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The past winter and spring, as we knew it in the Charleston area, has been adequately reviewed in recent issues of The Redstart. Nothing further need be said regarding the weather.

On the whole there was less work done here this spring than in 1944. As many workers participating but not afield as much. The most unusual record is probably Mr. De Garmo's finding an orchard oriole at French Creek on March 20.

The list is, of course, a compilation of dates from the several members of the Handlan Chapter of the Brooks Bird Club. As in the past, reports from counties other than Kanawha are included and these are so indicated. Unmarked dates refer to Kanawha. All known winter residents are excluded.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Pied-billed Grebe	3/16	Randolph
Ducks:		
Black	3/25	Putnam
Baldpate	3/20	Clay
Blue-winged Teal	3/31	Pleasants
Shoveller	3/27	Monongalia
Wood	4/6	Upshur
Ring-necked	2/18	
" "	3/27	Monongalia
Buffle-head	3/20	Upshur
Mergansers:		
Hooded	3/19	
Red-breasted	3/16	

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Turkey Vulture	3/4	
Hawks:		
Red-tailed	3/4	
Broad-winged	4/22	
" "	4/29	Brooke
Osprey	4/22	Hardy
Coot	4/22	Hardy
Killdeer	3/25	Putnam
"	4/29	
Spotted Sandpiper	4/5	Upshur
" "	4/29	
Solitary "	4/5	Upshur
" "	4/29	
Greater Yellow-legs	4/13	Greenbrier
Lesser " "	4/14	Upshur
Herring Gull	4/15	
Mourning Dove	3/25	Putnam
" "	3/23	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5/6	
Black-billed "	4/29	
Whippoorwill	4/19	
Nighthawk	5/16	
Chimney Swift	4/14	
" "	4/21	Hardy
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4/15	
Pileated Woodpecker	4/22	
Kingbird	4/16	Clay
"	4/29	
Crested Flycatcher	4/15	
Phoebe	3/4	
Acadian Flycatcher	4/15	
Wood Pewee	4/20	
Swallows:		
Tree	4/22	Hardy
Bank	4/29	
Rough-winged	4/22	Hardy
Barn	4/22	Hardy
"	4/29	
Cliff	4/22	Hardy
"	4/29	
Purple Martin	3/20	
" "	4/22	Hardy

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Wrens:		
House	4/3	
"	4/22	Hardy
Bewicks	3/19	Barbour
"	4/7	Monroe
Catbird	4/15	
Brown Thrasher	3/25	Putnam
" "	3/30	
Wood Thrush	4/15	
Olive-backed Thrush	4/20	
Veery	5/6	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/11	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4/5	Upshur
" " "	4/15	
Migrant Shrike	3/26	Greenbrier
Vireos:		
White-eyed	4/15	
Yellow-throated	4/15	
Blue-headed	3/29	Clay
" "	3/30	
Red-eyed	4/19	
Warbling	4/16	
"	4/22	Hardy
Warblers:		
Black & White	4/3	
" " "	4/13	Mercer
Swainson's	4/15	
Worm-eating	4/15	
Blue-winged	4/29	
Tennessee	4/15	
Parula	4/15	
Yellow	4/8	
Black-throated Blue	4/29	
Myrtle	3/28	Upshur
Black-throated Green	4/11	
" " "	4/14	Randolph
Cerulean	4/15	
Black-poll	4/20	
Pine	4/21	
Prairie	4/29	
Ovenbird	4/15	
Louisiana Waterthrush	3/30	
Kentucky	4/15	
Yellow-throat	4/22	Hardy
" "	4/23	
Y. B. Chat	4/26	

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Warblers (Continued)		
Hooded	4/15	
Wilson's	5/7	Greenbrier
Canada	4/29	
Redstart	4/15	
Bobolink	5/7	Mineral
Redwing	3/25	Putnam
Orchard Oriole	3/20	Upshur
Baltimore "	4/13	
Bronzed Grackle	3/10	
Cowbird	3/25	Putnam
"	4/3	
Scarlet Tanager	4/15	
Summer "	4/22	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4/29	
Indigo Bunting	4/29	
Purple Finch	3/30	
Sparrows:		
Grasshopper	4/4	Upshur
Vesper	3/15	Randolph
Chipping	3/19	
"	3/19	Barbour
White-crowned	5/8	Preston
Fox	2/25	
--Louise Shields Charleston Chapter - Brooks Bird Club		
American Bittern	5/9	Cabell
American Woodcock	3/11	Cabell
Sp. Sandpiper	4/17	Cabell
Yellowbilled Cuckoo	4/22	Cabell
Whippoorwill	4/1	Cabell
Nighthawk	4/14	Cabell
Chimney Swift	4/15	Cabell
Hummingbird	5/6	Cabell
Kingbird	5/13	Cabell
Crested Flycatcher	4/21	Cabell
Phoebe	3/4	Cabell
Acadian Flycatcher	5/6	Cabell
Least "	5/13	Cabell
Wood Pewee	4/26	Cabell

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Roughwinged Swallow	4/8	Cabell
Barn "	4/12	"
Purple Martin	4/11	"
House Wren	4/11	"
Bewick's Wren	3/17	"
Catbird	4/14	"
Brown Thrasher	3/22	"
Wood Thrush	4/14	"
Olive-back Thrush	5/12	"
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4/7	"
Ruby-c. Kinglet	4/30	"
Vireos:		
White-eyed	4/3	"
Yellow-throated	4/14	"
Red-eyed	4/16	"
Warbling	4/14	"
Warblers:		
Black & White	4/13	"
Worm-eating	4/22	"
Bluewing	5/6	"
Tennessee	5/12	"
Parula	5/2	"
Yellow	4/8	"
Magnolia	5/12	"
Cape May	5/12	"
B. T. Blue	5/6	"
B. T. Green	5/6	"
Cerulean	4/14	"
Chest-sided	5/13	"
Blackpoll	5/12	"
Ovenbird	4/14	"
La. Waterthrush	3/25	"
Kentucky	4/21	"
Yellowthroat	4/25	"
Y. B. Chat	4/22	"
Hooded	4/21	"
Wilson's	4/30	"
Canada	5/20	"
Am. Redstart	4/21	"
Prairie	4/28	"
Bobolink	5/9	"
Redwing	3/11	"
Orch. Oriole	4/24	"
Balt. Oriole	5/8	"
Cowbird	3/11	"
Rusty Blackbird	3/26	"

<u>Specie</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Scarlet Tanager	5/8	Cabell
Summer Tanager	4/18	"
Sparrows:		
Grosbeak	4/22	"
Ind. Bunt.	5/6	"
Savannah	3/9	"
Chipping	3/17	"
Swamp	3/11	"

--N. B. Green
1907 Parkview
Huntington, W. Va.

DICKCISSELS IN PLEASANTS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

On June 27, 1945, while driving from Wheeling to Parkersburg, I heard and saw dickcissels (Spiza americana) at two points near Willow, Pleasants County, West Virginia. As might be expected, the birds were found in alfalfa and clover fields. They were singing constantly, and the song attracted my attention.

Haller has recorded the birds from Mason County, farther south along the Ohio River, but this is, so far as I am aware, the first Pleasants County record.

--Maurice Brooks
Morgantown, W. Va.

BOBOLINKS IN SUMMER IN GREENE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Singing male bobolinks (Dolichonyx oryzivorus) were seen and heard near Kirby, Greene County, Pennsylvania, on June 25, 1945. They were flying above uncut meadows, and were observed over three fields within a few miles along U. S. Highway No. 19.

Burleigh and others have found these birds in small numbers in summer in Fayette County, just east of Greene County, but the former area is much nearer the mountains. I have not previously noted the birds in summer in Greene County. This observation in Pennsylvania corresponds to recent ones in West Virginia to the effect that bobolinks are increasing their range, and more particularly, are now to be found breeding at lower elevations than has formerly been the case.

--Maurice Brooks
Morgantown, W. Va.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW IN HANCOCK COUNTY

On July 10 while examining an area on Tomlinson Run State Park two Henslow's sparrows were noted on a slope bordering a swampy meadow. Both were males, indicating the presence of two pairs of birds. On one occasion one of the birds was seen singing in the swampy vegetation along the stream.

So far as know this is a northern extension of the range of the bird from Ohio County. It is also of interest to note that these birds were not seen during an earlier visit to this same spot on May 22 of this year.

--W. R. De Garmo
State Conservation Commission
Charleston, W. Va.

Wilson Ornithological Club Business Meeting in West Virginia Cancelled

Due to difficulties of transportation, the annual business meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club, scheduled for the State 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill, W. Va., on August 20-22, had to be cancelled. There was much local disappointment, especially since no meeting of this kind has ever been held in West Virginia. It is hoped however, now that the war is over, that we can be host to a general meeting of the Club at some future time. The State 4-H Camp is ideal for such gatherings if it is decided to hold a summer meeting.

First West Virginia Conservation School

The first Conservation School for teachers to be attempted in West Virginia was held at Jackson's Mill, on August 16-28, 1945. Although the initial enrollment was small, the group felt that there is every reason for continuing the work.

West Virginia University, Marshall College, Concord College, and Potomac State School sponsored the work given. There were two courses, one at the undergraduate and one at the graduate level, both carrying resident college credit. Courses included field and laboratory studies relating to conservation of our renewable resources, soil, water, forests, game, and human.

Among those participating were M. Graham Netting, N. Bayard Green, James T. Handlan, George Sharpe, E. Meade McNeill, W. Hughes Barnes, Virginia Cavendish, W. R. De Garmo, Ollie Fink, Jack Shipmen and Maurice Brooks.

Next year's school will be held July 15-27, and will be organized along similar lines.

It is planned to issue a number of studies as contributions of the school, one of which will appear in an early issue of The Redstart.

Suggestions for Preparation of Copy for The Redstart

In order that authors may be able to conform more readily to the style followed in The Redstart's columns, the following suggestions are offered those who may submit notes and articles:

1. Write or type the manuscript plainly, double-spaced, on one side of the paper only.
2. Do not capitalize bird names unless they contain proper names. For example, Bachman's sparrow and Canada warbler, but song sparrow and orchard oriole.
3. In preparing faunal lists, or in discussing a single species at some length, be sure to give the scientific name. This is not necessary in migration lists.
4. Do not give trinomial scientific names or racial common names for birds observed in the field. For example, song sparrow, not Mississippi song sparrow.
5. Arrange the species in the order of the A.O.U. Check-list unless there is some extraordinarily good reason for doing otherwise.
6. Be sure to sign your name, with your mailing address.

Now that the war is over the Editor is hopeful of receiving more notes and articles of local interest. With so many of our active workers in the services, it has been very hard to assemble copy, and publication in some cases has been delayed. Other persons have been slow in sending in material at hand. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.