

Titmouse, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher and Worm-eating Warblers have yet to establish themselves.

Recently (at least since 1949) Turkeys have entered New York State from populations in the wild parts of McKean and Potter Counties, Pennsylvania. The New York State Conservation Department is augmenting this influx with the liberation of about 150 birds a year. So far this project, begun in 1952, seems fairly successful with a few broods of young reported in 1953 and more in 1954. If illegal shooting can be controlled and if sufficient feeders can be maintained during severe winters this species should be successful on the High Plateaus.

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INFORMATION WANTED ON PILEATED WOODPECKERS

I am in the process of working up several papers on the life history and ecology of the Pileated Woodpecker, based on the findings of my husband, the late Southgate Y. Hoyt, and my own recent investigations. In connection with this, I am most anxious for information from bird-students in New York State on changes in the status of this bird during the first half of the twentieth century. The Pileated is showing its ability to adapt to civilization to some extent, and has been reported as occurring within the boundaries of villages and cities in recent years. There have also been a few reports of Pileateds coming to feeders, for suet.

I will appreciate very much hearing from any readers who can give me details on the increase in numbers of Pileateds in any given area, changes in their behavior, their feeding habits, and any other interesting observations, particularly any accounts of their coming to feeding stations.

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"Aviana", Etna, N. Y.

YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS . . .

This message will be my last as your president, and I welcome the opportunity to thank my fellow officers, Guy Bartlett, Elizabeth Manning, Elizabeth Feldhusen, and Hi Clements for their help and suggestions, as well as for the many hours spent in performing Federation duties.

The same unselfish efforts have attended the work for our several committees functioning in our interests, and have eased my own executive duties materially.

The work of our Membership Committee, led by Audrey Wrede, has been largely responsible for the increase in individual members to over 300, of which seventeen are sustaining members, three are supporting members, and five are life members. Our individual members are the main source of our financial support, so necessary for the publication of *The Kingbird*, and for other activities.

How pleased I was to awake the morning of November 9 and to learn that Amendment 7 (for construction of Panther Mountain Dam) was overwhelmingly defeated. Our Conservation Committee, led by its energetic chairman, Stanley Grierson, was in the thick of this successful fight, and also in the now apparently successful effort to prevent the flooding of much of Dinosaur National Park by the construction of the Echo Park dam.