

Western Tanager



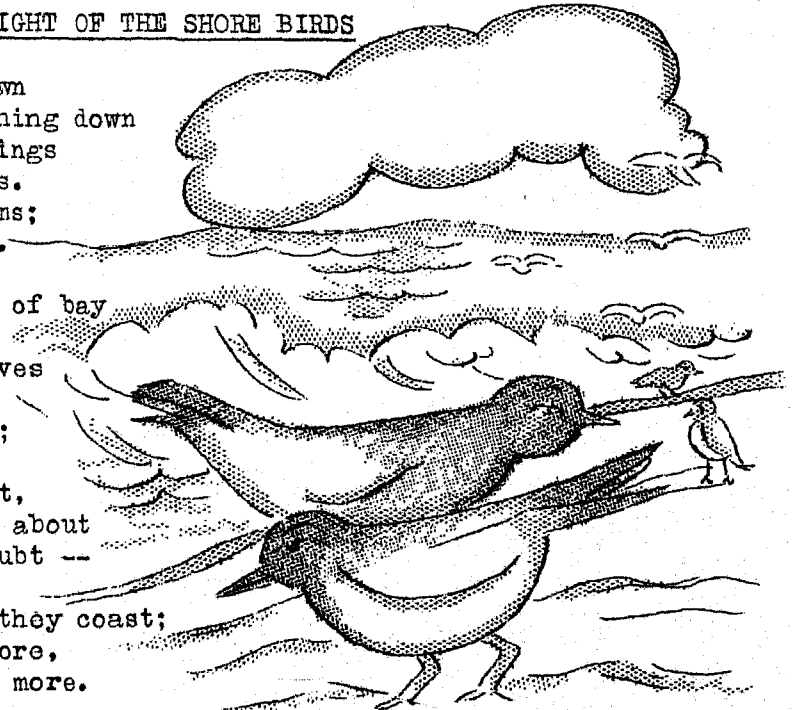
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THE FLIGHT OF THE SHORE BIRDS

On tawny beach with its rug of brown
Where long slanting rays come reaching down
A shift and a flutter of winged things
A lilt of color the movement brings.
Then a sudden lift, and magic blooms;
A shifting shimmering vision looms.
The magic carpet is on its way --
It slides, it glides o'er the blue of bay
And in its winged pattern weaves
The smile of happy wind-tossed leaves
Black and white the Willet wings,
A touch of brown the Godwit brings;
The whole a vivid living light --
A thousand birds are seen in flight,
They swerve, they turn, they wheel about
The leader seems in some slight doubt --
But now, on comes the winged host,
On wide spread wings to the beach they coast;
Now huddling close on the sandy shore,
There rests the thousand birds, or more.



Charles W. Michael



VISITORS IN MY GARDEN



This morning, March 29th, 1939, we were awakened by many bird voices in the garden. Looking from the windows with eyes heavy with sleep, we were amazed to see birds everywhere, in the fig tree, the acacia, and the loquat and on the wires.

The Cedar Waxwings were paying us an early call. Soon one dropped down to the bird-bath to drink, then another, then three, four, five. Away these flew and down came another set. Suddenly into the fig tree flew a robin with his gorgeous red breast. He caused quite a sensation as he alighted on the bath. Finally, after testing the water, he hopped in, bathing royally, with waxwings alighting on the rim fluttering their wings. They had now found the way, and as the robin flew away, they rushed into the water, as many as eleven bathing at once. Such excitement as more came and others flew to perches to dress their feathers. One sat on the rim quarrelling with others who came too close. All this commotion caused much excitement among the other birds. The Linnets and Gambel Sparrows looked on amazed; the Mocking bird tried in vain to preserve order, while the Audubon Warblers peered fearfully into the feeding cups. The buddleias were filled with busy Bush-tits, while the San Diego Titmouse flew about with a sunflower seed looking for a place to cache it.

As bathing and dressing was finished, the Waxwings left for their favorite locust tree, and calmness returned again to the garden.

Miss Charlotte A. Hamilton

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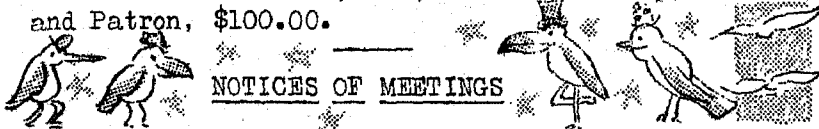
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Write it in letters of gold --
 The Bullocks Oriole and the
 Arizona Hooded Oriole came to
 Plummer Park on March 30th, and
 April 1st, the Arizona Hooded
 Oriole to stay for the summer,
 and the Bullocks Oriole only
 to bathe and rest on his way
 to his summer home near. The
 Yellow Warbler arrived April
 20th, and the Golden Pileolated
 Warbler also.

Mrs. Jensen brought ten boys
 to Plummer Park on April 26th,
 to a birthday party for her
 little son, and Mr. C. V. Duff
 gave a talk on "Hawks."
 Mrs. Mary Barnes Salmon

MAY, 1939, CALENDAR						
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The Los Angeles Audubon Society holds two regular meetings each month--the first Thursday being Field Day, the third Thursday, a program meeting held in the State Building at Exposition Park, at 2 p.m. The annual dues are \$1.25; Life Membership, \$10.00, and Patron, \$100.00.



NOTICES OF MEETINGS

FIELD DAY - Thursday, May 4th, 1939. We are again invited to visit Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tucker's lovely place in Modjeska Canyon. The many species of birds that feed and nest there almost equal their famous Hummingbirds in interest. Mrs. Caroline Daugherty promises one of the finest field days of the year. Join our sociable bus trip through Whittier, Fullerton, Anaheim, Orange and El Modena, through beautiful Santiago Canyon and past the big Santiago Reservoir. The round trip of 100 miles through the groves and green hills will be \$1.25, in a big comfortable Tanner Bus, leaving 544 South Hill Street at 8 a.m. sharp. Make reservations with Miss Laura Greely, Blanchard 71849. Bring lunch as usual. Miss Ruby Curry will give a talk on Hummingbirds.

BOARD MEETING - Thursday, May 11th, 1939, 10 a.m. - 1233 South Glendale Boulevard, followed by luncheon. Hostesses, Mrs. Caroline Daugherty, Mrs. May Wait, and Mrs. Dan J. McCarthy. Call OXford 1990 if you can be present.

PROGRAM MEETING - Thursday, May 18th, 1939, at 2 p.m., State Building, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Lecture by Mrs. Alma W. Mason, President of the Southwest Bird Study Club, on "Birds of our Western Life Zones" - a wonderful treat to hear from one who knows and loves the birds. Bring a guest and enjoy this fine program.

"AUDUBON DAY AT HELMS" - Luncheon and a trip through Helms Bakery - Thursday, May 25, 1939, at 12:15 p.m., 8720 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles (Venice street car line). There will be installation of officers and a program "America's Bird Whistling Chorus" presented by Mrs. Milton Jeffs. The work of these whistlers is distinctive unique in conception and finished in rendition. Secure tickets from Mrs. Grace Brown, York 1308 -- price 25¢. There will be door prizes.

STUDY CLASS - Friday, May 26th, 1939, at 10 a.m., at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles. Mr. C. V. Duff will conduct. The Club at this time would like to express their appreciation for the time Mr. Duff has so generously given and the enthusiasm with which he has presented his subjects, making his class a delight for all those who have been fortunate enough to attend.

Thursday, June 1st, 1939, 9 a.m., Western Avenue entrance, Griffith Park, Los Angeles. Mrs. Caroline Daugherty will lead the bird walk. Special birthday celebration for all the members for the year. Bring lunch as usual. See enclosed program for dates June 3rd and 4th - Federation of Natural Sciences.)

APRIL FIELD DAY

Colorful Rancho Santa Anita provided an interesting setting for the April bird walk. Fifty-two species were observed by the members, as they wandered along winding paths, lined by stately trees, gathered from different parts of the world and planted by the original owner, "Lucky Baldwin". Following luncheon, Mrs. Ella Hamilton gave an interesting talk on bugs, the study of which has suggested ideas for many inventions. Miss Charlotte Hamilton spoke on our wild flowers, a subject about which she has a very thorough knowledge, showing specimens.



APRIL PROGRAM MEETING



Mary V. Hood's talk, illustrated with Kadochrome slides of her own paintings, gave a vivid picture of the color, history and beauty of our wild flowers.

Miss Charlotte Hamilton gave our butterflies new charm and interest in her fine talk on that subject.

New officers elected to serve for the coming year are:

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| Miss Laura Greely, President | Mrs. May Wait, Treasurer and Member-ship |
| Mrs. Maud F. Murphy, First Vice President | Mrs. Mary Barnes Salmon, Curator and Librarian |
| Mrs. Caroline Daugherty, Second Vice President | Mrs. Grace S. Hall, Auditor |
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RANDOM NOTES

Gifts presented to Audubon House: A register with our Western Tanager in bronze on the cover, from Mrs. Ella Hamilton and Miss Charlotte Hamilton, and a book entitled "The Lure of the Lyre Bird" from Mrs. George L. Veatch.

Our grateful thanks to the California Audubon Society for their generous assistance in the publishing of the WESTERN Tanager this year.

A hearty welcome is extended to our new members -- Mrs. P. N. Braun and Miss Kate Rusterholz.

The aigrettes in our headquarters at Plummer Park were given by my brother, C. W. Hamilton, to mother and me about twenty-five years ago. At that time he was with the Aguilar Oil Company in Old Mexico.

It was during President Madiera's regime, when various factions were constantly fighting each other. As there were few doctors in the interior where Charles was doing his geological survey work, he was often called upon to supply aid from his medical kit, for revolutionists and loyalists alike. His servant's wife became seriously ill following child-birth and was in grave danger. Brother succeeded in pulling her through, for which his man was so grateful that he gave him two of his prized possessions -- an ancient Toltec idol and these aigrettes.

Mrs. Brown gave of her time and materials to frame these aigrettes so exquisitely for the Society. We do appreciate her beautiful workmanship and generosity in doing this for us and our Headquarters. Miss Charlotte A. Hamilton

MAY, 1939 - SOUTHWEST BIRD STUDY CLUB

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| May 1 - 10 a.m. | Echo Park Library | |
| May 8 - 9 a.m. | Oak Grove Park near Devil Gate Dam | (Mrs. Alma W. Mason |
| May 15 - 9 a.m. | Stough Canyon - Burbank | President-Telephone |
| May 22 - 9 a.m. | Mineral Wells - Griffith Park | Cleveland 65349 or |
| May 29 - 9 a.m. | Whittier Woodland Park | Capitol 3441) |
| June 5 - 10 a.m. | Echo Park Library (Election) | |
| June 12 - 5:30 p.m. | Ferndell for Supper | |

NOTICES OF THE CALIFORNIA AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

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Meeting - May 11th, 1939, at 7:30 p.m., in the Los Angeles Central Library, 5th and Grand Avenue, Los Angeles - Mr. Arthur C. Barr will speak on the "Wild Life of the Colorado Desert" - motion pictures of flowers, birds and mammals will be shown.

Field Day - Fern Dell in Griffith Park, May 27th, 1939, 8:30 to 10 a.m., led by Miss Blanche Vignos.

On Friday, May 26th, 1939, the California Audubon Society, Inc., will hold its 33rd annual meeting at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, uniting at 10 a.m., with Mr. C. V. Duff's study class. Bring a picnic lunch and plan to stay for the program -- there will be reports of the officers, election of same for the coming year, and greetings from other Audubon and Bird Clubs. All interested are urged to attend.

10:45

JUNIOR AUDUBON BIRD CLUB OF THE AIR - Saturdays at / a.m., over K.E.H.E. Audubon whistlers under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Caroline Stockwell. With Mickey Bishop as our first member of the Canary Chapter of the Junior Bird Club, many canaries have joined. Owners of birds may become members by sending their dimes to Miss Helen Pratt "to the station to which you are listening."

An interesting exhibit of Paintings and Etchings, by Henry Smith Williams, at 200 N. Avenue 66, will show birds of several species in natural surroundings, in the act of building nests or feeding their young. The nests depicted represent the results of a ten-year experiment in "cooperative home-building" at the "Three Brooks" Wild Life Sanctuary, Roxbury, Connecticut, in which artificial materials, chiefly colored yarns, were supplied by Dr. Williams, and eagerly accepted by Orioles, Kingbirds, Robins and Waxwings. Free to the public. Groups are asked to telephone Albany 4556 for appointment.

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FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

With the present issue of THE WESTERN Tanager making its final bow for the Club Year 1938-1939, it seems fitting to review the interesting work which has been accomplished under the fine leadership of our beloved President, Mrs. O. M. Stultz.

Being a person of broad vision, strength of purpose and with utter unselfishness, she has guided the Club's destinies, as have the previous leaders who have been responsible for the development and success of the Los Angeles Audubon Society. Her friendliness and enthusiasm have attracted those sharing a common interest, thereby increasing our membership by 75 new members. In giving so unstintingly of her strength and time, Mrs. Stultz has cooperated with other organizations to promote plans for the development of Sanctuaries and legislation for conservation of the land and water birds.

This year finds the Audubon Society in a home of its own in Plummer Park, a sanctuary where birds find a restful, protected spot in which to bathe, feed and nest. A class in bird study is held once a month in the library of Audubon House where many books, magazines, bird maps and mounted specimen are available for reference. Through the efforts of Mrs. Stultz it has been possible to relieve the transportation problem by chartering a Tanner Bus for Field Day trips. An average of thirty-eight have been provided for at a nominal charge making possible trips which would otherwise be enjoyed by a limited number. The President and Board for the coming year will find the task pleasant in that many interesting plans are ready to be carried to completion, with the help of a healthy treasury in three figures..(National Treasurers' please note.)

Mrs. Stultz will immediately minimize her efforts and magnify the work of her Board, but having served with her for two years it gives me real pleasure to have the last word in singing her praises!

Mrs. Maud F. Murphy