

Ducks of all species appear to be scarce thus far. Of the species present Redheads and Canvas-backs occur in largest numbers. Baldpate, Pintails, American Golden-eye, Bufflehead, and Ring-necked Duck are present in very limited numbers (October 22). Greater and Lesser Scaup are conspicuously absent. Numerous Coot and a few immature Florida Gallinules were still present at Montezuma and two Greater Yellow-legs were seen October 22. Black-capped Chickadee, Brown Creeper, Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Catbird, Pipit, and Meadowlark have been seen during the period of October 6-15. Pipits are still present in small flocks, as are Killdeer and Prairie Horned Lark, (October 19-22).

Warbler migration has been light and continued over an extended period. A few dates are as follows: August 31, Black-throated Blue, Cape May, Blackburnian, Bay-breasted, Western Palm, and Wilson's were reported. September 30, Myrtle and Chestnut-sided Warblers were seen. No large waves of migrating warblers have been reported in the central New York area by local observers.

Movement of White-throat and White-crowned Sparrows was noted October 15. An occasional Vesper Sparrow was noted on the same date. Slate-colored Junco also showed up in numbers at this time.--

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CLUB PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

News from Buffalo Audubon Society, Inc., tells of their recent affiliation as a branch member of the National Audubon Society. To this may be added that they are also members of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the Conservation Forum of Western New York, the S. P. C. A. and the Pymatuning Group.

Each year together with the Buffalo Ornithological Society a scholarship is given to a deserving person to the Audubon Nature Camp at Hog Island, Maine.

With the Buffalo Museum the Society brings the Screen Tour series each year. If any Federation members are in

the vicinity of Buffalo they are invited to attend these 3 P.M. lectures at the museum in Humboldt Park:

January 28, 1951---R. T. Peterson
March 11, 1951---Laura Reynolds
April 1, 1951---Olin S. Pettingill

In the near future a sanctuary of our own is planned for this Western New York Area.--Francis T. Tilley, President Buffalo Audubon Society, Inc.

A BRONX RIVER PARKWAY NATURE TRAIL

On May 6, 1950 the Scarsdale Audubon Society formally opened a Nature Trail along the Bronx River Parkway. Some 26 horizontal-cut oak slab signs were lettered, varnished and placed on trees by a qualified tree surgeon so that no injury to trees would result. Other signs were mounted on angle irons sunk in concrete along the trail. The signs identify trees and birds found on the trail. In addition to these, temporary signs, which can be easily changed, identify seasonal plants along the route. Of importance also is the map which was made of the trail and the committee which was appointed to regularly patrol and maintain the area. School children and scouts, with supervision, have already made use of this project which shows that it is of real benefit to the community. Mrs. Joseph Jordan, Scarsdale Audubon Society, Scarsdale, New York.

WOOD HAVEN SANCTUARY

Two members of the Sassafras Bird Club--Mrs. Powell and Mr. Elwood--made a survey of birds, plants and animals living at the newly acquired Amsterdam Girl Scout Camp. This Camp, Wood Haven, is 100 acres of wooded land containing a small lake and a winding stream and swamp. To win the honor of the Lou Henry Hoover plaque, lists of all types of wild life must be made. The camp lands must be "posted" and several other requirements have to be met. Within two hours the two Sassafras Bird Club representatives helping on the survey identified 48 species of birds to say nothing of wild flowers and other interesting wild life.--Helen N. DeGroff, Sassafras Bird Club, Amsterdam, N. Y.