

Fall Brings Joy To Bird-Watchers

There comes a time in mid-September when the bird-watcher reaches the peak of his autumn adventures. On such a day, if his luck holds, he finds the trees and shrubs alive with migrating warblers.

The singing, animated birds are as exciting to observe as they are beautiful to see. Their colors span the spectrum with yellow predominating. During the spring migration the faded colors of the male are a great aid in identification. However, during the fall migration the faded colors of the male make more difficult the usual distinction between the sexes as well as between the species. The problem is further complicated by the presence of young birds whose immature plumage resembles that of neither parent.

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ALTHOUGH THE PEAK of warbler migration is usually reached in mid-September, it may begin as early as July and continue through mid-October. These birds are shy and make much of their long flight at night when many are killed crashing into light-houses and lighted buildings.

As a group, warblers winter in the mountainous regions of the tropics. A favorite flyway leads from the southern tip of Florida, across the Caribbean Islands to northern South America where many species continue on to Brazil, Mexico and Central America. They also favor wintering grounds.

Warblers are almost 100 per cent insectivorous and do not arrive in the north until this food supply is available. Their bills are sharp and slender, well adapted to gathering their dinner from leaves and branches. They eat almost constantly, destroying great numbers of harmful insects.

ONLY A FEW late-flying warblers add berries and small fruits to their bill-of-fare. One of these, the myrtle, has been seen in the Detroit region as late as January. It is one of the few of its kind wintering as far north as Massachusetts.

Next to the sparrows, the warblers are the largest family of American birds. There is consid-

able disagreement as to the total number of species, estimates varying from 100-150, with some 55 present in the United States. Included in the group are the water thrushes, the oven bird, the American redstart, the chate, etc.

The yellow-breasted chat is our largest warbler, measuring 7.4 inches. We knew it first in our Ozark camp where a pair nested underneath a window of our cabin. It seems to be moving into our range since 14 nests were found last year in the Cranbrook area alone.

STUDIES MADE by the Audubon Society show that 19 species of warblers nest in the Detroit region. Our most famous warbler is the Kirtland which nests only in Michigan in young Jack pine areas, chiefly in Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw and Alcona counties.

Warblers are at once the delight and the despair of the bird student. They are a life-time study requiring much patience and effort. Reasons for this are obvious. The birds are small and agile therefore difficult to see hidden in trees and shrubs. The number of species is bewildering. Most varieties can be seen only during migration when they linger for a period too short for repeated observation.

It is easy to see why experts in this field command a maximum of respect and attention. However, results are so revealing that veteran ornithologists Ludlow Griscom writes, "I can truly say that my fifteenth year of warbler study was as enjoyable as my first."

Designers Meet At Art Institute

The Michigan chapter of the National society of interior design will open the year's program on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. with a lecture on "Traditional American Design," given by William Wolfenden, assistant director of the Archives of American Art at the Detroit Institute of Art.

John Lowery of Birmingham, chairman of the board, urges all persons interested in design to be guests of the chapter that evening.

Campus News!

Students Join Subscription Club

Sixteen students have been added to the list of The Birmingham Eccentric's college subscription club. Three members from Michigan State university are Eva Bird, Sandra Sweet and Johanna Larnet; University of Michigan are Charles C. Kase, Mary Burkman and Sandra Myers.

Subscribing from the University of Wisconsin is Dennis Hardin; Western Michigan university, Mary Ellen Howard; University of Notre Dame, M. Steven Stuebel; Georgetown university, Jamie Martin; Bowling Green university, Suzy Brown; St. John's Military Academy, Chuck Mayne.

Robert Sneed Enters Antioch College

Robert Sneed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Sneed, 848 Madison, Birmingham, is among 600 freshmen and transfer students entering Antioch college. Classes started yesterday.

At Ohio College

Marion Ginnan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Ginnan of 19470 Beverly road, Beverly Hills, was recently enrolled as a freshman at Western college for Women, Oxford, Ohio. She took part in orientation activities, opening convocation in Krumler chapel, a freshman mixer with Miami university freshmen and a freshman sophomore breakfast.

To Spend Academic Year in Austria

Diana Joyce Doering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Doering of Wilberbe road, Birmingham, was among 122 members of the junior class of the Oberlin college conservatory of music that set sail from New York harbor bound for Austria.

Birmingham Men Added to Faculty

New faculty members at the University of Detroit include two Birmingham residents, John F. Thomson of 5430 Putnam is an instructor in basic science in the dental school.

Arrives on Campus

Jeanne Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Phillips, Sr., of Pleasant street, Birmingham, has arrived on the campus of Western college for women, Oxford, Ohio.

Two Participate In College Program

Marilyn Squibb and David Potts, both of Birmingham, served as mentors, group leaders during the recent orientation week program at Hillsdale college.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Squibb, 1569 Glenhurst, Lynn graduated from Birmingham high school and is now a sophomore at Hillsdale, where she is a member of Kappa Gamma.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Potts, 2505 Ramsbury. He graduated from Bloomfield Hills high school and is now a sophomore in college. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Student at Simmons

With classes beginning Sept. 26, Simmons college freshmen are settling down for their four-year track towards college degrees. Local freshmen includes Rita E. Diky daughter of the Robert Dalks of Tottenham road, Birmingham. She is a graduate of Marzmont academy, class of 1960.

Starts Fall Semester

Thelma A. Yedlin of Burnham drive, Bloomfield Hills, has been accepted for the fall semester at Wayne State university. A graduate of Lansing Eastern high school, she will major in family life in the College of education at the University.

Freshman Pledges

Thomas L. Lee, freshman at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, has been pledged to Phi Gamma Delta national fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Lee of Pembroke drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Enrolls at Carleton

Lawrence Stolberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Stolberg of Pierce street, Birmingham, has enrolled at Carleton college in the 1960 freshman class. He is a graduate of Culver Military academy.

Studying Medicine

Willis B. Anderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Anderson of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, has enrolled for his first year of study in the College of Osteopathic medicine and surgery, Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to his enrollment he attended Michigan State university where he received his BA degree in chemistry.

Return to College

Ellen B. McGrath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm C. McGrath of Westchester Way, Birmingham, is a member of the senior class in the preparatory department at Penn Hall junior college in Chambersburg, Pa. Susan L. Pardee, daughter of Mrs. Grace G. Pardee of N. Glenngary road, is a junior.

Pledges Chi Omega

Bonnie C. Harris of Covington Place, Birmingham, pledged Chi Omega at the University of Missouri.

At Smith College

Natalie Gingold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory W. Gingold of Birmingham, entered Smith college in Northampton, Mass.



Between the Leaves

Sandy Turk, 1567 E. Maple, a junior at Seaholm high school, is one teenager who believes in looking into things. She and many other Birmingham area residents are enjoying the facilities of the Baldwin public library and its new addition. The latter will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 9, and an open house will be held the same day to celebrate the growth of this cultural facility.

Library Prepares For Dedication And Open House

If patrons sense an air of excitement in the vicinity of Baldwin public library, it's not surprising, says Jeanne Lloyd, library director. The library is preparing for the dedication program and open house scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m.

The library board, staff, and board of the Friends of the library urge everyone to attend the dedication and help celebrate this milestone in the library's history.

To Help Owners Improve Homes

President of the Birmingham real estate board Owen E. Hall, reminded homeowners in a recent bulletin that the Federal housing administration's Title I program has been extended for another year. Homeowners can conveniently finance residential repairs or additions that will add to the value of their homes as well as make them livable, he said.

Members of the National association of real estate boards, entitled to use the registered term "realtor," will be glad to advise homeowners on the most advisable repairs or additions, in terms of increasing marketability he noted. They will also explain the FHA Title I program.

The program will insure loans for alterations, repairs and improvements to existing homes up to a maximum amount of \$3,500, he said. The program has been used to improve more than 23 million homes in its 25-year history.

Pledges in Indiana

John H. Norris of Birmingham is among those recently pledged to one of 25 social fraternities at Indiana university, Bloomington, Ind. He pledged Beta Theta Pi.

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