety of birds, including the Black-capped Vireo in Oklahoma. She also had Purple Martins in her neighborhood for

much of the summer. Incidentally, we can thank Peggy, as our recorder, for the fine number of Amarillo records printed in the August 1965 issue of Audubon Field Notes.

Kenneth Seyffert's main birding activities were concentrated on the nesting survey. Out of four nests of Mississippi Kites in Palo Duro Canyon, apparently only one young was fledged. A balligerent female Swainson's Hawk objected to Kenneth's efforts to observe her nestlings at Buffalo Lake. The nest was successful, with two fledglings.

Classes at Michigan State University left Leo Galloway little time for birding; however, he did add several species to his life list, including the Kirtland's Warbler, which sang persistently from atop a jack pine 25' from the log on which the birder was sitting. Leo also had the pleasure of visiting in the home of Dr. Nicholas Guthbert, who is studying Cowbird parasitism on the Kirtland's Warbler (see Audubon Magazine, Nov.-Dec., 1964).

HELP WANTED

What type of program would you like? Make your wishes known to program chairman Jim Jokerst or the president.

NEW MEMBER

A sincere welcome to Mrs. Frank Duncan, a new member of the National Audubon Society and the TPAS.

CONDOLENCES

Ed Martin of Oklahoma City passed away Aug. 20. He was a past president of the Okla. Ornithological Society. We express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Irene Martin.

WELL DONE

A vote of thanks is due Vera Deason, who has been representing the TPAS at the Garden Club Council meetings, where plans are progressing for the new Garden Center.

CONGRATULATIONS

Peggy Acord has been named regional director for the Texas Ornithological Society.

FALL MIGRATION

Fall migration is in full swing. Numerous warblers have been seen. Saturday, Sept. 11, seven species of flycatchers were seen at Buffalo Lake, including Western Wood Pewee, Phoebe, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Cassin's Kingbird. Few shorebirds have been in evidence because of the rainy summer, which has brought the water level of lakes up over the mud flats. Very few ducks are present thus far. Keep records to determine the last date a species is seen. Turn in these last dates, as well as migration records, to the recorder.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 20 - Monthly Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., Garden Center.
- Sept. 25 - FIELD TRIP - 8:00 a.m. Meet at entrance to Palo Duro Park. Leo Galloway, leader. Anyone needing transportation, call Leo in advance.
- Oct. 10 - FIELD TRIP - 7:00 a.m. Meet at east edge of Ellwood Park. Peggy Acord, leader.
- Oct. 18 - Monthly Society meeting.

PLEASE BRING NESTING CARDS TO MEETING.

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