

Colorado Bird Club/Denver Field Ornithologists Meeting Minutes

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General Meeting, January 24, 1950

Mr. Webster opened the regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club. Forty-two people were present.

It was announced that Miss Edmiston's mother was buried today.

Mr. Webster reported on the field trip held December 31st. Six or seven people were on the Christmas census trip.

Mrs. Armogast of Alamosa had sent her membership fee to Mr. Tyler.

Mr. Rosenbaum's article on breeding census appears in the December 1949 issue of "Audubon Field Notes."

Mr. Don Thatcher, in making with winter population study saw twenty-five birds on the first day.

The next field trip will be held on Sat., Feb. 18, and Sun., Feb. 19 at Valmont Reservoir.

The Club will send a note of appreciation to KFEL, and the Rocky Mountain News, thanking them for reminding people to feed the birds.

It was reported that a flock of 8000 geese went over Denver just at dusk on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Dr. Alfred M. Bailey showed pictures "Birds of Australia" and told about his experiences on the trip to Australia.

It was the fifteenth birthday of the Colorado Bird Club. Charter members present were Miss Margaret Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tyler, Mrs. Edith Voris, and Miss Lillian Wangnild.

Next month, Mr. Jack Culbreth will be the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned.

Following adjournment, birthday refreshments were served by Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Webster. Mrs. Thatcher had made a delicious birthday cake.

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

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Mr. Webster called the regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club to order. Thirty persons were present.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Don Thatcher announced that the bird census was finished.

Mrs. Bouslog reported a large flock of geese was seen on January 31st near Eaton.

The picture of the Common Kingbird, a gift from Mr. Howard Rollin, has been framed.

Persons desiring Wild Life stamps were asked to give their orders to the secretary.

Mr. Webster and Miss Pritchett reported on the trips to Valmont Power plant. On the Saturday trip, there were 11 people from Denver and 4 from Boulder.

Mr. Rosenbaum said the spring migration census would come in March and April.

The field trips on March 11 and 12 will be at the Johnson Ranch and Parry Park

For the Round Table discussion, Mr. Lang Baily took shore birds.

Mr. Thatcher said there are three bills in Congress to consider protection for the bald eagle in Alaska. They are S 1901, H.R. 5007, and H.R. 5629. Members were asked to write to their Congressmen.

Mr. Ferd Kleinschnitz was the speaker of the evening, and he showed the film from the Colorado Fish and Wild Life Service entitled "Duck Banding."

Mr. Charles W. Rolling will show some of his films at the March meeting.

The Colorado Game and Fish Department requested pictures of the Lark Bunting to be used on a leaflet.

The Bird Club's duplicating machine is at the home of Miss Margaret Pritchett.

The meeting adjourned.

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

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The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was held in the Colorado Museum of Natural History with forty-three people present. Mr. Webster presided.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Letters from Colorado's Congressmen were read in which they stated that bills on the protection of the Bald Eagle were still in committee. Mr. Thatcher announced that Senator Ed. C. Johnson is chairman of the committee in the Senate.

The next field trip will be held April 2nd at Castlewood Dam.

Mr. Bailey announced that the film "Animal Land at Night" would be shown at the Museum on Wednesday, March 29.

Mr. Rommel reported a balance of \$77.24 in the treasury.

Mr. Charles W. Rolling, the speaker, showed films on the Grant Smelter; Colorado Wild Life; and some colored stills.

A request had been received from the Game and Fish Department for pictures of the Lark Bunting. The Bird Club had three pictures to submit.

The next meeting will be in charge of Mr. Ralph Asbury, and Mr. Wendell Walker will show colored slides.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

General Meeting, April 26, 1950

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was held in the Denver Museum of Natural History. There were 34 present. Mr. Webster presided. Minutes were read and approved.

Miss Hurlbutt reported that she had written letters to Senator Ed. Johnson and Rep. Clark Thompson in regard to the bill on the protection of the Bald Eagle. Mr. Webster asked for a show of hands of those who had written individual letters to Congressmen.

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Announcement was made of the field trips to be held April 29 and 30.

Mr. Webster introduced Mr. Wendill Walker who showed slides on the Elise Chapin Wild Life Sanctuary at Chattanooga. Miss Hurlbutt read the script which was written by Mr. Walker's father.

Mr. Webster reported that the Fish and Wildlife Service is going to put out a leaflet for schools showing the Colorado Blue Spruce, Columbine and Lark Bunting. Mr. Rolling's picture of the Lark Bunting is to be used in this leaflet.

Mr. Tyler gave a report on their trip to Mexico and Guatemala.

Ralph Asbury then showed a film on the Roadrunner and also an excellent film which he had taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Morrison (acting Secretary)

General Meeting, May 23, 1950

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was held in the Denver Museum of Natural History with twenty-eight persons present. Mr. Webster presided.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as read.

A letter from Rep. Clark W. Thompson was read, in which he said he was in favor of the Bald Eagle legislation.

Mr. Webster reported on a meeting of the Fish and Wild Life Service and Sportsmen where the protection of ducks was stressed.

At the field trip on Saturday, May 20 at Sand Creek, fifty-four species were seen. Thirteen people enjoyed the trip. On the trip Sunday, May 21 at Red Rocks only one person attended.

The treasurer reported cash on hand of \$52.66.

The Fish and Wild Life Service of Arizona sent two films to be shown.

Mr. Don Thatcher reported on the Winter Census.

Mr. Lang Baily said the Ivory-billed Woodpecker has been found nesting in Florida.

It was announced that the Trumpeter Swan has increased from 35 in 1933 to 400 in 1949.

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Trips will be held at Mrs. Hunt's cabin in Turkey Creek Canyon on June 3 and 4.

Mr. Niedrach will lead a trip on Sundays on a yearly basis. He would like at least five people to attend regularly.

Two movies were shown, "Know the Hawks" and the "Bear River Refuge."

Officers for the new year are:

Vice-president, Ferd Kleinschnitz

Rec. Sec., Lillian Wangnild

Cor. Sec., Catherine Hurlbutt

Treasurer, Mr. D. P. Rommel

Club Directors: two-year term, Dorothy Hurd and Mr. Rosenbaum
one-year term, Mr. Tyler and Sadie Morrison.

Meeting adjourned.

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

General Meeting, September 26, 1950

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was held in the Denver Museum of Natural History with seventeen persons present. Mr. Harry Tyler, a member of the Board of Directors, presided in the absence of a president.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$55.74 in the treasury.

Mr. Tyler announced that at the October meeting Mr. E. L. Perrine will show his pictures, entitled "Africa at Its Best." Members may invite guests. Children will enjoy the picture too.

Mr. Tyler asked for members to volunteer to be in charge of the program for one or two meetings. It was suggested that more of the club activities be delegated to more people.

The following persons volunteered to be responsible for one program: Miss Hurlbutt, Mr. Rosenbaum, and Mr. Thatcher. Mr. Rosenbaum also volunteered to take care of sending out the postcards. Mr. Webster will take care of publicity for the newspapers.

Mr. Webster moved that Mr. Don Thatcher's name be submitted to the Board of Directors for president. It was seconded and carried.

Mr. Rosenbaum reported on his stay at the Audubon Camp in Northern California.

Mr. Rommel told of his trip to Mexico.

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The guest speaker was Miss Viola Dickinson of Dallas, Texas. She showed original paintings of birds done by Mr. Rex Brasher of Connecticut. In forty-four years, he painted all the birds of North America. A set of his books costs \$3,500.

The 68th convention of the American Ornithologists Union will be held in Minneapolis, October 9-12.

The next bird trip will be Sept. 30 at Barr Lake and the Mile High Gun Club.

The meeting adjourned.

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary.

General Meeting, October 24, 1950

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club, held in the Denver Museum of Natural History, was opened by Mr. Don Thatcher. Forty-eight persons were present.

Mr. Harry Tyler reported that Mr. Don Thatcher had been elected president at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as read.

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that he had seen a Say's Phoebe and a Grinnell Water Thrush.

The following trips were reported:

Oct. 1: Parker, Colorado by Mr. Aamodt

Oct., 7: Barr Lake by Mr. Thatcher

Sept. 18: Ralston by Miss Pritchett. Young barn swallows were seen.

On Oct. 10, fifteen Snow Geese were seen.

Mr. Tyler introduced the speaker, Mr. E. L. Perrine, who gave a very interesting talk and showed excellent pictures entitled "Africa at Its Best."

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully, submitted,

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

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The Colorado Bird Club met at the Denver Museum of Natural History with Mr. Thatcher presiding. There were thirty-one people present.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as read.

The Christmas Census trip will be held on December 30th. Anyone planning to participate should spend seven hours in the field. The trip will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Miss Pritchett reported on the trip to Hughes ranch. Ten people were along.

On December 16, there will be a trip to Marston Lake and the Red Rocks.

Volunteers were asked to take part in presenting subjects concerned with birds for the monthly meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher will hold open house on New Year's Day in the evening. Members and friends are invited.

Mr. E. R. Kalmbach gave a talk, "Our Federal Game Refuges."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife colored picture, "Haunts for the Hunted," was shown.

Mr. Rosenbaum conducted a Round Table on Juncos and Sparrows.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

General Meeting, December 26, 1950

At the regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club held in the Denver Museum of Natural History, Mr. Don Thatcher presided. Twenty-four people were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Miss Hurlbutt showed the picture of the Black-necked Stilt which Mr. Howard Rollin had painted and sent to the club for Christmas.

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She also read two articles which had appeared in the Ft. Morgan Times. They were written by Mr. Hellstern on "Unusual winter birds" and "Indians."

Mr. Bill Kircher, President of the Bird Club in Sacramento, California, was introduced.

The Christmas Census trip has been changed from Barr Lake to Marston Lake, Red Rocks, and an area within a fifteen mile circle of Denver. It will be held on Saturday, December 30.

For the program, Miss Hurlbutt played many records of recorded "Bird Songs."

It was announced that the Thatchers were holding Open House on New Year's Day from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ferd Kleinschnitz conducted the Round Table on identification of winter birds.

Mr. Thatcher said that in a bird census that day, the Slate-colored Juncos outnumbered all other Juncos.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

General Meeting, January 23, 1951

The Colorado Bird Club met at the Denver Museum of Natural History with twenty-one persons present. Mr. Thatcher presided.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as corrected.

Don McLean showed five bird nests which Mr. Rosenbaum had brought.

Don McLean and Miss Sadie Morrison reported on the field trip held on January 20.

The Christmas Census report was given by Mr. Don Thatcher. There were fifteen observers in three parties. The time was a period of fourteen hours. The area covered included Marston Lake and the city parks. Fifty-nine species and one subspecies were found, and the count was 6706 individual birds seen.

For the program, Mr. Thatcher gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Bird Migration."

The picture of the Black-necked Stilt, given by Mr. Howard Rollin, had been framed.

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The Round Table was led by Mr. Ferd Kleinschnitz.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Wangnild, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, February 27, 1951

The Colorado Bird Club met in the Denver Museum of Natural History with Mr. Don Thatcher presiding. Twenty-eight people were present.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Crow reported on the field trip held February 24th near Franktown.

Mrs. Don Thatcher gave a fine talk on "Bird Nests." She showed many nests.

Since there will be a "Nature on the Screen" program on this club's March meeting night, the Bird Club will meet one week earlier in March.

Mr. Thatcher showed a "Key Guide to Nests of Common Summer Resident Birds of Washington, D.C." He thought it would be a good project of the club to work out such a key for Denver and vicinity. He passed out mimeographed copies of DATA for Key to Nests of Common Summer Resident Birds of Denver and Vicinity (attached).

The book, "Bird Nests, A Guide," by Richard Headstrong was shown. It has a key to nests but it isn't too useful in this region.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

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I. SPECIES

II. LOCATION

A. LIFEZONE: Upper Sonoran (plains); Transition (foothills—yellow pine); Canadian (spruce, lodgepole pine); Hudsonian (Spruce-fir); Arctic, Alpine (above timber)

B. HABITAT: Prairie, stream bottom, forest, canyon walls, marsh, city park, etc.

C. NEST SITE:

1) Tree, bush or vine

a) kind

b) size: diameter at base, approx. height of tree or bush

c) position: fork, crotch, branch (distance from trunk) tip, etc., cavity

2) On or near ground: in open or in shelter (kind), in cattails, in weeds, floating, on or in rocks, on shelf, etc.

3) Building or other structure (Describe)

4) Height above ground

D. DESCRIPTION OF HABITAT (Vegetation species and average size)

1) Overstory

2) Understory

3) Herbaceous plants

E. DISTANCE FROM WATER: type (lake, marsh, river, creek, ditch)

F. OTHER NEARBY HABITAT TYPES (within 500 feet)

G. PROXIMITY TO OTHER NESTS OF SAME SPECIES: Territorial? Colonial?

III. DESCRIPTION

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A. MATERIAL (sticks, twigs, grass, weeds, hair, feathers, string, moss, mud, plant fibers, paper, etc.)

1. base 2. walls 3. lining 4. Covering

B. CONSTRUCTION (loose, flimsy, woven, compact, felted, etc.)

C. SHAPE

1) OPEN (platform, saucer, cup, pendant)

2) CLOSED (Spherical, arched, gourd-shaped, cavity)

D. SIZE

1) Outside diameter and depth (inches)

2) Inside diameter and depth (1/4 inches, average)

E. SUPPORT

Fully suspended (pensile) suspended from rim (semi-pensile), in crotch, in fork, saddled

F. CAVITY

1) Material: live or dead wood, earth rock

2) Size: diameter of opening, diameter and depth of cavity

3) Nature of cavity: made by nesting bird, made by other bird, decay, natural (rock)

IV. OTHER INFORMATION such as contents, dates of construction, egg-laying and hatching, leaving of young, cause of destruction or abandonment, etc.

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General Meeting, March 20, 1951

The Colorado Bird Club held the March meeting in the Museum of Natural History. The President, Mr. Don Thatcher, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Thatcher called our attention to the University of Colorado Extension class "Introduction to Ornithology" with Ferd Kleinschnitz as the teacher beginning March 26th.

Mrs. Crow reported the bird trip in the vicinity of Soda Lakes, Morrison and Turkey Creek: many blue birds were seen.

Our guests were introduced and welcomed.

Mr. Lang Baily gave us a short talk on the typical associations of the five life zones in Colorado, mentioning some of the different vegetation as well as the different animals and birds found in these areas.

Mr. Lang Baily then took us on a trip through Ecological Hall.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Edmiston, Secretary for Lillian Wangnild

There were about 26 members and guests present.

General Meeting, April 24, 1951

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was held at the Denver Museum of Natural History with Mr. Don Thatcher presiding. Thirty persons were present.

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Miss Hurlbutt had some copies of the magazine "British Birds" which members might borrow. Audubon Magazine and Audubon Field Notes are also available to members.

The club has on hand some government bulletins on gardening which members may have.

Mrs. Bouslog announced that our members are invited to observe birds in Colorado Springs. Members interested should get in touch with Mr. James H. Turner, 803 N. Wahsatch, or Miss Mary L. Shirer, 2116 N. Tejon, or Mr. George Sinton who loves on a ranch south of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Thatcher asked if members would be interested in a Sunday breakfast in the mountain parks. The following committee was appointed to make plans: Mrs. Bouslog, Mr. Arch Judson, Mr. Chapin, Miss Sadie Morrison, and Mr. Harry Aamodt.

On the nominating committee the president appointed Mrs. Crow, Dr. Bouslog, and Mr. Ralph Asbury. Mrs. Bouslog said that Dr. Bouslog would be out of town so another member will be appointed later. Five officers will be elected and two board members for a two-year term.

Outlines are available for the study of bird nests. There are 150 species of birds that can be found nesting within an area around Denver. Nests may not be collected in the National Parks.

The following guests and visitors were introduced: Mrs. Gruell, Miss McClellan, and Miss Hale.

The program was in charge of Mr. Tyler, who told about his trip to Mexico, and showed colored pictures. Mrs. Tyler told about the birds seen.

A trip to Barr Lake will be held Saturday afternoon.

The meeting adjourned.

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

General Meeting, May 22, 1951

The Colorado Bird Club met in the Denver Museum of Natural History. The President, Mr. Thatcher, presided. There were twenty-one persons present.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as read.

Mrs. Crow will head the committee to make the year book. She hopes to have it ready by fall.

The breakfast was mentioned, but definite plans haven't been made yet.

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A field trip to Louviers and Sedalia will be held on Saturday, May 26th. Other trips will be held on June 9, June 23, July 7, and July 21.

A letter from Mrs. Corning was read.

Mr. Rommel reported that there is approximately seventy dollars in the treasury. He asked for an auditor. The name of Mr. Dexter Brown was suggested.

A suggestion had been made that the club send one or two persons to one of the Audubon camps. It can't be done this year because there isn't enough money in the treasury.

The following persons were elected to offices for the coming year: President, Mr. Virgil Rosenbaum; Vice-president, Mr. Ferd Kleinschnitz; Treasurer, Miss Sadie Morrison; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. P. Rommel; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Catherine Hurlbutt For board members, for a two year term, Miss Ruth Wheeler and Mr. D. P. Rommel were elected.

Mrs. Crow asked for the correct addresses and telephone numbers for the year book.

For the first part of the program, Mr. Thatcher reviewed an article in "The Wood Thrush" entitled "Bird Song" by Eleanor Cosley Robbins. Two books by Aretas Saunders were mentioned. They are "Bird Songs" and "Guide to Bird Songs."

Miss Hurlbutt played recordings of African bird songs which were recorded in Sudan and at Lake Victoria in Africa. These were recorded by the American Museum of Natural History.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lillian Wangnild, Secretary

General Meeting, September 25, 1951

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order by the president, Mr. Rosenbaum.

It was announced that a field trip would be held September 30, beginning at 6:30 a.m. to go to Genesee Mountain. Don Thatcher suggested that future trips should have a downtown meeting place to avoid long waits to change busses.

Year books have been mailed. They were prepared by Mr. Crow, the Thatchers, and the Rosenbaums. A supplementary list will be made for our books in November or December for additional names.

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Mr. Rosenbaum asked that the leader for each field trip appoint a member from that trip to make a report about the trip. If that person isn't present the leader should make it.

Reports were made on the Waterton, Summit Lake, Barr Lake and Marston Lake trips.

Mr. Chapin, Mrs. Thatcher, and Mr. Rosenbaum made reports about unusual things they had noticed about various birds during the summer.

Mr. Ralph Asbury audited the Treasurer's books and found them in order.

Don Thatcher reported on new books that were being published about birds. He also reported on a letter from Barbara Corning from the Maine Audubon Society about the bill now in Congress concerning Eagles in Alaska. He asked that we write to the honorable Frank Boykin, Committee Chairman for the bill, to express our feeling about the undesirable bounty given for killing Eagles. Miss Hurlbutt was asked to write for more information on the subject.

Dad Horace Smith is very ill and the club will send him a card. It is suggested the various members send him a card also.

Dr. Alfred M. Bailey presented a wonderful movie about the wildlife in Arizona taken from a recent trip he made. He also presented the new Museum Pictorial Magazine by our own Museum. An introductory offer of 5 issues for \$1.50 is now available. They will be \$.50 each.

Mr. Lang Baily arranged a quiz on Australian birds. Each bird was numbered and arranged on a table. We had to decide to which family each one belonged. This was both interesting and educational.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rommel, Secretary

General Meeting, October 30, 1951

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order by the president Mr. Rosenbaum, at 8:00 p.m.

We were told that Dad Smith is at the Polly Rest Home, 1401 Chase, if we are to visit him or send him a card.

There are still a few year books available if anyone needs them.

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Don Thatcher gave us a mimeographed sheet with names of various congressmen we could write to express our opinion in regard to extending the protection for Bald Eagles in Alaska.

Mr. Rosenbaum quoted some facts from a report about Eagles in Florida by Charles Broley.

The Denver Post had an article about the slaughter in Alaska. Miss Hurlbutt wrote a letter commending the article.

Mrs. Crow suggested we get the Denver Post, Dr. Bailey or someone to help procure a Bald Eagle for City Park.

The Xmas Bird Census will be Sunday, December 31, and a tea will be held New Year's Day at the Rosenbaums with Mrs. Thatcher's help.

A breakfast is planned for next summer at Art Judson's mountain cabin.

Originals of bird paintings by Howard Rolling presented to our club by Barbara Corning were shown to the club.

Mrs. Crow gave a report on the field trip to the Castle Wood areas. Don Thatcher reported on the Genesee Mountain trip September 30 and Don McLean reported on the Barr Lake trip.

Reports on interesting birds they have seen recently were made by Don Thatcher and Mr. Rosenbaum. The hibernating habits of the Poorwill that students of Skinner Jr. High have were discussed.

Ferd Kleinschnitz reported on the Life Histories of Birds that are now being republished for \$8 as compared to a former \$32. The one on Waterfowl is now available. The other 10 volumes are to be published.

A letter reporting the death of Helena Huron was received from Seattle.

An excellent movie on the Western Grebe was shown.

This was followed by a report by Dr. John Chapin entitled "The Value of Bird Census."

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rommel, Secretary

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General Meeting, November 1951

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was held November 27 at 8:00 p.m. The minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that we had a total of \$53.

Field trip schedules are available to those who wish them.

The article about the Bald Eagle in Readers Digest was mentioned. We were reminded again to write our Congressman.

An announcement about the Tea to be held New Year's Day was made.

There will be no meeting in December.

Our treasurer asked and was granted permission to put our money in a Savings Account at her own bank.

Mr. Chapin reported on the Roxbury Park and Echo Lake Field Trips, Don Thatcher on the Mt. Morrison field trip.

Mr. Rosenbaum, Don Thatcher, and Mr. Chapin made reports on the interesting birds they had seen.

Mr. Chapin discussed plans for the Xmas Census.

It was suggested that we do something for Dad Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher were appointed to get something appropriate.

Mrs. Thatcher will mimeograph instructions to be followed on the field trip. A list was to be made of the various areas to be covered. The list was passed around so each person could choose the area they wished.

It was suggested that we contact the 14 people who subscribe to the Auk from this area and see if they are interested in participating in Xmas census.

Mr. Charles Sperry of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spoke on Wildfowl work.

This was followed by a colored movie of water birds on a Montana lake.

Mr. Kleinschnitz continued with a bird study.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rommel

General Meeting, February 26, 1952

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order February 26, 1952, by the president Ferd Kleinschnitz. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. L. Flinn talked to us about Duck banding techniques and results. He showed us a chart that indicated where each banded duck was found or shot.

Mrs. Thatcher told us about the gift the club sent to Dad Smith.

Mr. Chapin reported on the Xmas Census.

Reports were made of the following field trips:

Jan. 12: Ferd Kleinschnitz

Jan. 27: Mr. Chapin

Feb. 9: Miss Pritchett

Feb. 24: Don Thatcher

Some very interesting information about the crossbills on Mt. Genesee was brought to the club's attention.

We saw a copy of the new National Geographic Magazine collection of bird photographs and an article on a Rail that was thought to be extinct.

Lang Baily concluded the meeting with a round table about birds that are confused because they look alike.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Rommel

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General Meeting, April 22, 1952, 8:15 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Donald Thatcher, acting in the absence of the president, Ferd C. Kleinschnitz. Reading of minutes of previous meeting dispensed with since the recording secretary was not present.

A note of acknowledgement of the Club's card of sympathy in the death of her husband from Mrs. Clyde Hunt was read. A letter from Mr. Edward Hellstern of Fort Morgan regarding Mr. Howard Rollin, the bird artist, was also read.

Mr. Thatcher advised that copies of the field trips scheduled through August are available. He announced the next trip, April 27, to Red Rocks and Marston Lake, led by Dr. Chapin. Lang Baily reported seeing long-billed curlews at Barr Lake; also barn swallows were seen the previous Sunday in the snow storm. Sadie Morrison, reporting on the field trip on April 12 to Barr Lake and vicinity, stated Dowitchers and 1 Willet were seen. Also a hawk, probably a Red-tail or a Swainson's. The gold finches are early, both the western and eastern. On Sunday, April 20, 11 took part in a trip to Genesee Mountain. Several Sapsuckers and Siskins were seen. No Crossbills. Near Federal Center Mr. Thatcher reports 2 Canada geese and 8 Greater Yellowlegs. Lang Baily reports a nest of Killdeer surrounded by snow.

Introduction of visitors. Dr. Jay H. Arnold and John Lyan of Berthoud. Bob Fox from Massachusetts, Mr. and Mrs. Link and Miss Kirkaby.

Revised edition of Saunders' Guide to Bird Song is noted, also an extensive article on birds in the April Woman's Day with photos by Helen Cruikshank.

Catherine Hurlbutt then presented recordings from Volume 2 of American Bird Songs, from the Cornell Collection of bird recordings. This was followed by a film on Colorado Grouse by the State Fish and Game Department, featuring prairie chicken, ptarmigan in winter plumage, sage hen, sharp-tailed grouse, and blue grouse. Lang Baily then conducted a round table on migrants now coming through and which may be confused. Brewers and Rusty blackbirds, Bullocks and Baltimore orioles, Audubon's and Myrtle warblers, Ovenbird and Grinnell's water thrush, chipping and clay-colored sparrows, western field sparrow and northern sage sparrow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Hurlbutt, Acting Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, September 23, 1952

Dr. John Chapin, president, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. with 42 present. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with. Sadie Morrison, treasurer, reported:

Balance brought forward, Sept. 1951		\$24.89
Receipts	\$65.38	
Expenditures:	\$41.35	<u>\$24.03</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1952		\$48.92

Dr. Chapin briefly sketched the duties of the following four committees through which the Club will operate this year:

Programs and Membership: Lang Baily, chm.

Records: Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Rommel

Information and Publications: Hazel Thatcher

Field Trips: Ruth Wheeler and Don Thatcher

The possibility of putting out a paper for both local and statewide birders is being considered and a contest to get more young folk active in the Club is also a possibility.

John Chapin, John Flavin, and Don Thatcher reported on the results of watching the moon through a telescope to count the number of birds crossing it, in response to a request for this information.

Mr. Robert E. Glover reported on items of general interest in the recent ornithological literature, mentioning notice of the nesting of the roseate spoonbill in the Salton Sea area, and the establishing of a new sanctuary in the Florida Everglades.

Mr. Glover also discussed a proposed project for building a special mirror to use with a reflex camera in photographing wild birds without aid of a blind. Part of the necessary \$20 to secure the mirror is pledged.

The last part of the meeting was conducted by A. Lang Baily, and given over to a game of "charades," in which participants strove, with varying degrees of success, to indicate, by action alone, various species of birds.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, October 28, 1952

Thirty-five members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer reported collection of \$34 dues.

Mrs. Thatcher announced completion of the new yearbooks. The Club's mimeograph was reported to be no good and the executive committee was empowered to purchase a second hand mimeograph for \$45, if found advisable to do so.

The Christmas bird count area is to be divided into three sections and census and scouting trips in each section will be carried on under the following leadership:

South section: John Flavin, John Chapin

Center section: Don Thatcher, Lang Baily

North section: Ruth Wheeler, Ferd Kleinschnitz

John Flavin volunteered to write a short article about the Club for publication in the Monitor. Catherine Hurlbutt accepted a speaking assignment at the Suburban Garden Club of Lakewood.

Don McLean spoke on the subject of Junior Sanctuaries. The decision was reached to sponsor a junior birding contest in the spring, with appropriate prizes. The committee in charge of the contest will be: John Chapin, Ferd Kleinschnitz, Sadie Morrison, and Don McLean.

The possibility of holding instruction sessions regularly was brought up.

Don Thatcher reported on interesting results of his population studies here, and compared results with those obtained in Washington D.C. He invited additional help, particularly on the breeding census.

Lang Baily gave answers to last month's puzzlers and issued new ones. The balance of the evening was devoted to entertainment: playing "20 Questions" and viewing an excellent movie, "Through the Zones."

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

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Due to bad weather, only 15 members were present.

The Records Committee, represented by Mr. Rommel, presented a system of centralization of records to correlate the results of all field observing. The system was discussed and slips made available for members to record their observations.

Much of the business of the meeting concerned organizing of the Christmas counts. The Denver count area was divided into nine territories, each to be intensively covered by an assigned party. In addition, three supervisors were assigned to cover three of the areas each, so that each area was actually covered twice. Results of the counts would be consolidated later at the home of Dr. Chapin.

It was also decided to take a high count in the vicinity of Berthoud Pass and Echo Lake.

A publication including the results from all eastern slope bird counts is contemplated.

Mrs. Thatcher reported that a mimeograph and necessary accessory supplies had been purchased for a total of about \$47.

In the absence of Mr. Glover, Catherine Hurlbutt reported on items of interest from recent literature.

Lang Baily presented a contest of "Anagrams a la Aves," using the scientific name of the Gambel's Sparrow as a basis from which to form the names of other birds.

Because the meeting had been late in starting, the anticipated talk on hawks by John Flavin was held over for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

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General Meeting, January 27, 1953

Thirty-three members and visitors were present. The minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer reported total receipts of \$103.32 for the year with expenditures of \$102.42, leaving \$.90 in the treasury and several outstanding bills.

Mrs. Kleinschnitz reported for the Publicity Committee that a display was being planned in the Main Library during April.

The Field Trip Committee has arranged the future schedule which will be out to all members soon.

Lang Baily reported for the Records Committee on information obtained from Harriet Bergtoll Wolfendsen on a plan used in recording bird observations in Detroit.

Dr. Chapin reported briefly that the Christmas count tallied 86 species and 2 additional subspecies and was made by 27 birders in 13 parties.

After much discussion on the subject of finances, John Flavin moved that an assessment of \$1 be levied as of now on all members. The motion carried.

Mrs. Bernice Hicks and Elaine and Dale displayed the pet mourning dove they have cared for ever since it was discovered with a broken wing 1-1/2 years ago.

Catherine Hurlbutt showed the picture of a vermilion flycatcher that Mr. Rollin sent to the Club last Christmas. She suggested that if any members are interested in going to see Mr. Rollin, and perhaps purchasing pictures for themselves, they should contact Mrs. Kleinschnitz.

John Flavin gave his long-awaited talk on hawks.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

General Meeting, February 24, 1953

The business meeting for the evening was postponed until after the program.

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Lang Baily introduced our speaker, Mr. George Kelly, Colorado horticulturist, who told us of the many native and cultivated plants that are attractive to birds and suitable for planting about the home. He also showed many slides of ornamental and useful trees and shrubs at various times of the year. He invited comments for publication about any trees or shrubs known to be attractive to specific birds.

The business meeting was then held with 19 members and friends present. The minutes were read and amended. The treasurer reported a balance of \$14.

New check lists were announced for recording birds seen on field trips and copies of the mimeographed write-up on the Christmas census and the list of scheduled field trips were made available.

Lang Baily led a guessing game in which members tried to guess the location of field observations from hearing the list of birds found the vegetation of the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

General Meeting, March 24, 1953

Thirty-four members and friends were present. The meeting opened with the reading and approval of the minutes.

Don Thatcher and Ruth Wheeler reported on the attendance and birding at the two most recent of the scheduled field trips. The suggestion was made that all who plan to attend trips notify the leader.

Some comments were given relative to the regular publication of a news leaflet. No definite action was decided upon.

After some discussion it was agreed that we should try to hold classes prior to the monthly meetings, in which bird identification by means of behavior would be stressed. In an effort to arouse interest, particularly among the youth, the proposed classes were to be publicized as widely as possible.

Dorothy Kleinschnitz called to our remembrance the display at the Library during April.

Dr. and Mrs. Bouslog presented the Club with a number of Auk and Audubon Magazines for its library.

New "bird survey sheets" were made available to those interested. Notes were compared on spring migrants. Don Thatcher and others commented on the growing starling population in this area.

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The new Fish and Wildlife film, *Goin' Fishin'*, was shown, after which the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

General Meeting, April 28, 1953

The regular meeting of the Club was preceded by a half-hour study of bird behavior conducted by Dr. Chapin.

Forty persons were present for the monthly meeting. The minutes were read and accepted and the treasurer reported a balance of \$48.80 in the treasury.

Dr. Chapin, Lang Baily, Harold Webster, Rev. Arnold and Mr. Glover reported on interesting finds from recent birding.

The President appointed the Nominating Committee: Don Thatcher, chairman, with Ferd Kleinschnitz, Sadie Morrison, Harold Webster, and Phyllis Caswell.

Lang Baily led a session on "Where to Find about Birds" citing numerous reference books, of both local and widespread application, for use in various phases of bird study.

Dr. William Russell, guest speaker, shared his film on falconry, showing birds that could be used for this sport, how they might be captured and how they are trained. After the film, he displayed a trained prairie falcon and answered questions, giving members a chance to view the bird and to take part in an informal discussion.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

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General Meeting, May 26, 1953

Twenty-seven persons attended the May meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and Sadie Morrison, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$60.70.

A vote was taken amending the by-laws to make the annual Club dues \$2 a year, effective September 1, 1953.

Dr. John Chapin reported on a spring count in which, during 21 consecutive hours of birding, a total of 143 species was found. Those taking part in the count were Lang Baily, Bob Fox, John Flavin, Rev. Arnold and Dr. Chapin.

Lang Baily told of an all-day trip taken by him and Bob Fox in eastern Colorado, Yuma County and around Bonnie Dam. Prairie chickens and numerous eastern birds were found.

John Flavin reported that Dr. Russell's prairie falcon, which was shown to the Club in April, had flown away.

Don Thatcher, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, took charge of the election of new officers. The following slate was elected for 1953-1954:

President: John Chapin
Vice-President: John Flavin
Corresponding Secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt
Recording Secretary: Phyllis Caswell
Treasurer: Mrs. C. D. Voris
Directors: Mrs. A. H. Crow and Lillian Wangnild

Lang Baily then introduced Bob Fox, from Boston, who showed slides and gave an interesting talk on conditions and birds found on a recent roundtrip between San Antonio, Texas, and Mexico City.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Secretary

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General Meeting, September 2, 1953

Thirty-five persons were present for this meeting. Announcement of progress on the Club's new publication was made. The subject of a get-together for all members on New Year's Day or during the Christmas count was briefly discussed.

The Museum's new book, "Red Crossbills of Colorado," is now available for \$1.

John Flavin introduced Dr. Stan White who presented the evening's film program, "Wilderness Children," showing wildlife in the Rocky Mountain area, including Yellowstone. Among the pictures were photographs of John Flavin and Lang Baily capturing a young eagle which was later sent to Connecticut for use in movies.

A short discussion was held and a decision made to hold class sessions prior to the monthly meetings this fall, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Brief highlights of recent field trips were given,

The Club was informed that Dr. Bailey would appreciate reports of any unusual experiences with sparrows and finches that could be used in his forthcoming book.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, October 27, 1953

Prior to the regular monthly meeting in October an informative class session was held. Twenty-five persons were present. Dr. John Chapin presented a summary listing of the birds to be expected in this vicinity in winter, with interesting facts concerning their frequency and aids for quick identification.

Thirty persons were present for the business meeting. Mrs. Voris, treasurer, reported \$11.70 in the treasury with a net gain of approximately an additional dollar just prior to the meeting. Minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted.

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Don Thatcher, in charge of the Club's new publication, reported that the first issue had been put out. The list of Club members will be published in the new bulletin this year instead of in a separate yearbook as in times past.

Highest highlight from the many field trip reports was the sighting of a parasitic jaeger on Marston Lake. Guy Emerson, from the National Audubon Society, was a welcome member of the group that made the discovery.

John Chapin presented the evening's program, a discussion of the physiology and anatomy of birds. Many interesting things were learned of special abilities and adaptations of the bodies of birds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, November 24, 1953

Fourteen members were present for the business meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Sadie Morrison acted as treasurer in the absence of Mrs. Voris.

Dr. Chapin reported three interesting finds on recent trips: a swamp sparrow, a long-billed marsh wren, and a Harris sparrow. Future trips were announced and briefly discussed.

Don Thatcher announced corrections on the recent first issue of the Club's publication.

John Flavin discussed "Wild Birds as Pets," telling of some of his many experiences with them, principally with sparrow hawks, a crow and a starling. His description of experiences with the starling, in particular, added much to our understanding of the living habits, likes and abilities of starlings. Discussion was also held on other types of birds: owls, jays, and others, that do or might make acceptable pets.

All were invited to meet at the Chapin home for supper and to tally the results of the Christmas count on December 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

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General Meeting, January 26, 1954

The January meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m., with 24 members and guests present. Minutes of the last regular meeting, November 24, 1953, were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$107.41, with several bills outstanding. The recording secretary, Miss Phyllis Caswell, has been called home to Nebraska indefinitely by the illness of her mother.

Attention was called to the Convention of the Cooper Ornithological Society in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 22-24. A group from the Colorado Mountain Club is expected to join in a forthcoming field trip. John Flavin reported on the January 24 trip along Cherry Creek to Franktown. Birds of prey were the most outstanding species noted, including both bald and golden eagles.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Robert Glover who displayed a reflector-type camera developed jointly by Mr. Glover, Ben Pfretzchner, E. L. Licht, and C. S. Walton. This camera, which uses an 8-inch mirror of 48-inch focal length, makes it possible to secure large-scale photographs of birds from a distance of several hundred feet, eliminating the necessity for a blind. He showed several photographs taken with this camera, including house finch, great-horned owl, and a Wilson's snipe, which was photographed on Mr. Niedrach's property, where he has lured snipe to a feeder ground artificially stocked with worms.

Mr. Glover then discussed the mathematics of relations between the species. This talk was illustrated with charts, and was based on the studies by the Italian mathematician, Vito Volterra.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Hurlbutt, Corresponding Secretary

General Meeting, February 23, 1954

The meeting opened at 8:15 with 45 persons present. Among those attending were Horace G. Smith, oldest ornithologist in the state and a life member of the Club, Mr. and Mrs. Waassah of Czechoslovakia, and Mr. Cable, Scoutmaster of Troup 46, with scouts who are working on their bird merit badge.

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The minutes of the January meeting were read and amended and Mrs. Voris, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$122.50 on hand. Committee reports were given. Don Thatcher, publicity, told us the cost of the monthly publication is less than was spent for the yearbook and regular card mailings last year. He mentioned reducing dues to persons not wishing to receive copies of Colorado Bird Notes where one copy is already received in the household; he also suggested allowing subscriptions for a flat charge of \$1 a year.

Howard Rollin's original painting of a golden eagle, presented to the Club last Christmas, was on display.

Don Thatcher presented to the library two exchange copies of The Observer, the Sacramento Bird Club's publication, of which Mrs. Crow's son is editor.

Considerable discussion was had on various, good, nature books that can be found at bargain prices from time to time, and also on the possibility of Club members and friends exchanging any duplicates of books in their possession for others they do not have

Catherine Hurlbutt told of correspondence with a hospitalized man in Wheatridge who was interested in birds, and of a planned visit to take him some of the Club's extra publications.

John Chapin will speak before an Englewood garden club on March 2.

The meeting was turned over to Don Thatcher, who showed a splendid color film on birds of Colorado, taken by Mr. Niedrach.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, March 23, 1954

Thirty-eight members and friends were present for the March meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and amended. Mrs. Voris reported \$128.50 in the treasury as of the first of March.

Mr. Glover told of the work of the Field Trip Committee, and a discussion was had on the proposed camping trip in May to Bonny Dam. Dr. Chapin and Don Thatcher reported on recent field trips.

Permanent check lists are to be mimeographed for the use of Club members.

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John Flavin brought us up to date on activities of his pet sparrow hawk.

The Colorado Springs bird club will be in Denver April 19, and Don Thatcher invited Club members and friends to join with them in a box supper at the museum.

Mr. Glover contributed several issues of "Bird Lore" to the Club library.

Ferd Kleinschnitz showed an excellent color film, "Sunrise Serenade," which is put out by the Wildlife Institute and shows booming ground activity of sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chickens and sage grouse.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, April 27, 1954

Thirty-seven persons were present. Minutes were read and accepted and Mrs. Voris reported \$130.51 in the treasury.

John Flavin brought us up to date on nesting activities of his pet sparrow hawk and told us she was now incubating.

The Field Trip and Publications Committees reported. Current status of proposed check lists was discussed.

Recent magazine articles were brought to our attention. Mr. Glover told of one by Mr. Carhart in May, "Sports Afield," concerning grazing in national forests and one in "Audubon Magazine" on the subject of hunting the golden eagle in Texas. John Flavin told of a "Cavalier" article concerning shooting of eagles.

John Chapin displayed a piece of fence post showing work of the California woodpecker, presented by Laura Looms. Acorns had been poked into holes drilled in the wood.

A nominating committee was appointed: Don Thatcher, Ferd Kleinschnitz, Sadie Morrison, Mrs. Crow.

Don Thatcher presented the movie taken by Bob Niedrach, "Through the Zones," showing a progression of plant and animal life from the Sonoran to Arctic zones.

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Interesting field observations were discussed and after a few rounds of "20 Questions" the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, May 25, 1954

Twenty-seven members and friends attended the business meeting. Minutes were read and amended.

Mr. Glover showed slides taken on the Club trip to Bonny Dam and a brief report and discussion of the trip followed.

Reports were also given on other recent field trips and Dr. Chapin told of the day-long count taken by six members on May 22 during which 119 birds were found, as compared with 143 for last year. The Field Trip Committee told of future, planned trips.

Don Thatcher, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following proposed slate of officers for 1954-55:

President: John Flavin

Vice-President: John Douglas

Recording Secretary: Mrs. T. L. Dement

Corresponding Secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt

Treasurer: Leonard Licht

New Members of the Board: Jim Humphrey, Ben Pfretzschner

The slate was approved as presented.

Jim Humphrey told of a letter from England requesting that world-wide observations be made of the effect of sun eclipses and partial eclipses on the feeding habits, etc., of birds, and also suggesting that a world-wide bird count be made in September and others at various other times of the year.

Mr. E. M. Kalmbach, formerly of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, presented a film, "Birds, Beasts, and the Rainbow," showing the effect of color on eating habits of birds and rodents, and suggesting how poison grains could be colored to control rodent populations without endangering seed-eating birds. After discussion of this subject, the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Sec'y

General Meeting, September 28, 1954

Thirty-four members and friends attended the meeting of the Colorado Bird Club on September 28, 1954. Minutes were read and approved.

John Flavin announced the lists of committee members as follows:

Program Committee: John Chapin, John Douglas

Field Trip Committee: Sadie Morrison, Ruth Wheeler, Leonard Licht, Buryl Cummins, Clark Fortner

Publicity Committee: John Flavin, Don Thatcher, Catherine Hurlbutt

Check List Publication Committee: John Flavin, Don Thatcher, Ferd Kleinschnitz

The former treasurer, Mrs. Voris, turned the treasury over to the new treasurer, with a balance of \$145.00.

Dr. Chapin reported on the A.O. U. Conference held in Madison Wisconsin which he attended. Of especial interest was a paper on the use of bird recordings to attract the birds.

Dr. Chapin also reported that Peterson's revised edition of the "Field Guide to the Western Birds" could not be completed until the A. O.U. checklist is completely revised. There are not to be any common names of subspecies in the revised list. The Field Guide is expected to be out early in 1956.

Mr. Carl Harris presented his film, "By the Side of the Road." It was a most enjoyable movie of birds and wild animals.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

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General Meeting, October 26, 1954

The October 26 meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order by the president, John Flavin, at 8:00 p.m. with twenty-eight members and friends present. The minutes were read and approved.

It was announced the Museum would have a TV program on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. on which Dr. Bailey's movies would be shown.

John Flavin read a letter from a young man from Shawnee, Kansas. He had made a visit to Denver and done some very enthusiastic birding in the area.

It was announced that Mr. Glover would not be with us for a few months as he is away on business.

The question of whether or not to change the area of the Christmas Count was raised. The northern part of the area is being built up a good deal and a new highway is to pass through it and much of it may be spoiled in years to come. On the other hand, one of the objectives of the Christmas bird count is to have conditions and area as much the same as possible each year. If the area is to be changed, it should be changed this year rather than some later time. It was suggested that we wait until the old area and the proposed new area are scouted and compared before we make a decision.

Don Thatcher made a plea for members to send or phone in their field notes and to please do it as early as possible so that anything of unusual interest could be sent in in time for the Audubon Field Notes.

Mr. Bear of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave a very interesting talk illustrated by slides he had taken on his duck and goose banding expeditions.

The meeting adjourned at 89:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, November 23, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with forth-five members and friends attending. Minutes were read and accepted.

A lecture to be held in Phipps Auditorium on "The Story Behind 'The World We Live In'" was announced.

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There was a report on a scouting trip held the previous Sunday in the Deer Creek area where a Bewick's wren (?) was found. It was suggested that all birding done from now until the Christmas Count should be in the nature of scouting trips in the count area.

John Flavin told about the Lewis's Woodpecker reported in Osining, New York. It is very unusual to find this bird so far east.

Dr. Chapin presented the plans for the Christmas Count. There being no objections to the change of territory, the area has been moved about seven miles southward and will include about twelve miles of the South Platte River. The same stretch of Bear Creek as formerly will be included and from there south to Waterton. Idledale and Little Park are on the west boundary and Littleton on the east. The area will be divided into nine sections to be covered intensively by nine parties. Each party will be free to cover other areas when they are through with their own. The whole club is invited to Dr. Chapin's house at 2441 S. Dahlia Lane in the evening to hear the results of the count, whether they take part in the count or not. This will take the place of the December meeting.

The High Altitude Count will take place on January 1 in the higher mountains beyond Idaho Springs. As many members as possible are urged to take part in this count as well as the lower one.

Sgt. Galloway reported seeing white winged crossbills in Washington Park. Ring necked ducks were reported in Washington Park Lake.

It was brought to our attention that some people are kept from coming to the Club because the meetings are too technical. The general opinion was that the meetings are satisfactory and that the quality of the meetings should not be lowered just to attract the few people who might be frightened away by technical discussions.

Dr. and Mrs. Hough gave a very interesting talk illustrated with slides on birds and bird clubs of Australia.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

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General Meeting, January 25, 1955

The meeting was called to order by John Flavin at 8:00 p.m. with an attendance of thirty-two. Minutes were read and corrected.

Several interesting, brightly colored, carved birds from South America were displayed by Mrs. Crow.

Dr. Chapin reported on the Christmas bird count. The results showed the effects of the dry season and the bad weather of the day. However, the new area is probably basically good. There were twelve parties spending a total of one hundred party hours in the field. Three parties spent twenty-eight hours in the high area count.

There was a discussion deploring the giving of bounties for predators. In many cases, it encourages the practice of importing or raising predators in order to collect the bounty. Also, the qualities of protected strains deteriorate.

John Flavin suggested that the name of our Club be changed to include the name "Denver" since there are other cities in Colorado that have bird clubs separate from the "Colorado Bird Club." It would be a good idea to give this problem some serious thought.

John Flavin brought up the subject of the possibility of having the state bird changed since many people, especially in the western part of the state, do not know the lark bunting and rarely, if ever, see it. It was explained that the people of the mountain area had chosen the state flower and tree so the selection of the state bird was given to the people of the prairie. It was suggested that if a change of state bird were not feasible, the lark bunting should be widely publicized so that everyone would know and recognize it.

After a discussion of field notes presented by various members, John Douglas played an album of records—an interesting lecture entitled "Sounds in Nature" given by Professor Miller of UCLA.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement

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General Meeting, February 22, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the president, John Flavin, at 8:00 with thirty members and friends present. The minutes were read and approved.

The annual Christmas present from Howard Rollin to the Colorado Bird Club was presented. It is a beautiful original painting of the Baltimore Oriole.

A few field notes were presented. Sgt. Galloway found many ducks in small sand creeks near the Platte after the cold spell.

John Flavin plans to trap and band the male sparrow hawk that was the mate of the female he raised.

A trip to Georgetown on February 27 was announced.

Don Thatcher again requested help on the paper and asked that field notes be turned in by the tenth of the month. He suggested that an interesting addition to the paper would be the life history of one bird for each issue.

The meeting was turned over to John Douglas, the program chairman. Mr. McKee presented a series of slides on bird life on an atoll.

Mr. Joe Taylor presented his movies on Colorado birds.

It was announced that there is a book, "Finding Birds in Mexico," which would be of great value to anyone planning a trip to Mexico.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, March 22, 1955

The meeting was called to order by John Flavin with twenty-eight members and friends present. Minutes were read and accepted.

Dr. Chapin suggested that a spring bird count be conducted by the Club, similar to the Christmas Count except that there would be no territorial restrictions. Those who wanted to could make it their "Big Day"

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and those who couldn't spend so much time could participate to whatever extent they wished. It was also suggested that other clubs and individuals throughout the state be invited to participate and make it a state-wide count. It was moved and seconded that we should have a general spring count in May and that the field trip committee should plan the details and the corresponding secretary should help where needed. The motion carried.

Don Thatcher suggested that we might have more young people in the Club if the dues were reduced to fifty cents for those under eighteen.

John Flavin called a meeting of the Board to take place after the Club meeting to settle the question of dues.

Don Thatcher requested that any old copies of Bird Notes be sent to him rather than to be thrown away so that he could be sure to have a complete file. It was suggested that a section for juniors in the paper would add to its interest for young people and Don Thatcher said that if anyone wished to write such a section he would be glad to print it.

John Flavin reported that the sparrow hawk he had hoped to band had gotten away.

It was reported that, since the Colorado Bird Club is incorporated, it would be a complicated process to change the name so the idea of a different name was dropped.

It was reported that there was no bounty on magpies noted but that there will be open season on them.

Mr. Ryder presented a very interesting talk and series of slides on the Birds of the San Luis Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, April 26, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the president, John Flavin. Minutes were read and corrected.

There was a report from the field trip committee. Since there is a field trip scheduled with the Mountain Club on the same date as the proposed trip to Bonny Dam, there will be no organized trip to Bonny. Those who wish may go and those who prefer will go on the scheduled trip.

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It was suggested that the Colorado Bird Club make a fifty dollar contribution to the National Audubon Society. John Flavin announced that the club may be sponsoring a series of Audubon tours and lectures, and in view of this possible expense, it might not be wise to deplete the treasury by so large a sum.

John Flavin announced the appointment of John Chapin, Don Thatcher, Jim Humphrey, Ferd Kleinschnitz, and John Douglas as the nominating committee.

It was announced that at the May meeting, Mr. Johnson Neff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will present slides and a talk on a trip to Midway Island.

John Flavin read a letter received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the subject of banding doves. In order to improve mourning dove management, better information is needed and club members are urged to solicit the aid of children, especially in scouting, 4-H, and such organizations, in finding nesting doves. Experienced adults could then band both adults and nestling doves.

It was moved and seconded that the Colorado Bird Club take out a five dollar membership in Nature Conservancy. The motion was carried.

John Douglas presented Dr. Alexander from the biology department at CU. He gave a very interesting talk on hybridization in flickers.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, May 24, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the president, John Flavin, at 8:00 p.m. There were twenty-four members and friends present. The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Johnson Neff presented slides and a talk on the problem of large populations of albatross on Midway Island. There are so many of them that it is dangerous at times for airplanes to take off and land.

He then had the election of officers. The nominating committee presented the following slate:

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Vice-president: Jim Humphrey

Treasurer: Leonard Licht

Secretary: Ruth Dement

Corresponding secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt

New Members of the Board: Sadie Morrison to replace Jim Humphrey, Otto Vlasak, Mrs. Voris

It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted. The motion was carried.

Dr. Chapin gave a brief report on the "Big Count" of May 21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

Meeting of the Board, 1955

The two dollar (\$2.00) dues already in effect were confirmed.

It was moved and seconded that the dues should be \$2.00 for the first member of a family and \$.50 for each additional member of the immediate family. Passed

It was moved and seconded that anyone under eighteen should pay \$.50 dues and be considered a junior member. Voting should be by senior members only. Passed

Moved and seconded that a subscription to the paper for non-member should cost \$1.00.

General Meeting, September 27, 1955

Forty-four members and friends attended.

Don Thatcher presented Dr. Bailey who announced the coming series of movies and lectures to be held at the Museum and the "Nature on the Screen" series which he suggested that the Bird Club might

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sponsor. He also announced the Television Series put on by the Museum of Natural History. He then showed a very interesting movie made by the Museum staff on the wildlife of the Colorado plains.

The President, Don Thatcher, announced his appointment of committees as follows:

Bulletin: Dr. Chapin, Phyllis Caswell
Census: Dr. Chapin
Field trips: Ruth Wheeler, John Flavin, Joe Taylor
Program: Jim Humphrey
Statistical Records: Sadie Morrison
Survey Committee: Ferd Kleinschnitz, Thompson Marsh
Welcoming: Mrs. Voris

Anyone not wishing to keep their Bulletins was asked to please return them for the files.

It was suggested that everyone should try to welcome new members and make them feel at home.

Members were asked to volunteer for service on different committees.

John Flavin told of his experiences with one of the kit foxes which had been shown in Dr. Bailey's movies.

Interesting bird reports were: One that was seen at the Marston Lake and identified as either a skua or a jaeger. The Douglas's, who have gone to Ft. Collins, reported seeing an unusually large number of sparrow hawks. Clark's nutcrackers were seen on the plains and on Genesee Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, October 25, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the president Don Thatcher.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. Thirty-one friends and members attended.

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The treasurer's report was called for. As of September, 1955, the Bird Club had \$167.64 in the treasury.

It was suggested that since a five dollar membership in Nature Conservancy had been voted, it should be taken out immediately.

The "Bird Notes" files are complete except for Vol. I, no. 1 and Vol. II, no 1. Anyone having these copies and not wanting them is requested to turn them in to Don Thatcher.

It was announced that there will be a \$.50 charge for each person taking part in the Christmas Count this year to defray the cost of printing the Audubon notes. It was moved and seconded that each person who wants to should contribute this amount and that the Club should make up any deficiency. The motion carried.

Don Thatcher asked that everyone should send in their bird records so that a state-wide bird survey could be made.

There will be an effort made to share the burden of publishing the Bulletin. Every few months new people will be asked to publish it. Ferd Kleinschnitz will be publisher for November. It was suggested that a picture on the front of the bulletin would be an attractive addition.

John Flavin reported seeing three sharp-tailed grouse near Lowry Bombing Range.

The program chairman, Jim Humphrey, announced that Mr. Harry Tyler, the scheduled speaker, was ill and could not be present. Mr. Robert Bader, of Trail Riders, gave an interesting series of slides and a talk on the Trail Riders' trips through the Rockies and skiing in Europe.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, November 22, 1955

Thirty-one friends and members attended. The minutes were read and approved.

Since the Christmas Count was scheduled for Christmas Eve, which would be inconvenient for many people, it was moved and seconded that the Christmas Count be held on Monday, December 26. The motion was carried.

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It was also suggested that the high altitude count be held on Monday the second of January. It was moved and seconded to have the High count on Monday, January second. The motion was carried.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

The Open House at the Thatcher's home on November 27 was announced and everyone urged to come.

At Dr. Bailey's request the next Nature on the Screen was announced. On November 30, the movie "Rhapsody in Blue Grass" will be shown.

Don Thatcher read an acknowledgement of our Nature Conservancy membership.

Don Thatcher would like volunteers to help on the Bird Population Study he has been conducting on Genesee Mountain. He feels it should be a Club project and also he would like to have time to do birding in other areas.

The subject of banding mourning doves to help the Fish and Wildlife Service get data to change the hunting season to protect the doves was discussed. It was suggested that one of the members of the Club get a banding permit and other members work under him.

There was some discussion on whether or not to continue the identification meetings before the regular meeting each month. It was suggested that a course in Ecology would be of interest and general profit. The Audubon Society stresses the ecological viewpoint. It was decided to start such a course in January, 1956.

It was announced that the gathering at the Chapin's home after the Christmas Count would take the place of the December meeting. All were invited to come whether they took part in the count or not.

After various interesting reports on birds seen, Mr. Asbury presented an interesting movie of local birds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

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General Meeting, January 24, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. The minutes were read and corrected.

Thirty-three members and friends were present.

A painting of a ferruginous hawk by Howard Rollin was presented to the Club. This is his annual Christmas gift to the Bird Club.

Don Thatcher announced that the Survey Committee and the Statistical Committee would meet soon. He also suggested that the Bulletin Committee should be a committee of the whole. Everyone should be on it.

It was announced that the annual A.O.U. Meeting will be in Denver in 1956. It will be sponsored by the Denver Museum of Natural History. The Colorado Bird Club should help in this interesting event. Dr. Bailey is working on his book, "Birds of Colorado," and hopes to have it finished before the meeting.

Catherine Hurlbutt showed an interesting book, "Birds of Venezuela," which she sent for the Club library. Unfortunately, the book is written in Spanish, but has excellent pictures.

It was suggested that there should be a library inventory taken.

After the new people were introduced, the program was presented. Mr. Edwin D. McKee, former Park Naturalist, gave an interesting talk on the "Birds of Grand Canyon," illustrated with slides.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, February 28, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. The minutes were read and approved. There were forty-four members and friends present.

Plans are being made for banding doves this spring and summer. A banding permit will be sent for. Everyone should be on the watch for dove nests.

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Interesting bird records were called for. Dr. Chapin reported seeing blue birds. About one hundred rosy finches were seen on the trip to Georgetown.

The Colorado check list is almost complete. There will be 406 birds on it.

Mr. Joe Taylor presented an interesting movie of birds in Colorado and Mexico.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, March 27, 1956

In the absence of the president, Dr. John Chapin called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. Twenty-two members and friends were present.

It was announced that an annotated Colorado check list would soon be published in the Bulletin. This will include when and where to find different birds and which are rare, etc.

The A.O.U. annual meeting will be held in Denver the day after Labor Day. This will be a fine opportunity to meet and hear experienced birders and see fine movies. There will be several field trips on the weekend after Labor Day to be led by Colorado Bird Club members. A trip that will highlight western birds should be planned for those from the East who have not seen many western birds and a trip that would include eastern birds for those from the West. There will be a dinner meeting in Boulder the Thursday after Labor Day.

The question of a Spring count was discussed. Either Saturday the twelfth or the nineteenth was suggested as a good day.

We were not able to have the movies as there was not a suitable projector available.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

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General Meeting, April 24, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. Thirty members and friends were present. The minutes were read and approved.

A banding permit has been sent for so that the Club members can take part in the dove banding program of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Don Thatcher announced that the annual election would be held at the May meeting. A nominating committee would soon be appointed.

It was suggested that the class in Ecology, when started again in the Fall, should be held more often—perhaps every week or two weeks in different members' homes. An interesting addition to the study would be an occasional field trip devoted to ecology.

The Thatchers gave an interesting report on their March trip to Arizona.

Jim Humphrey presented several interesting movies on bird migration in England and America and Song Birds of the North Woods.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, May 22, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the president, Donald Thatcher. Thirty-three members and friends were present. The minutes were read and approved.

It was announced that the Club had received a bird banding permit for the Club as a whole. This is a permit for all species except waterfowl. A state permit had not yet been obtained. Sub-permits are obtainable for individual members. It is the responsibility of the Club to keep records.

Flowers were sent to the Tylers and Hurlbutts who have serious illness in their families.

The A.O.U. Convention is to be held in the week of Labor Day, in Boulder and Denver. The Denver Museum of Natural History, the University of Colorado, and the Colorado Bird Club will be co-hosts. The

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banquet will be held on the Thursday of that week at Boulder. A committee for arrangements must be set up.

Thompson Marsh, as Chairman of the nominating committee, gave the report as follows:

President: Donald Thatcher

Vice-president: Joe Taylor

Corresponding Secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt

Recording Secretary: Anna R. Condit

Treasurer: Phyllis Caswell

New Board Members: Jim Humphrey, Ferd Kleinschnitz

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The motion was carried. It was pointed out that Joe Taylor was reluctant to accept the nomination but it was generally felt that he would accept since he was elected.

Several excellent recordings of bird calls were enjoyed by all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dement, Secretary

General Meeting, September 25, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. There were 33 members and guests present.

Dr. Bailey presented movies of birds taken in Colorado and on a trip to Canton Island.

Don Thatcher announced the resignation of Joe Taylor as Vice-President. Thompson Marsh, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed the name of Cal Royall in nomination; this was seconded and approved.

The officers of the Club were introduced: Don Thatcher, President; Cal Royall, Vice-President; Ann Condit, Recording Secretary; Phyllis Caswell, Treasurer; and Catherine Hurlbutt, Recording Secretary.

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Don Thatcher announced the committee assignments as follows:

Welcoming: Mrs. A. H. Crow, Chairman; Catherine Hurlbutt, Mrs. C. D. Voris, Mrs. Don Thatcher

Records: Sadie Morrison, Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Dement, Phyllis McRae, Jim Humphrey

Survey: Ferd Kleinschnitz, Chairman; Bertha Durfee, Robert Glover, Thompson Marsh

Bulletin: John Chapin, Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Parnell White, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor

Check List: Donald Thatcher, Chairman

Christmas and Spring Counts: John Chapin, Chairman

Program: Cal Royall, Chairman

Banding: John Flavin, Chairman; Larry Crowley and Frank Justis

Field Trip: to be selected

The Ecology group will meet again this winter. The first meeting will be at 7 pm, October 23, 1956. Thompson Marsh reported that he had seen a Pomarine Jaeger at Marston Lake during the Club trip on Sep 23. The bird was an immature and there was a second smaller immature jaeger which may have been a Parasitic Jaeger. Thompson pointed out that he had seen a jaeger on Sep 24, 1955 at Marston Lake and he believes that it was a Pomarine Jaeger also. This is the first record of a Pomarine Jaeger for Colorado.

Don Thatcher reported on the recent AOU meeting and noted that the trip to Summit Lake for Ptarmigan had been very successful. Several flocks were sighted with a total of about 60 birds.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported that the New York Philharmonic would broadcast the recording of The Symphony of the Birds on the Oct 14 broadcast. She also reported that the Allegro Music Shop has a very complete bulletin listing events in Denver and that we might wish to list Club activities with them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Secretary

General Meeting, October 23, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. There were about 45 members and guests present. The minutes of the May and September meetings were read and approved.

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On the Club trip to Marston and Bowles Lakes on October 21, the following were noted:

John Chapin reported on the sighting of 20 Ring-billed Gulls and approximately 20,000 Franklin's Gulls. Also a large gull sitting on the shore was studied and was concluded to be an immature Glaucous-winged Gull. This would be the first reported for Colorado.

Don Thatcher reported that 15 Pelicans landed at Bowles Lake while the group was there and also that 3 male Wood Ducks were sighted there.

Don Thatcher reported that Mrs. White had seen a Green Heron along the Platte River and that he had also seen the bird.

Thompson Marsh reported that he had seen a Gray Jay at 2nd and Milwaukee during the week.

Mr. Reichert gave a very interesting and informative talk on binoculars. He gave pointers on how to buy binoculars, how to take care of them, and what the figures on the binocular mean. He also discussed the light-gathering abilities of the various binoculars and what the coating of lenses means to the user. Mr. Reichert compared the field of view of the various common binoculars, 6x30, 7x35, etc. and the wide angle binoculars such as the 6x25. He also pointed out that people who wear eyeglasses when using their binoculars will have the wider field of view if they replace the usual eye caps on their binoculars with the special shallow eye caps.

Mr. Reichert then showed a group of color slides and black and white photographs taken with a single lens reflex camera. Some of the pictures were taken with the regular lens, some with the addition of a binocular and some with a telescope plus the regular lens. Mr. Reichert also described the various accessories necessary for bino-photography, as this is called.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Secretary

General Meeting, November 27, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Don Thatcher, the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. 23 members and guests were present.

The president reported the death of Mr. Tappolet, who was a member of the Bird Club for several years.

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John Chapin discussed plans for the Christmas Counts, both low and high altitude, assignment of areas to be covered, and suggested scouting the areas. The Chapins are holding open house after the low altitude count.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported that contributions are requested for the Audubon Society Sanctuary Fund.

Unusual finds reported by various members are:

Thompson Marsh: Road Runner at Idaho Springs; flock of Bush Tits; 2 Bohemian Waxwings in Cheesman Park, a Calaveras Warbler; a female Surf Scoter on Cherry Creek, and an immature Glaucous-winged Gull on the Platte.

John Flavin reported on a white owl with dark patches on the tail and wing which he believes was an albino Long-eared Owl.

Cal Royall reported an immature Magnolia Warbler.

Donald Thatcher suggested setting up a system of notifying interested parties when an unusual bird is spotted.

Cal Royall presented a talk on the Waterfowl Refuges and showed movies of the Lower Souris Refuge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 22, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 26 members and guests were present. The minutes were read and approved.

Don Thatcher showed the group the picture of Cedar Waxwings and a Bohemian Waxwing which Howard Rollins sent as his Christmas present to the Club.

Hazel Thatcher related the story of the Sparrow Hawk which the Thatchers now have, and appealed for mice to feed it.

Don Thatcher gave a short talk on the Ecology of the Colorado Foothills.

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John Chapin and Thompson Marsh discussed the points of identification of several confusing species, including jaegers, gulls, hawks, shrikes, and pipits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, February 26, 1957

The meeting was called to order by Donald Thatcher, the president. 32 members and guests were present.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported that the Library had relayed several requests for speakers to appear before small groups and the matter was discussed by the membership.

Jean White volunteered to notify the Library, which makes up the list of events of interest for the week appearing in the Sunday paper, of Club meetings and trips.

Catherine Hurlbutt mentioned the needs of the Library of the Bird Club for pamphlet binders for the various publications, and there was general discussion of the problem. There was also general discussion concerning the acquisition of reference books for the library.

Catherine Hurlbutt moved that the Club send \$5.00 to the Nature Conservancy and \$10.00 to the Audubon Sanctuaries Funds; the motion was carried. There was general discussion of the possibility of acquiring color slides of Western birds to be used for lectures, etc. Catherine Hurlbutt was appointed to look into the situation and gather information on prices, pictures available, etc.

Mrs. Crow reported that she had had a Red-breasted Nuthatch at her bird feeder.

Mr. Richard Beidleman showed pictures on "Plants and Animals of Colorado, from Plains to Mountaintops."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, March 26, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 34 members and guests were present.

There was some discussion on the lack of slides available of the Lark Bunting. It was pointed out that the slides in existence are photographs of paintings and are not actual photographs of the bird. "Dad" Smith recounted some of the history of the choice of the Lark Bunting as the State bird.

"Dad" Smith thanked the Club members for the many birthday cards he had received on his 92nd birthday.

There was general discussion of the article by Robert S. Arbib, Jr., "New York State Standards of Abundance, Frequency, and Seasonal Occurrence," which was reprinted in the March issue of the Bulletin. Don Thatcher noted that in regard to using Mr. Arbib's standards in keeping our records, it would be very helpful if reports of field trips listed the number of hours the group was in the field and the approximate numbers of the birds seen.

Don Thatcher displayed skins of the Empidonax Flycatchers to show how difficult it is to distinguish between these birds in the field.

Mr. Walter Ray spoke on river basin projects and their effect on wildlife.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 23, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 32 members and guests were present.

Don Thatcher said that he plans to make a real effort to band Mourning Doves this year.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported on her progress in obtaining slides of western birds: she has ordered some slides from the Audubon Society from which the Club will select the slides to be purchased.

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Mrs. Crow reported that her son is sending her a group of slides which he has taken. The Club will select those slides which meet our requirements and have them duplicated.

Catherine Hurlbutt read a letter from the Audubon Society thanking us for our contribution to the Sanctuary Fund and inquiring as to whether we would prefer to apply the check to an Associate Membership in the Society. The matter was discussed and it was felt that the Club preferred to remain on its present status.

Donald Thatcher reported on the new edition of Pough's Field Guide to the Western Birds. He noted that the book should be used in conjunction with Pough's Eastern Guides for best results.

Council of Conservationists' pamphlets pleading that Dinosaur National Monument be made into a national park were distributed by Cal Royal.

Capt. Heilberg, the Air Force Academy Cadet Activities Officer, related the history of the Academy's selection of the falcon as its mascot and showed slides of some of the falcons. Capt. Heilberg brought along two of the Academy falcons, a Peregrine and an Alaskan Gyrfalcon, which were discussed with much interest by the Club members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 28, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee reported as follows:

President: John Chapin

Vice-president: John Flavin

Treasurer: Jean White

Recording Secretary: Anna Condit

Corresponding Secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt

New Board Members: Mrs. Crow; Leonard Licht

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It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The motion was carried.

The program consisted of a showing of slides of birds belonging to various members of the Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary*

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the meeting was recorded by the president, Don Thatcher.*

General Meeting, September 24, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 34 members and guests were present. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Don Thatcher reported that John Chapin, the incoming president, had notified the Club that he would be unable to accept the presidency of the club for the coming year. There was some discussion of the problem but no action was taken.

Don Thatcher read a letter from Hazel Thatcher requesting the Colorado Bird Club to sponsor a Junior Audubon Society group in her fourth grade class at Alcott School. After a general discussion of the project, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the Colorado Bird Club act as sponsor for the project and pay the \$9.00 in dues.

Catherine Hurlbutt told about her efforts to obtain publicity on the need for a recognizable picture of the Colorado State bird.

Mr. Johnson Neff spoke on the "Depredating Birds and Agriculture," and told of some of the methods of control used to combat such losses. He also spoke of the need for accurate population studies to determine whether the number of birds was increasing or decreasing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, October 22, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 28 members and guests were present.

The election of Don Thatcher as President for 1957-58 was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.

Don Thatcher called the attention of the Club members to the revised A.O.U. Check List which has just been published and gave a quick review of the changes included in the list.

John Flavin reported the death of Lang Baily, a former member of the Bird Club, in Santa Fe.

Movies of Colorado birds were shown by John Chapin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 26, 1957

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 30 members and guests were present.

The President read a letter from Hazel Thatcher's class at Alcott School thanking the Bird Club for financing a membership in the Junior Audubon Club for the class.

The President told about a letter from Miss Joan Kemp concerning the move to create a county park in Jefferson County opposite the Denver Federal Center. Miss Kemp listed several organizations who are sponsoring this park and asked if the Bird Club would care to participate. It was moved and carried that the Bird Club join in sponsoring the park.

Don Thatcher brought up the matter of the spraying of pesticides on a large scale and mentioned the dangers to wildlife. Don also mentioned that there are several court actions planned against governmental agencies for this type of spraying without the permission of the owners of the private property involved, and that funds were needed to finance these actions. There was a general discussion of the problem and of the need to coordinate such action with respect to the ecology of the whole area.

The new book on the "Warblers of America" was reviewed by Don Thatcher.

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Slides of birds were shown by Ann Condit, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Crow and Mr. Glover.

Mr. Glover also reviewed "The Travels of William Bartram." This book was originally published in 1790 and has just been reprinted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, January 28, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. There were present 74 members and guests of the Bird Club and of the Botany Club.

Mr. Al Vogel showed a bird calendar put out by Brown and Bigelow and quoted a price of \$.60 - \$.65 each for an order of 150 calendars.

Mr. Allen Auten showed the fine film he made on a trip to Africa to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and the Ruwenzori Range.

At the conclusion of the film many of the Botany Club members left and the Bird Club then held its regular business meeting.

Don Thatcher reported that the president of the District of Columbia Audubon Society suggests that the Bird Club make no contribution to support court actions against spraying to control insects at this time.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported the death of Mrs. Corning, a former member of the Bird Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, February 25, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 30 members and guests were present.

Dr. Gordon Alexander of the University of Colorado Zoology Dept. showed slides taken on a trip to Thailand in the Spring of 1956. Dr. Alexander also showed skins of birds typical of Thailand and told us about the birds of the country.

Following the program, there was a business meeting at which John Flavin reported on his efforts to catch a Merlin.

Sgt. Don Malick's painting of the Horned Owl, which he has presented to the Club, was shown to the members by Don Thatcher.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, March 25, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 31 members and guests were present.

A request by the Nature Conservancy group for a contribution by the Bird Club to aid in their work was presented to the membership. Don Thatcher recommended that the Club support this group.

There was some discussion as to the location of the nearest strutting ground of the Sage Grouse. Mention was made of the grounds located near Walden, Colorado; also of the grounds near Laramie, Wyoming.

Cal Royall presented a very interesting illustrated lecture on the Birds of the Hawaiian Islands.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, April 22, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher. 24 members and guests were present.

The program was presented by Mr. Nelson of U.S. Soil Conditioning Service and was a movie and lecture on organic gardening.

John Chapin discussed the plans for the Spring Count and set the date for May 17, 1958.

Don Thatcher requested information on the Gray-headed Junco.

A copy of a reprint of the article on birds from Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia was shown to the members by Ann Condit. Several members expressed interest in obtaining copies.

A most enthusiastic report of the trip to Laramie for the Sage Grouse strutting was given to the membership. Thanks were expressed to Catherine Crone and Ann Condit for their part in arranging the trip. Several members suggested that the trip be held again next year.

Margaret Pritchett sent in a letter from a Miss Ida Stockwell, 1221 Washington St., Denver, offering a pair of mountain boots, size 5-1/2C to anyone who could use them. The information was also relayed to the Mountain Club through the good offices of Trudy Pierce.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 27, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher.

The President reported the death of a member of the Club, Anna Marvin. It is believed that she died on May 25th.

The President requested that all members knowing of the location of accessible nests of Mourning Doves report them so that the young can be banded.

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The following nominations were moved and seconded for the 1958-1959 year:

President: Donald Thatcher
Vice-President: James Humphrey
Treasurer: Joseph Borden
Recording Secretary: Robina Storrie
Corresponding Secretary: Catherine Hurlbutt
Directors: John Flavin and John Chapin (for 2 years)

The two directors who are serving for the second year of their term of office are Mrs. A. H. Crow and Leonard Licht.

Catherine Hurlbutt presented a program of bird recordings, including selections from the Symphony of the Birds, recordings by the Boyes, and Mexican birds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna R. Condit, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, September 24, 1958

The meeting was called to order by the president, Donald Thatcher.

Dr. Bailey told the group about the book on Colorado Birds being prepared by Dr. Bailey and Mr. Niedrach. He showed us a painting of the prairie falcon and the peregrine falcon which is to be one of over a hundred color plates to be produced.

He reminded us of the Nature on the Screen programs to begin October 23 with "Touch of the Tropics" by William Wagner.

He spoke of his interest in sea birds and of his work with the albatross on Laysan Island in the Hawaiian group.

Dr. Bailey then introduced his fifteen year old grandson, Jack Murphy. Jack had accompanied his grandfather to Campbell Island and later around the world.

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Jack Murphy gave a very interesting explanation as the slides were shown. The first stop was Canton Island just south of the equator. Here were seen the Red-footed Booby, Blue-faced Booby, Fairy Tern, and Man-O-war Bird. A visit was made to the Figi Islands. On Viti Levu palm trees must be irrigated for growth. In New Zealand were seen the beautiful Southern Alps, and such birds as the Gannet and Oyster Catcher. The Kiwi is a bird of the land.

Being the Geophysical Year, the expedition was fortunate in being transported to Campbell Island by a United States vessel the "Brough" which was patrolling Arctic waters at the time.

Campbell Island lies 450 miles south of New Zealand. It has an area of 34 square miles. A weather station is maintained here. Five kinds of Albatross live on the island. Nesting Albatross were located along the grassy cliffs, while on the sea cliffs were the homes of the Penguins such as the Yellow-crested and the Royal. Slides were also shown of the Elephant Seal, Sea Lion, and one kind of rare seal.

The business meeting was held after the program.

Don Thatcher reported that this year's banding of Mourning Doves had not been very successful.

Lois Webster suggested that we sponsor a group of young people who wish to learn about birds. A committee was appointed to look into ways and means and the possibility of interesting children in birds. Appointed were Anna Condit, chairman, Lois Webster, Hazel Thatcher, and John Chapin.

A discussion was held concerning the changing of the club's name to something that would identify us to the public in a clearer manner.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to get information from the Audubon Society as to what costs would be involved if affiliated with that group, would we lose our present identity, etc.; also to get information on organizing Junior groups.

A discussion was started concerning revision of the by-laws such as who are members, etc. Thompson Marsh was asked to serve as chairman of a committee but suggested we leave by-laws until we find out what interest there is in an Audubon Group.

The by-laws are to be published first for study.

A Statement of dues payable in September for 1958-1959 will be sent to members.

John Chapin and Donald Thatcher will prepare a questionnaire to be answered by members concerning what they prefer on programs and for field trips.

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The meeting was adjourned as it was time to be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robina C. Storrie, Secretary

General Meeting, October 28, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by the president, Don Thatcher.

The guest speaker was Dr. O. A. Knorr, Asst. Professor of Biology in the Extension School of Colorado University. His subject was "The Black Swift in Colorado."

Dr. Knorr told how the known area for the Black Swift had extended eastward from the Pacific Region to include the Rocky Mountains and Colorado and into Central Mexico during the years 1857 through 1936.

In 1949, Lang Baily and Dr. Knorr were asked to help with a study being made of the Black Swift in Colorado for the Denver Museum of Natural History. The clue to their location would be a waterfall. West of Silverton, the first pictures made in Colorado were taken.

Ecological requirements for choice of nesting site:

1. Water present and continue for the season. Rushing torrent
2. High Relief. Cliffs. Fly out straight to feeding area.
3. Inaccessibility. Need wings, Rope, ladder
4. Darkness. Sun not shine on nest
5. No obstruction. Flyway to nest clear, not dodge through trees.

Areas studied:

1950: Ouray, 10 pair, 3 nests with eggs

1951: Telluride, McClure Pass, Paonia, Rocky Mt. National Park, Loch Vale

1952: Long's Peak, Wild Basin, Pair Sept 10. Mt. Sneffles, Creede, Westcliffe

1953: Boulder watershed, sighted

1957: [no entry]

1958: Vail Pass, Wolf Pass. Black Canyon, waterfall, Glenwood Springs area, Bear Lake, Estes area, South Lateral Moraine

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Business meeting:

It was announced that pictures of the Whooping Crane would be shown at the November meeting.

The group was asked to reserve the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher were holding open house for their friends and members of the Bird Club.

Trudy Pierce and Catherine Hurlbutt reported on the Audubon Society:

1. Affiliation: Fee \$15.00 per year; gives prestige, conservation programs, requests—referred back to nearest affiliate

2. Branch: each member pays \$6.50

Mrs. White moved that the Colorado Bird Club affiliate with the Audubon Society. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

It was suggested that a special meeting be held to discuss activities for children.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robina Storrie, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, November 25, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. Thirty members and friends were present.

The film of the Whooping Crane had not arrived. Names and phones of those present were taken. Calls will be made to notify them when the film arrives.

Treasurer's report: 100 active members, 37 subscribers, 5 junior, 4 life = 146

Amount in bank: \$357.28

Jean White was appointed Chairman of a committee to purchase a table for use at meetings to replace the huge one now used.

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A special meeting will be held December 5 to discuss children's activities. Suggestion was made by D. M. Thatcher that the Club concentrate its efforts on training leaders rather than spread too thin on children.

Jean White reported a Short-billed Marsh Wren at Clear Creek swamp—McIntyre at 44th, State Highway 58, on Sunday, November 16.

Discussion on birds seen: Robins, Cedar Waxwings. A Marsh Hawk found at the Dog Pound was received by John Flavin. After injuries were healed, it was banded and released.

Catherine Hurlbutt talked about her Lark Bunting stationery and having it placed in a couple of stores, \$1.00 a package. Will not have any more printed. Catherine played "Sapsucker Woods" for our pleasure.

The meeting was adjourned. In the absence of the recording secretary the meeting was reported by Mrs. Don Thatcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Storrie, Recording Secretary

Special Meeting, January 28, 1959

Instead of the regular meeting, a special meeting was called for Wednesday, January 28.

At this meeting a film on the Whooping Crane was shown.

No minutes were recorded.

Meetings of the Colorado Bird Club are held at the Denver Museum of Natural History. It is located in City Park at Colorado Boulevard and Montview.

Respectfully submitted

Robina Storrie, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, February 24, 1959

The meeting was called to order by the president, Don Thatcher.

A sound film edited by Briggs was shown: "Goony Bird." The Goony Bird of Midway Island is one of the Albatross family. The Goony spends 7 or 8 years at sea then returns to Midway to nest. They do not recognize that the Navy now controls this island, so make landings on runways or front lawns. The nest is a built up depression in which one egg is laid. It takes 60 days to hatch and then six months to raise the chick. This film was presented with a bit of humor. It was suggested that it be presented again for members not present.

Howard Rollin of Weldona, Colorado has sent to the club a painting of Grace's Warbler. This is a bird of the southwestern part of the state, similar to the yellow warbler of the east. We now have about thirty of Mr. Rollin's paintings.

Mr. Thatcher has received a gift, "The Birds of Maryland and District of Columbia," North American Fauna, No. 62, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Fish and Wild Life Service, by Robert E. Stewart and Chandler S. Robbins. Some of the research which Don carried out is reported in this book.

Members are reminded to fill out the questionnaire on subject matter and meeting date.

Help was requested to get out the Bulletin, Sat. or Thurs.

Birds reported seen were:

Ross' Goose, City Park, two weeks ago. T. Marsh
Also there were Snow Geese, Canada and Lesser Mocking Bird at Waterton, Ferd Kleinschnitz
Long-eared Owl, near home, Don Thatcher
Five Mountain Bluebirds, Don Thatcher
Bohemian Waxwing, numerous this year, 1959.

Shrubs for birds: High Bush Cranberry, Russian Olive, Asparagus Berry

Check Lists: Dr. Knorr working on one. Stillwell, "Western Bird Record."

Identification aides:

The wrens:

Winter Wren: beautiful song, smaller than House
Marsh Wren: long and short bill
Canyon Wren: long bill, song scale

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Rock Wren: bigger, song chipping, only here summer

Carolina Wren: now reported here

Bewick's Wren: rounded long tail, musical

Cactus wren: curved beak, large, Arizona, similar to sage thrasher

Shrikes:

The Loggerhead

Northern: white above, mature darker

Mocking bird: longer bill, winter

Solitaire: more in winter

Bush Tit: Pinon Juniper forest, long nest

Varied Thrush: black band across breast, like robin

Bohemian Waxwing: larger 2x, chestnut under tail, clear call

Cedar Waxwing: call a hiss

Redpoll: small, both; males red head and breast; only winters in Colorado, summer North Pole

House Finch: red also on back

Gold Finch: Gray in winter. Yellow and black in summer

Lesser Gold Finch: summer common in Denver; used to be called Arkansas

Pipit American

a. Water Pipit, found in high mountains

b. Spragues, yellow feet, Northern Prairies, not in Colorado

Skins of winter birds and confusing species were shown.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robina Storrie, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, March 24, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by the president, Don Thatcher. The weather being very stormy, the speaker was introduced so he could leave early.

Dr. C. A. Knorr of the Biology Department of the University of Colorado was the speaker. His subject: "Bird Banding." Dr. Knorr began his work in bird banding about 1938.

Notes on banding:

1710 Europe: first. Great Grey Heron
1803 America: Audubon, Phoebe
1910 American Bird Banding Association
1920 Fish and Wild Life took over. Canada and United states 2,000 banders
1958 700,000 birds banded; 300,000, game
Seven million to date
16% of returned records are usable.

Bands:

Issued by Fish and Wild Life, Laurel, Maryland

Cooperators not paid. 18 years old. Three ornithologists indicate you know birds

String of bands. Twelve sizes: 0, 1, 1B, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Handy holder—use large hair pin used for making lace (5&10). Solder side. Make pin. String on pin, order sequence 0-1-1B

Have band partially open before use.

Serial number on the outside

Report calendar year, species, age, sex, how caught

Write United States Fish and Wild Life Service, Washington, DC

Small bands: use small pliers as electric. Fingers close first. Pliers lap from each side. NO GAP
Edge of band. Things catch.

Medium pliers for larger sizes

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Traps:

Government Sparrow trap 1937

Low funnel. Wide funnel; hardware cloth. Bait. Allow drop going in and out

Drop traps hurt birds

Remove bird:

Reach to get bird quickly, beak out cloth

Across shoulder to pinion wings

Hold leg firmly to avoid injury

To band, turn bird over on back, hypnotic state. Grab bird by head, lay in hand, place little finger across neck. Band

Larger birds: go to nest, band young, nestlings. Some birds will not go into trap.

Cliff Swallow: use hair net, elastic nylon, neck of nest

Return bird to wild, quickly, no injury. Never leave trap set.

Lapped bands: not over-lapped, serious

To remove a lapped band, use cuticle scissors, slip under band, open scissors, remove

Information from records: Migration: route, speed

Projects for study: blood smear (malaria); parasites, lice, mites

Personality of birds

Live study, color of eye, etc.

Business meeting:

Jean White has purchased table for use of Club; Mr. Borden sent \$15 for affiliation with Audubon Society.

Birds reported: Winter Wren, Townsends Solitaire, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Bohemian Waxwing

Skins observed: woodpeckers, rosy finches, jays, catbird, waxwings.

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The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robina C. Storrie, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, April 25, 1959

The meeting opened at 8:15 p.m.

Catherine Hurlbutt was asked to write states with hawk laws to see what is being done: Ca, Ind. Conn, Pa

Discussion on the possibility of buying a projector for the Club. Dr. Eliot suggested a combination opaque-slide projector (approx. \$300). Projector to be used by club members when speaking to other groups. A committee to investigate: Leonard Licht, Chairman, Catherine Hurlbutt, Robert Glover.

A Nominating Committee was appointed:

Ray Olson, Chairman. Catherine Hurlbutt, Jean White.

To report at the May meeting.

Reports and Observations:

- a. Mrs. Burt: Pheasant at her house, 4-25-59, 2 hours
- b. Ray Olson: 6 turkey vultures seen at 2:30 p.m. 4-28
- c. John Flavin trapped 18 sparrow hawks, April 4.
- d. T. Marsh: Mandarin duck on City Park Lake
- e. R. Niedrach: pair Long-eared Owls nesting his place
- f. Longmont (Collister) reports a Flammulated Owl in the park in that city.
- g. Ray Olson reported on trip to Laramie to see Sage Hens (1500) on their dancing grounds. Also 3 Mountain Plover weekend of April 17. Denver weather snowing, Laramie pleasant.
- h. Don Thatcher: Black and White warbler at Berkeley April 20.

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Films shown: "Game Birds of Colorado" by State Fish and Game Dept; "The Loon's Necklace"

The notes on the meeting were provided through the courtesy of Mrs. Mary Crowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Robina C. Storrie, Recording Secretary

General Meeting, May 26, 1959

The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Johnson Neff of the Fish and Wildlife Service. His subject was Albatross research. The Gooney Birds of Midway and methods of bird control were discussed. The proper use of pesticides is very essential. The Gallinaceous birds are very resistant to strychnine.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Catherine Hurlbutt gave a brief report on the projector and the possibility of acquiring a library of picture slides. Mr. Glover was to experiment with slides. Any colored pictures that anyone has that might make good slides should be delivered to Mr. Glover or Miss Hurlbutt.

"Dad" Smith has been hospitalized and would appreciate cards.

A report on the Hawk Laws of the states was given. Letters from California, Michigan, and Pennsylvania were given to Mr. Flavin.

Mrs. Crow announced that Margaret Miller has a 7 x 50 binocular and case for sale at \$30.

Mrs. Borden reports that Mr. Borden would like information on the South American Condor, which he thinks he saw in Bolivia.

The new table for use of speakers and displays has been secured.

Observation Reports:

I. Spring Count: 99 species

a. Bonny Dam, reported by John Chapin

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Birds new to Colorado: Piping Plover, Green Heron, Parula Warbler, Crested Flycatcher, Wood Thrush

b. Barr Lake: Bobolinks, Baltimore Oriole

c. Mountain areas: Broadtailed Hummingbirds were plentiful; Saw whet Owl on Genesse Mt.

II. Magnolia Warbler on the Hogback

III. Red Phalarope, Federal Center Pond. Reported by Dennis Carter. Verified by Mr. Neff and Don Thatcher

IV. Least Bittern, White faced Ibis, and Black Bellied Plover, Platteville area, reported by Mrs. Lett

Report of Nominating Committee

President: Thompson Marsh

Vice-President: Lois Webster

Recording Secretary: Mary Louise Rosegay

Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Dement

Treasurer: Dennis Carter

Board Members: Ann Condit, Ferd Kleinschnitz

A motion was made and seconded that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate.

The minutes were reported through the courtesy of Mrs. Crow and Mrs. Thatcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Robina C. Storrie, Recording Secretary

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General Meeting, September 22, 1959

The first regular meeting of the season was called to order at 8:00 p.m. September 22, 1959, by the president, Thompson Marsh. Approximately 25 members were present. Minutes of the last regular meeting were omitted.

Those present were called upon to introduce themselves in turn and report any recent interesting observations or experiences with birds.

Thompson Marsh, as incoming President, extended thanks to Don Thatcher, retiring President for his many works benefitting the Club.

The meeting was then turned over to the Vice-President, Lois Webster, who called upon Don Thatcher for the evening's program. He presented an account of his recent trip to Regina, Saskatchewan, for the annual meeting of the A.O.U., August 25-30. He related his personal observations of birds along the way, as well as brief sketches of the various talks he had attended at the meeting. In addition, he reported on a trip to Arizona and adjoining parts of Mexico, made the following week.

It was announced that H. G. Smith was very ill, and his address, 1457 St. Paul, was read for those desiring to send cards. It was also announced that Johnson Neff requests written questions from Club members on the subject of his talk, "Albatross Research" and on pest control made at the last regular meeting of the Club in May.

Mrs. Lett announced that illustrations of the State Bird, the Lark Bunting, had been made available through the Colorado Game and Fish Dept.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary

Executive Board Meeting, September 29, 1959

The meeting was called to order in the Bird Room of the Museum at 8:00 p.m. by the president, Thompson Marsh. A quorum was present.

Correspondence from Dr. Bailey, Director of the Museum, was read. The board agreed to accept his offer to make the Denver Museum of Natural History the official Bird Club address and its telephone

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number our official listing. The Club is to reimburse the Museum if and when its use of these facilities warrants their sending a bill.

A regional checklist of birds for use and distribution by the Club was proposed by Thompson Marsh. The form agreed upon by the group is a single sheet, printed in quarters on one side only, to be folded for easy handling in the field. This form also allows for simple reproducing or filing. It was decided to order 1000 lists, to try using these to record the results of all the scheduled club field trips, and to inform members early in the week, by mail, of these results. The month of November will be the trial period, at the end of which the Club can judge cost and effectiveness, and decide whether or not to continue the project. It was suggested that the Club keep a supply of these lists on sale at the Museum for \$.10 a copy.

The printer agrees to fold, address with sticker, stamp, and mail lists by noon each Monday, at the rate of \$6.85 per 150 copies.

Joe Borden was proposed and approved as Field Trip Chairman. It was suggested that the regular field trips be supplemented with occasional special trips to more distant localities.

It was suggested that Scout leaders be notified of field trips, and Don Thatcher proposed that we again bring up the subject of training youth leaders through the Park Naturalist at R.M. National Park.

Don Thatcher also suggested the club send a representative to the Regional Park Association meeting.

The group approved the transfer of Club funds from the Colorado National Bank to the Jefferson County Bank, details to be handled by Dennis Carter, treasurer.

It was proposed and approved that the Club pay to have some of the work on the Bulletin done professionally. The next issue will be turned over after the stencil is cut, to be finished and mailed.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary

General Meeting, October 27, 1959

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order Tuesday, October 27, at 8:00 p.m. by the president, Thompson Marsh. Forty members and friends were present.

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Joe Borden, the field trip chairman, discussed the two-month trip schedule already sent to members and the policy for the coming year, basically the same as last year's. This provides continuous records for given areas throughout the year.

Members and guests were then called upon in turn to report observations or to make any pertinent announcements or reports.

Irving Greenbaum and Catherine Hurlbutt covered the Albatross news, Irving reporting on a newspaper article and Catherine reading a recent letter from the Navy liaison officer on Midway Island who may be responsible for the fate of the birds. Thompson Marsh read a sample letter and telegram that could be used as models in contacting our Congressmen and the president, asking their intervention in the Navy's proposed plans to destroy the birds. Addressed envelopes were distributed by Catherine Hurlbutt to facilitate the job.

Don Thatcher reported the Bulletin near completion.

Phil Alexander discussed briefly the nature of the Regional Parks Association and his new appointment as the Bird Club representative to this group.

Dennis Carter, Treasurer and Membership Chairman, reported a balance of \$316.66, not including recent dues, and announced that the Club account will remain in the Colorado National Bank.

The secretary, M. L. Rosegay, read the minutes of the September meeting, and of the Directors' Meeting held September 29. They were approved as read.

Lois Webster announced that Mr. Joseph Borden was scheduled for next month's program, his subject being "A Tour of Bolivia and Paraguay."

Hazel Thatcher reported H. G. Smith (age 95) improved in health.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson reported on the Audubon Society's Operation Recovery, a mist netting project in which they are cooperating. Chiefly song birds are trapped and banded, in an attempt to correlate weather changes with flights of birds. Mrs. Collister, of Longmont, working on the same project, has banded as many as 500 birds in 18 days. The workers are interested in getting help and in finding good sites for their operations.

Lois Webster introduced Dr. John Chapin, who spoke on "The Winter Birds of Colorado" with skins. The program was concluded and the meeting adjourned at 10.00 p.m.

Signed,

M. L. Rosegay, Secretary

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General Meeting, November 24, 1959

The regular meeting of the Colorado Bird Club was called to order at 8:00 p.m., November 24, 1959, by the president, Thompson Marsh. There were approximately 40 members and friends present.

Joe Borden, having been assigned to a new locality in Canada, tendered his resignation as field trip chairman for the club. The President assigned Jean and Parnell White to fill the vacancy.

The President called for opinions on the feasibility of continuing the mailing of the weekly field trip records, as carried out experimentally during the previous month. It was estimated that if as many as 100 members were interested, the club could continue the lists at the cost of \$2.50 per year per subscriber. It was agreed to proceed on this basis, if possible, adding such improvements as numbers of individuals of each species seen, and such data as could be noted conveniently on the checklist form.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved. The treasurer, Dennis Carter, reported a total of \$281.61 cash on hand.

The vice-president, Lois Webster, announced that Dr. A. M. Bailey would present the program for the January meeting. There will be no regular meeting in December, but the president extended an invitation to the club to an Open House from 5 – 7 pm., Sunday, December 13, at his home, 199 Ash St., Denver.

A Directors' Meeting was announced for December 8, at 8:00 p.m. at the Museum, to transact business.

Audubon Screen Tour lectures were announced for Nov. 27 and Dec. 11, 1959.

Announcements were also made concerning the Christmas census and the preliminary field trips to be made during December. The low altitude count is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 26, the high latitude for Saturday, Jan 2.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Joseph L. Borden, who spoke on his recent experiences in Paraguay and Bolivia, and showed an interesting collection of slides with many notes on birds.

The program was concluded and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary

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Directors' Meeting, December 8, 1959

The directors' meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Museum Bird Room, by the president, Thompson Marsh. Nine members were present.

Plans for cooperating with the Denver Post in writing up the activities of the Bird Club were made. The article with pictures and a copy of the checklist will appear in the "Empire" section of the Sunday newspaper, probably sometime in the spring. As many members as possible were urged to be at the Red Rocks Museum at 9:15 a.m. December 20 for the purpose of appearing in the photographs of the Club. This is the morning of the regular field trip, under Don Thatcher, at Red Rocks.

It was requested that Al Knorr's record of the Cape May Warbler included on the Club checklist be checked as to time and place.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Douglas was read in regard to the previously discussed natural history study course for youth leaders. They offered their services as instructors should this program be developed in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain National Park naturalists Wayne Bryant and Chester Harris. Don Thatcher has been delegated to contact these men to try to reach some definite decision.

The weekly field trip reports were discussed and it was decided to proceed with them on a subscription basis, regardless of the number of members interested, as it was figured the cost of production and mailing could be covered by the flat \$2.50 a year subscription rate, if all possible economies were practiced. The treasurer, Dennis Carter, will collect the fee at any time a member chooses to begin his subscription, and will refund any amount due the member in event of cancellation before the year expires. This refund will be figured at the rate of \$.25 per month. Phil Alexander was appointed field trip report chairman, and will handle the job of organizing the weekly reports and turning the completed checklist into the Electronic Stencil Service (1726 Champa St, Denver 2, Colorado). Numbers of individuals of each species seen will be recorded on the list. The first issue will cover the census reports and appear the first Tuesday in January. Subsequent numbers should appear each Tuesday.

It was suggested that binocular dealers, sporting goods companies, and book dealers be given free copies of the checklist to distribute with appropriate purchases, but it was decided to postpone any action on this suggestion until after the newspaper article featuring the club and the list appears.

Dennis Carter was delegated to inquire about slides the Museum is said to be selling, and anyone knowing of other possible sources of such teaching materials was asked to turn it in to the committee on education under Don Thatcher.

The Fort Collins census day was announced as December 27, and all club members are invited to participate.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Signed,

Mary Louise Rosegay, Secretary