

Nature. We study just about everything pertaining to Natural History, with ornithology taking the lead.

Our total list of birds may not be impressive because of our particular geographical location but much of this is compensated for by the ecological representation of the three life zones which are found within our borders. For this reason birding is varied and interesting in Ulster County. We can visit the bubbling Marsh Wren in his oozy marsh along the Hudson River or we may visit the misty haunts of Bicknell's Thrush atop such high peaks as Slide Mountain in the Catskills.

All of this is our pleasure and study and we hope we will be able to contribute our share of avifaunal knowledge along with the other sections of this state.

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CONSERVATION NEWS

DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANT

The New York State Conservation Council, at its meeting in Corning on Oct. 9, unanimously approved a resolution to make the Double-crested Cormorant a protected bird under Section 203 of the Conservation Law of the State of New York. This resolution will be introduced in the coming session of the New York Legislature. We can thank Hi Clements for doing the groundwork on this resolution.

AMENDMENT 9

We are glad to report that Amendment No. 9 to the New York State Constitution was adopted by the electorate. This amendment strengthens the protection given to the Forest Preserve, which in recent years has been subject to the danger of invasion for water power purposes.

The Federation, together with most conservation organizations in the State, took an active part in promoting the adoption of the amendment. Representatives of the Federation appeared before the legislative committees which considered the amendment, and our members were influential in obtaining its passage.