

NOTES ON THE 1962 A.O.U. ANNUAL MEETING

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The 80th stated meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 20-24, 1962. The facilities and locale were truly beautiful and it was an outstanding meeting, the first held in Utah.

Before the papers were presented, Dr. Clarence Cottam, reported as Chairman of the Committee on Bird Protection. To me, it was one of the highlights of the meeting. Part of his report covered background information on the then unpublished "Silent Spring", by Rachel Carson.

Many excellent papers were presented, but one of the outstanding ones, was Erwin Stressemann's on, "The Nomenclature of Molts and Plumages." Our own Walter R. Spoffard, from Syracuse, presented "Intragenetic Comparisons of the Egg White Electrophoretic Patterns in Falconiform Birds."

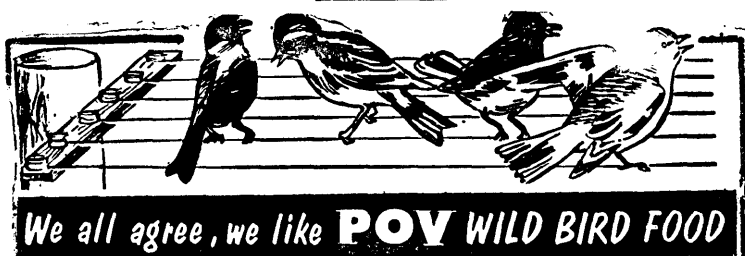
On Wednesday, a wonderful excursion was taken by all to Brighton, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Wasatch Mountains. This was followed in the evening by a delicious barbecue with Dippers only yards away! The marvels of a ski-tow ride were enjoyed by many for the first time in their lives. On top, we chased Pine Grosbeaks and Crossbills and Siskins. Here too, many a birder turned botanist, revelling in the Alpine flora. At the base of the ski-tow we chased Lincoln's Sparrows and Black-headed Grosbeaks. What a fascinating area!

On Friday, an all day field trip was enjoyed to the famous Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. An unforgettable day with Avocets, Stilts, White-faced Glossy Ibis, White Pelicans, a Snowy Plover and dozens of other species of birds.

The 1963 meeting is scheduled for August in Gainesville, Florida.

For James Baillie, Sylvia and me, the opportunity to drive to and from Salt Lake City for the meeting, meant also an opportunity to do field work enroute, in relatively new territory for us.

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