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*"To sift the
sparkling from the
dull and the true*

*from the false is
the aim of
every Ornithologist."*

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OUR FALL MEETING

The fourteenth annual fall meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society was held in Lexington, November 4-6, 1938. The local bird enthusiasts, led by Major Victor K. Dodge, gave us a very warm welcome. Everywhere we felt the fine spirit that the Lexington chapter of the American Audubon Society has been building up for many years.

On the evening of November 4, Dr. J. D. Figgins, of the Bernheim Foundation, showed four excellent reels of bird pictures, secured through the Department of Conservation of Colorado. Dr. Gordon Wilson, of Bowling Green, spoke on "A Preliminary Bird List for the Mammoth Cave National Park."

On Saturday morning, November 5, we held our annual business session. A nominating committee, composed of Dr. Wilson, Miss Emilie Yunker, and Mr. Floyd S. Carpenter, submitted a list of nominees, two for each office. The following officers were elected for the next year:

President—Mr. Burt L. Monroe, Louisville.

Vice-President—Mr. Raymond Fleetwood, Paducah.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Virgil King, Louisville.

Councillors:

Dr. T. Atchison Frazer, Marion.	} Ex-officio as } past presidents
Mr. B. C. Bacon, Madisonville.	
Dr. Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green.	
Miss Emilie Yunker, Louisville.	
Major Victor Dodge, Lexington.	
Dr. L. Y. Lancaster, Bowling Green.	

After our business session we visited the library and museum of Transylvania College, where we saw some of the rarest and most valuable first editions of great ornithological literature: Edwards, Catesby, Wilson, Bonaparte, Audubon, besides numerous other rare old works on natural history. It is doubtful whether any other library in the Middle West or South contains so many priceless first editions as does Transylvania.

After visiting the museum and inspecting the large collection of skins, we drove to Berea, dined at the Daniel Boone Tavern, and then were personally conducted through the college by students of Berea, among them our very valuable ornithologist friend, Johnnie Patten, of Hueysville. In the afternoon Dr. Figgins gave another showing of his moving pictures for the students and faculty of Berea College.

On the evening of November 5, Mr. A. F. Ganier, one of the founders of the Tennessee Ornithological Society and for several years president of the Wilson Ornithological Club, spoke on "Some Rare Birds of Southeastern United States," with slides from his own photographs, made in the Great Smoky Mountains and elsewhere. Mr. Karl Maslowski, of the Department of Conservation, State of Ohio, gave a lecture on "A Naturalist's Diary," illustrated with colored moving pictures of his own making.

The forenoon and early hours of the afternoon of November 6 were spent on a field trip on the Simms estate, some ten miles from Lexington, on the Shady Lane Pike. Some thirty people enjoyed this great outing and studied birds in many parts of this enormous farm. The following thirty-seven species were recorded: Bluebird, Cardinal, Carolina Chickadee, Crow, Brown Creeper, Mourning Dove, Flicker, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, Bronzed Grackle, Sparrow Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Blue Jay, Slate-colored Junco, Killdeer, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Meadowlark, Prairie Horned Lark, Mockingbird, Phoebe, Robin, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, English Sparrow, Starling, Tufted Titmouse, Red-eyed Towhee, Palm Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Carolina Wren, Black Vulture, and Turkey Vulture.

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A NEW MAGAZINE

Since our last issue, of THE KENTUCKY WARBLER there has appeared an excellent new magazine, KENTUCKY NATURE, of which our former president, Mr. B. C. Bacon, is the editor. The initial number of this quarterly magazine is full of scholarly and highly readable articles on various phases of Kentucky nature: geology, entomology, ornithology, botany, and other sciences. The illustrations are numerous and good; the paper is of fine quality; the format is attractive in every way. The editor told us at the Lexington meeting that already he had on hand enough good material for two additional issues and that there are a thousand paid-up subscribers. There is decidedly a place for such a magazine, and it is the hope of our society that it may grow to be the mouthpiece for all students of nature in the state. The advisory board represents some of the ablest scholars of Kentucky, a group that would recommend any publication to discriminating students of nature.

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THE KENTUCKY WARBLER'S FOURTEENTH BIRD CENSUS

This issue of THE KENTUCKY WARBLER is taken up largely with the reports of the fourteenth Christmas bird census. On the very first page of our first issue, January, 1925, there was a paragraph on such censuses calling on all members to take one in 1925. Every year since then we have had a representative number of

censuses, which now have permanent value or records. The response at Christmas was good, but we urge more and more of our K. O. S. members to make this an annual event, both for their own sakes and for the value of the records themselves.

Before we consider the censuses taken within the bounds of Kentucky, let us look at three censuses by loyal members elsewhere. James William Hancock, of Madisonville, was visiting at New Orleans during the holidays and sent in this good list:

New Orleans, La. (Audubon Park, city streets, Lake Ponchartrain, Shushan Airport, and open country)—Dec. 29; 7:00 A. M. to 4:45 P. M. Cloudy; wind, southeast, light; temp. 48 at start, 58 at return. About 20 miles on bicycles; observers together. Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Brown Pelican, 40; Double-crested Cormorant, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Killdeer, 57; Wilson's Snipe, 3; Herring Gull, 200; Ring-billed Gull (?), 20; Laughing Gull, 25; Royal Tern, 7; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Phoebe, 5; Tree Swallow, 15; Blue Jay, 3; Crow, 4; Fish Crow, 63; Louisiana Chickadee, 1; Carolina Wren, 1; Mockingbird, 97; Catbird, 1; Robin, 206; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 5; American Pipit, 90; Cedar Waxwing, 145; Loggerhead Shrike, 11; Starling, 785; Myrtle Warbler, 21; Maryland Yellowthroat, 5; English Sparrow, 270; Meadowlark, 50; Rusty Blackbird, 16; Boat-tailed Grackle, 66; Purple Grackle, 30; Louisiana Cardinal, 5; Towhee, 2. Total, 36 species, 2255 individuals. (Familiarity with the region would probably have resulted in a much better list of species). Other species seen at Talisheek, La., December 23: Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Tufted Titmouse, Florida Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Bewick's Wren, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Bluebird, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Red-winged Blackbird, Goldfinch, Field Sparrow, and Song Sparrow.

MAURICE GATLIN, JR., New Orleans, La.

JAMES WILLIAM HANCOCK, Madisonville, Ky.

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Our faithful member from the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, Mr. Bryens, was able to get out between severe storms and record the hardy birds that spend the winter there.

McMillan, Luce County, Michigan—Dec. 25; 8:17 A. M. to 12:05 P. M. Snow flurries from start until about 10:00 A. M.; partly cloudy the remainder of the day; temp. 19 to 30; wind, southwest, light; ground covered with an average between eight and ten inches of snow. Observer alone, on skis; about 4½ miles through fields, mostly cut-over land and some woods. 7x Mirakel Glass used. On the trip 83 nests built on upright forks and branches of trees were noticed. Mourning Dove, 11 (a field of buckwheat unharvested, with much yet above the snow, had served as a feeding resort); Northern Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Eastern Hairy Woodpecker, 2 (tattooing); Northern Downy Woodpecker, 2; Northern Blue Jay, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1 (heard); Northern Shrike, 1; Starling, 1; English Sparrow, 129; Common Redpoll, 23; Eastern Snow Bunting, 1 (heard) (flock of 250 seen the day before). Total, 12 species, 184 individuals. Cones fairly plentiful on birches; very few or none on evergreens; no beechnuts; very few hard maple seeds.

—OSCAR MCKINLEY BRYENS.

Our sister society, the Tennessee Ornithological Society, as usual did well, beating our best state list by fourteen. The Tennessee people know where to find the birds, and, we sometimes believe, the birds come from their hiding places to be counted.

Nashville, Tenn. (Environs, including west, south, and east; River Road, Westmeade, Bellemeade, Warner Parks, Hillsboro and Hobbs Roads, Radnor Lake on 85 acres, Overton Hills, Knapp Farm, Franklin and Hardscuffle Roads)—Dec. 26: 6:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. Cloudy; steady rain all day, half inch in all; ground bare; no wind; temp. 40 at start, 45 at mid-day. Observers in 10 groups: Party I, 5 observers, 11 hours, 6 miles; Party II, 3 observers, 4 hours, 2 miles; Party III, 3 observers, 6 hours; Party IV, 1 observer, 3 hours, 2 miles; Party V, 2 observers, 7 hours, 4 miles; Party VI, 2 observers, 3 hours; Party VII, 1 observer, 3 hours, 2 miles; Party VIII, 1 observer, 2 hours, 2 miles; Party IX, 1 observer, 2 hours, 2 miles; Party X, 1 observer, 2 hours, 1 mile. Total, 26 miles afoot, 43 hours. Common Loon, 1 (killed by hunter on a 4-acre pond; one previous Christmas record); Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Great Blue Heron, 1; Common Mallard, 18; Black Duck, 8; Gadwall, 3; Lesser Scaup, 73; American Golden-eye, 3; Old Squaw, 1 (adult male; one previous Christmas record); Black Vulture, 7; Cooper's Hawk, 4; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 24; Bob-white, 76 (6 coveys); Coot, 3; Killdeer, 41; Wilson's Snipe, 6; Mourning Dove, 103 (one flock of 57, another of 22); Screech Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 2; Great Horned Owl, 2; Barn Owl, 1 (first Christmas census record); Belted Kingfisher, 8; Flicker, 33; Pileated Woodpecker, 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 28; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 7; Downy Woodpecker, 29; Phoebe, 7; Prairie Horned Lark, 37 (unusually scarce this winter); Blue Jay, 19; Crow, 120; Carolina Chickadee, 94; Tufted Titmouse, 61; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Brown Creeper, 9; Winter Wren, 1; Bewick's Wren, 7; Carolina Wren, 53; Mockingbird, 112; Robin, 33 (scarce because of hackberry crop failure); Hermit Thrush, 8; Bluebird, 90; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 16; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 1 (first Christmas record since 1916); Migrant Shrike, 2; Starling, 6000 (5000 of these at roost in magnolias in city); Myrtle Warbler, 3 (scarce because of failure of poison ivy berry crop); English Sparrow, 150; Meadowlark, 67; Red-winged Blackbird, 3 (first Christmas census record in 9 years); Rusty Blackbird, 100 (one flock); Bronzed Grackle, 425; Cardinal, 370; Purple Finch, 49; Goldfinch, 73; Red-eyed Towhee, 148; Savannah Sparrow, 9; Fox Sparrow, 47; Slate-colored Junco, 850; Field Sparrow, 215; Tree Sparrow, 2 (rare, first Christmas record); Chipping Sparrow, 1 (only one previous Christmas record); White-crowned Sparrow, 158; White-throated Sparrow, 220; Swamp Sparrow, 157; Song Sparrow, 90. Total, 69 species, 10,300 individuals. This is the twenty-fifth consecutive census to be sent in from Nashville. On Dec. 25 1 Ruddy Duck and 2 Ring-necked Ducks were seen on Radnor Lake. Other species known to be here: Turkey Vulture, Red-headed Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwing, Red-shouldered Hawk.

—B. H. ABERNATHY, J. B. CALHOUN, ALFRED CLEBSCH, JR., ALBERT F. GANIER, (Compiler), WAYLAND HAYES, CONRAD JAMISON, AMELIA R. LASKEY, ARTHUR McMURRAY, G. R. MAYFIELD, H. C. MONK, C. E. PEARSON, JOHN PRICHARD, M. LEO RIPPY, JR., J. A. ROBINS, VERNON SHARP, JR., J. M. SHAVER, WM. SIMPSON, VAL SOLYOM, JAMIE ROSS TIPPENS, H. S. VAUGHAN, GEORGE B. WOODRING (members of Nashville Chapter, Tennessee Ornithological Society).

Our newly-elected Vice-President, Mr. Fleetwood, of Madisonville, just before he was transferred to Piedmont Wildlife Refuge, Monticello, Georgia, as assistant refuge manager, took this good census at Madisonville:

Madisonville, Ky. (Wilson Woods, lakes at Madisonville and Earlington, Laffoon Trail to Manitou, returning to Madisonville by U. S. Highway 41)—Dec. 20; 7:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Partly cloudy; wind, light, west; temp. 36 at start, 32 at return. Observer alone; total miles on foot, 8; total miles in car, 13; total hours in car 1½. Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Mallard, 4; Pintail, 7; Shoveller, 1; Redhead, 3; Canvasback, 3; Lesser Scaup Duck, 310; American Merganser, 1; Marsh Hawk, 6; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 10; Bob-white, 1; Coot, 3; Killdeer, 6; Mourning Dove, 89; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Red-headed Woodpecker, 35; Pileated Woodpecker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 13; Flicker, 17; Prairie Horned Lark, 3; Blue Jay, 13; Crow, 20; Carolina Chickadee, 13; Tufted Titmouse, 31; White-breasted Nuthatch, 5; Brown Creeper, 2; Carolina Wren, 8; Bewick's Wren, 2; Winter Wren, 1; Mockingbird, 4; Brown Thrasher, 1; Robin, 10; Bluebird, 15; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Migrant Shrike, 3; Starling, 104; Meadowlark, 81; English Sparrow, 17; Purple Finch, 1; Goldfinch, 8; White-crowned Sparrow, 10; White-throated Sparrow, 33; Tree Sparrow, 127; Field Sparrow, 4; Slate-colored Junco, 60; Song Sparrow, 21; Swamp Sparrow, 12; Red-eyed Towhee, 24; Cardinal, 75. Total, 52 species, 1401 individuals.

—RAYMOND J. FLEETWOOD.

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From Carter County, far in the eastern end of Kentucky, comes this list from an observer of some experience.

Johns Run, Carter County, Ky.—Dec. 23; 8:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Cloudy at start; later, bright sunshine. Wind, north; temp. 36 to 40. About eight miles on foot in wooded and open field areas. Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Bob-white, 6; Red-headed Woodpecker, 9; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 5; Blue Jay, 23; Crow, 5; Carolina Chickadee, 26; Tufted Titmouse, 20; White-breasted Nuthatch, 6; Carolina Wren, 4; Bluebird, 22; English Sparrow, 18; Cardinal, 15; Goldfinch, 19; Red-eyed Towhee, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 80; Field Sparrow, 51; Song Sparrow, 27. Total, 20 species, 342 individuals.

—ERCEL KOZEE.

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Dr. Frazer, one of our oldest and most faithful members, sent in this census from Marion. He regrets that he was unable to get far away from his car on his observations, but he has sent in an excellent list, anyway.

Marion, Ky. (Largely from a car as I drove around in Crittenden County)—Dec. 25. Light wind; sky clear; ground bare; temp. 40. Black Vulture, 2; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 4; Killdeer, 6; Mourning Dove, 2; Flicker, 2; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 4; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Prairie Horned Lark, 22; Blue Jay 3; Crow, 65; Carolina Chickadee, 14; Tufted Titmouse, 16; Winter Wren, 1; Bewick's Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 6; Mockingbird, 12; Robin, 2; Bluebird, 39; Migrant

Shrike, 2; Cowbird, 4; Starling, 400; Meadowlark, 165; Cardinal, 121; Red-eyed Towhee, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 300; Vesper Sparrow, 4; Field Sparrow, 14; White-crowned Sparrow, 2; White-throated Sparrow, 2; Fox Sparrow, 4; Song Sparrow, 16. Total, 37 species, 1260 individuals.

DR. T. ATCHISON FRAZER.

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Our editor and a friend did a second list for each of them in the Mammoth Cave National Park. The rather limited nature of the terrain made a winter list small, but summer and migration periods bring quite a different story.

Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky.—Dec. 22; 7:40 A. M. to 4:15 P. M. Partly cloudy; ground bare; wind, west, light; temp. 24 at start, 45 at return. Observers together. Territory covered about twelve miles in diameter, with Mammoth Cave at the eastern end. Black Vulture, 2; Northern Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; American Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Bob-white, 3; Northern Flicker, 4; Pileated Woodpecker, 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 5; Downy Woodpecker, 12; Blue Jay, 2; Crow, 24; Carolina Chickadee, 56; Tufted Titmouse, 27; White-breasted Nuthatch, 7; Brown Creeper, 1; Winter Wren, 4; Carolina Wren, 4; Mockingbird, 6; Robin, 15; Hermit Thrush, 13; Bluebird, 49; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 19; Starling, 267; Myrtle Warbler, 2; English Sparrow, 45; Cardinal 38; Purple Finch, 5; Goldfinch, 63; Red-eyed Towhee, 15; Savannah Sparrow, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 621; Tree Sparrow, 71; Field Sparrow, 19; White-crowned Sparrow, 2; White-throated Sparrow, 31; Fox Sparrow, 2; Swamp Sparrow, 17; Song Sparrow, 43. Total, 38 species, 1504 individuals.

Other species recorded on December 17: Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Migrant Shrike, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cedar Waxwing, and Ring-necked Pheasant. Phoebe recorded by Dr. L. Y. Lancaster, December 30.

—RUSSELL STARR, GORDON WILSON.

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Major Dodge and his friends, of Lexington, were handicapped by having to take their census in a rain, but they reported this list, anyway:

Lexington, Ky. (Simms, Alexander, and Harris Farms) Dec. 26; 9:06 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Raining hard all day; wind, east, light; ground bare; temp. 38 to 42. About 4200 acres covered. Auto used over private roads through farms. Cooper's Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 1; Crow, 3080 (Crows converging toward a roost were easily counted on the "near" side of the roost, but we were aware that many were coming in on the far side. The latter were not counted, however. The same vicinity last year yielded only thirty Crows); Carolina Chickadee, 7; Tufted Titmouse, 3; Carolina Wren, 2; Starling, 75; English Sparrow, 22; Meadowlark, 16; Cardinal, 1; Savannah Sparrow, 4; Slate-colored Junco, 2; Tree Sparrow, 4; White-crowned Sparrow, 13 (4 of these were in immature plumage); White-throated Sparrow, 2; Song Sparrow, 6. Total, 19 species, 3249 individuals.

—CHARLES K. MORRELL, ALEX PECK, VICTOR DODGE.

The active Louisville Chapter of the K. O. S., regardless of the rain, found fifty-five species, the record for the state for this season.

Louisville, Ky. (The Ohio River from the Falls to Taylor Creek; Cherokee Park; Indian Hills; the Prospect area; and adjacent territory, by automobile and afoot)—Dec. 26; 7:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Rain all day; wind, northeast, light; temp. 34 at start, 36 at return. Observers in groups as follows: Party I, 2 observers, 35 miles by auto, 4 afoot, 8 hours; Party II, 3 observers, 30 miles by auto, 5 afoot, 8 hours; Party III, 3 observers, 30 miles by auto, 2 afoot, 7 hours; Party IV, 3 observers, 30 miles by auto, 3 afoot, 8 hours. Total miles, 125 by auto, 14 afoot; total hours, 31. Common Loon, 3; Mallard, 150 (est.); Black Duck, 500 (est.); Redhead, 3; Canvasback, 2; Lesser Scaup Duck, 280; American Golden-eye, 7; Bufflehead, 2; White-winged Scoter, 1; Ruddy Duck, 1; Hooded Merganser, 7; American Merganser, 10; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 3; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 24; Coot, 3; Killdeer, 3; Herring Gull, 5; Ring-billed Gull, 1; Mourning Dove, 12; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 6; Flicker, 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 4; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 14; Blue Jay, 11; Crow, 245; Carolina Chickadee, 77; Tufted Titmouse, 91; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 9; Carolina Wren, 9; Mockingbird, 19; Robin, 1; Bluebird, 23; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 7; Starling, 12,000 (est.); English Sparrow, 300; Meadowlark, 34; Cowbird, 3; Cardinal, 139; Purple Finch, 15; Goldfinch, 14; Red-eyed Towhee, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 240; Tree Sparrow, 31; Field Sparrow, 16; White-crowned Sparrow, 31; White-throated Sparrow, 18; Swamp Sparrow, 5; Song Sparrow, 85. Total, 55 species, 14,516 individuals. Redheads and White-winged Scoters observed by Monroe and Mengel with 25X telescope. The many Starlings roost in the downtown area. Other species seen during the census week: Cedar Waxwing, Migrant Shrike, and Myrtle Warbler.

—LEONARD BRECHER, FLOYD S. CARPENTER, AMY DEANE, JAMES LaFOLLETTE, DR. HARVEY LOVELL, ROBERT MENGEL, BURT L. MONROE, MARIE PEIPER, EVELYN SCHNEIDER, MABEL SLACK, AL MIRAS (Louisville Chapter Kentucky Ornithological Society).

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From Glasgow comes this list by young and active ornithologists:

Glasgow, Ky. (Starr, Darter, Winger, and surrounding farms; along Darter's Branch and Beaver Creek)—Dec. 20, 8:00 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. Partly cloudy; wind, south and southwest, brisk; ground bare; temp. 38 at start, 54 at return. Observers together; about eight miles on foot. Turkey Vulture, 12; Black Vulture, 5; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Bob-white, 1; Killdeer, 1; Northern Flicker, 8; Pileated Woodpecker, 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 7; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 8; Prairie Horned Lark, 3; Blue Jay, 10; Crow, 213; Carolina Chickadee, 49; Tufted Titmouse, 55; Winter Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 16; Mockingbird, 6; Robin, 25; Hermit Thrush, 1; Bluebird, 37; English Sparrow, 12; Starling, 247; Myrtle Warbler, 1; Cardinal, 39; Goldfinch, 34; Purple Finch, 14; Red-eyed Towhee, 21; Slate-colored Junco, 173; Tree Sparrow, 8; Field Sparrow, 3; White-crowned Sparrow, 38; White-throated Sparrow, 69; Fox Sparrow, 11 (one albinistic); Swamp Sparrow, 27; Song Sparrow, 64. Total, 36 species, 1244 individuals.

Other species recorded during Christmas week: Broad-winged Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Barred Owl, Screech Owl, Meadowlark, Bronzed Grackle, and Chipping Sparrow.

—RUSSELL STARR, PAUL WININGER.

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The twenty-first consecutive census from Bowling Green, ranked second in number of species. It contains all the land species known to be in the region except the Cedar Waxwing and the three Owls.

Bowling Green, Ky. (Chaney, Covington, and McElroy Farms; along Drake's Creek; mouth of Gasper River)—Dec. 20; 7:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Diameter of area traversed about fifteen miles; observers in two groups. Partly cloudy; ground bare; wind, west, brisk; temp. 31 at start, 40 at return. Common Mallard, 2; Turkey Vulture, 7; Black Vulture, 5; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 15; Bob-white, 41; Killdeer, 1; Mourning Dove, 56; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Northern Flicker, 10; Pileated Woodpecker, 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 13; Red-headed Woodpecker, 3; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 17; Prairie Horned Lark, 20; Blue Jay, 16; Crow, 4500 plus (hundreds observed flying toward their roost); Carolina Chickadee, 51; Tufted Titmouse, 33; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Brown Creeper, 1; Winter Wren, 6; Bewick's Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 29; Mockingbird, 28; Robin, 19; Hermit Thrush, 2; Bluebird, 19; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 8; Migrant Shrike, 1; Starling, 1760; Myrtle Warbler, 1; English Sparrow, 315; Meadowlark, 61; Red-winged Blackbird, 12; Bronzed Grackle, 5; Cardinal 102; Purple Finch, 90; Goldfinch, 44; Red-eyed Towhee, 19; Savannah Sparrow, 10; Slate-colored Junco, 245; Tree Sparrow, 90; Field Sparrow, 97; White-crowned Sparrow, 150; White-throated Sparrow, 140; Fox Sparrow, 4; Swamp Sparrow, 25; Song Sparrow, 41. Total, 54 species, 8135 individuals.

—L. Y. LANCASTER, CHARLES L. TAYLOR, J. R. WHITMER, GORDON WILSON.

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W. M. Walker, Jr., long a faithful member of the K. O. S., sent this list from his old home, Hopkinsville:

Hopkinsville, Ky.—Dec. 31; 11:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., 1:30 to 4:45 P. M. Five miles east of Hopkinsville along Little River, through open fields and woodlands; four miles on foot. Clear; ponds and creeks frozen over; ground thawed one or two inches; temp. 43. Turkey Vulture, 6; Bob-white, 1; Dove, 37; Screech Owl, 1; Flicker, 11; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 11; Prairie Horned Lark, 32; Blue Jay, 3; Crow, 228 (one flock of 225); Carolina Chickadee, 48; Tufted Titmouse, 26; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Bewick's Wren, 2; Carolina Wren, 14; Mockingbird, 9; Robin, 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Starling, 1; Myrtle Warbler, 7; English Sparrow, 15; Meadowlark, 16; Cardinal, 27; Purple Finch, 70; Goldfinch, 12; Red-eyed Towhee, 20; Slate-colored Junco, 40; Field Sparrow, 42; White-throated Sparrow, 65; Song Sparrow, 16. Total, 31 species, 765 individuals.

—W. M. WALKER, JR.

Hueysville, Ky. (From Bosco (Hueysville) along the bottom lands of Beaver Creek to Midas, Kentucky, and back by way of wooded mountains to starting place)—Dec. 25; 7:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. Approximately three and a half miles covered. Clear, light westerly breeze, temp. almost freezing. Mallard, 1; Bob-white, 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk (?), 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Screech Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 8; Red-headed Woodpecker, 6; Phoebe, 1; Starling, 15; Red-winged Blackbird, 10; Meadowlark, 12; Goldfinch, 12; English Sparrow, 20; White-throated Sparrow, 2; Chipping Sparrow, 2; Field Sparrow, 5; Slate-colored Junco, 10; Song Sparrow, 20; Towhee, 1; Cardinal, 12; Carolina Wren, 12; Winter Wren, 1; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Tufted Titmouse, 8; Carolina Chickadee, 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 5; Robin, 1. Total, 28 species, 180 individuals.

—JOHNNIE PATTEN.

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OUR SPRING MEETING

Our annual spring meeting is just around the corner. April 13 and 14 are the dates. Plan right now to be with us. Every year sees an increase in our attendance and interest. We need you and you need us in your study of birds.

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WILSON CLUB FOR 1939

The Wilson Ornithological Club voted at its annual meeting in 1938 to hold its sessions in 1939 at Louisville. This is a distinctive honor to us K. O. S. members and especially to our Louisville chapter. Begin making plans right now for the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving next fall, for we want to show these bird students from all over America just how much alive we K. O. S. people really are.

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IN BRIEF—Just before the holidays Professor L. Y. Lancaster, of Bowling Green, saw a Sparrow Hawk with a male Cardinal in its claws; this seems different from most of the notes on this species, for it is said to attack other birds very seldom.

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Our Vice-President, Raymond J. Fleetwood, has recently been appointed assistant refuge manager at Piedmont Wildlife Refuge, Monticello, Georgia. We K. O. S. people wish him much success there and assure him that we will pay him a visit when any of us are down in that part of the state.

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Major Victor K. Dodge, of Lexington, reports to the editor that several Mississippi Song Sparrows have recently been taken there. So far as we know, this is a new record for the state.

The mildness of the winter probably accounts for the large number of rather rare species on our list this Christmas.

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Several people in the state have reported Upland Plovers this last fall migration. Let us hope that protection of this species will make it again common and well known.

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If Mr. Wilson's lake comes up this spring, he is inviting all who can do so to join him for the week-end of April 1 for observations there. Indications in early January are that there will be a lake of some size by that time.

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Since the authorities at the Mammoth Cave National Park are so vitally interested in our study of birds there, we should plan a week-end camp there in Warbler time, say the last of April.

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NORTHERN CRESTED FLYCATCHER NESTING IN MAIL BOX

The nesting of the Northern Crested Flycatcher is commonly associated with woodlands, parks, and orchards, but I found a nest on June 18, 1938, on the T. E. Conrey farm, near Elizabethtown, that did not fall into either of the ordinary types. This particular pair of flycatchers had built a nest in a discarded mail box which had been placed on a post by Mr. Conrey as a possible nesting box. The box was five and a half feet from the ground and eighty feet from the house. There are not more than four shade trees in the yard. The nest contained five fledglings and the usual snake skin at the entrance.

—RAYMON J. FLEETWOOD, Biologist, Madisonville.

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UPLAND PLOVERS AT BOWLING GREEN

Late in July of 1938 Dr. Fred Mutchler, state representative of D. C. Heath and Company, told me that he had some interesting shore birds on his farm, six miles south of Bowling Green. As soon as I had a chance, I went to the farm with Dr. Mutchler's son and explored the alfalfa fields where the birds had been seen. We were not long in finding two, and we soon flushed others. All told, on the afternoon of August 2, we found ten Upland Plovers. Dr. Mutchler and his tenants report that the birds remained on the farm all the month of August. I regret that I was never able to visit it again while they were there. Before this record I had found the species only one season, on the McElroy farm on April 10 and 11, 1937, when Floyd S. Carpenter, of Louisville, was visiting my temporary lake with me.

—GORDON WILSON, Bowling Green.

WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB COMES TO LOUISVILLE

At Ann Arbor, Michigan, last November the Council of the Wilson Ornithological Club voted to bring the 1939 meeting to Louisville. This is the first time our state has been honored by such a distinguished organization of bird students, and it is up to the Kentucky Ornithological Society and the C. W. Beckham Bird Club, the Louisville Chapter of the K. O. S., to be perfect hosts. A great many members of the Wilson Club have already expressed their keen anticipation of the forthcoming visit to the Bluegrass State.

For the benefit of the K. O. S. members who might not be familiar with the Wilson Club, we cannot do any better than quote from the excellent editorial about it which appeared in the November-December, 1938, issue of BIRD-LORE:

"Founded December 3, 1888, the Wilson Club has grown in enrollment until, today, it has more than 900 members. Its journal, THE WILSON BULLETIN, has published some of the most important results of research by American students of birds.

"The club was originally a chapter of the Agassiz Association and after fourteen years became an independent body. Its first official organ, THE CURLEW, was founded in 1888; after several changes of name, the present one was adopted in 1894. The first regular meeting of the club was held in Chicago, in 1914, and since that year meetings have taken place annually, with one exception. Through the years these meetings have come to have increasing importance; they now attract, from many parts of the country, outstanding ornithologists to report and discuss their scientific accomplishments. The programs of the meetings compare very favorably with any ornithological programs in this country and abroad."

Wilson Club members are eager to experience the famous Kentucky hospitality, and it is the duty of every K. O. S. member to see that they receive it. Mrs. Margaret M. Nice, of Chicago, Illinois, President of the Wilson Club, has appointed Burt L. Monroe, President of the Kentucky Ornithological Society, as local chairman for the 1939 Louisville meeting. The dates are December 1 and 2, the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving Day. Cooperation will be necessary, and we suggest that you contact the local chairman, even at this early date, with suggestions for entertainment, exhibits, field trips, points of interest to be visited, and so on.

Readers of the KENTUCKY WARBLER, who take more than a passing interest in birds, would do well to join the Wilson Club. Its members derive more than a little pleasure from the organization, increase their knowledge of birds, and help to swell the ranks and influence of an entirely admirable organization. One gracious way the K. O. S. members can show their appreciation for our

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having the 1939 meeting is to join the Wilson Club now. Let's make the Kentucky delegation of members the largest that any host state has ever shown. Let's begin nearly a year ahead with Southern hospitality and an eagerness to be "one of them."

