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The Linnaean Society of New York, organized in 1878, is the second oldest American ornithological society. Regular meetings of the Society are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from September to May, inclusive. Informal meetings are held once a month during June, July, and August. All meetings are open to the public and are usually held at the American Museum of Natural History.

Persons interested in natural history are eligible for election to membership in the Society.

The Society conducts field trips. It also maintains a website at linnaeannewyork.org. It distributes free to all members a monthly *News-Letter*, and every few years an issue of *Proceedings* containing longer articles and notes of ornithological interest. At irregular intervals the Society publishes longer papers and monographs called *Transactions*, which members receive free or at a substantial discount.

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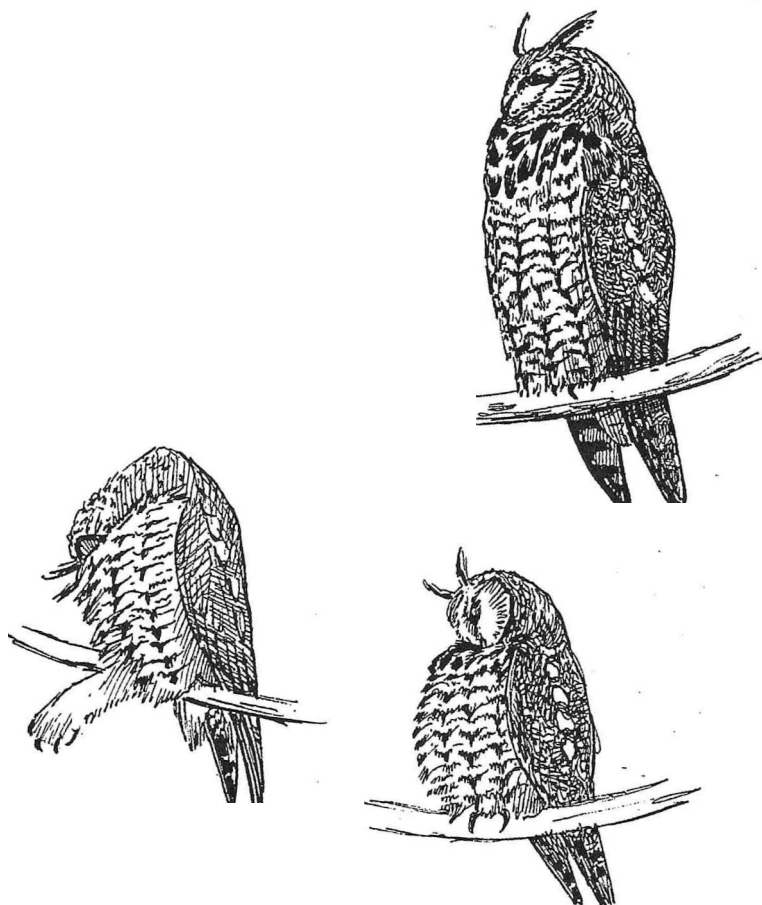
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President's Note

These are the first *Proceedings* of the Linnaean Society of New York since 1997. However, this publication schedule is a marked improvement when one considers the fact the previous *Proceedings* saw the light of day in 1977. Thus the interval in publication has shrunk from one of 20 years to a mere 12 years. This feat is even more notable when one considers that in September, 2007 the Linnaean Society published its *Transactions*, volume X, entitled *Natural History of New York City's Parks and Great Gull Island*. Suffice it to say that the members of the Linnaean Society are suitably proud of this achievement. Special thanks are of course due to Alice Deutsch, Editor, and to the members of the Editorial Committee: Joseph DiCostanzo, Helen Hays, and Mary LeCroy.

The Society plans to maintain its publication schedule in the future and therefore invites the submission of suitable papers and proposals.

Gil Schrank
President



Annual Report for the Year 1996-1997

At the 118th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, March 12, 1996, the following officers were elected:

President	Julio de la Torre
Vice President	Victoria H. Irwin
Secretary	Richard Rabkin
Recording Secretary	Philip Dempsey
Treasurer	Kathleen Howley
Editor	Eric Salzman

At the regular meeting on March 26, the Society elected Estelle Symons, Janet L. Wooten, and Rebekah Creshkoff to serve on the Council for three years, until March 1999.

Meetings Report

March 12, 1996	Annual Meeting: <i>Searching for the World's Cranes</i> Peter Mathiessen
March 26	<i>DNA for Birders</i> Frank Gill
April 9	<i>Restructuring Hawaii's Extinct Prehistoric Avifauna</i> Storrs Olson
April 23	<i>Videotaping Birds</i> Simon Perkins
May 15	<i>An Evening With...</i> Kenn Kaufman
May 28	ID Workshop: <i>Shorebirds</i> Linnaean Society field experts
September 10	<i>Teaming with Wildlife: Will a Tax on Binoculars Help Save Birds?</i> Paul Baicich, Erik Blom, and others
September 24	<i>Conservation Education in the Caribbean</i> Alleyn Regis
October 8	<i>Threatened Birds Around the World: The Birdlife Response</i> Nigel Collar
October 22	<i>Human Mimicry of Bird Voice</i> Jeffery Boswall

November 6	<i>Identifying Large Larus Gulls</i> Bob Lewis
November 26	<i>An Asian Bird Distribution Overview</i> Ben King
December 10	<i>DNA Ornithology</i> Frank Gill
January 14,1997	<i>Origins of Birds and Their Flight</i> Luis Chiappe
January 28	<i>A Year in the Life of a Birder</i> Frank Mantlik
February 11	<i>Speciation in African Parrots</i> Pamela Beresford
February 25	<i>Saving Our Songbirds</i> Lisa Petit

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 50 field trips.
Dale Dancis and Estelle Symons, Field Trip Co-Chairs

Annual Report for the Year 1997-1998

At the 119th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 11, 1997, the following officers were elected:

President	Victoria H. Irwin
Vice President	Richard Rabkin
Secretary	Philip Dempsey
Recording Secretary	Ellen Kornhauser
Treasurer	Karen Hsu
Editor	Eric Salzman

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Shale Brownstein, Fred Baumgarten, and Marie Winn to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2000.

Meetings Report

March 11, 1997	Annual Meeting: <i>Tales of a Low Rent Birder: Stories Behind the Stories</i> Pete Dunne
March 25	<i>The Dry Tortugas: A Deceptive Island Paradise</i> Kevin T. Karlson
April 8	<i>Swainson's Hawks and Pesticides in Argentina</i> Michael Goldstein
April 22	<i>Disrupting the Messages of Life</i> J.P. Myers
May 13	<i>Lecture</i> Information not available
May 27	Members' Slide Show
September 9	<i>Birds, Bucks, and Beauty</i> Arthur Morris
September 23	<i>Looking at Moths</i> John Himmelman
October 14,	<i>Central Park Wildlife in Literature</i> Marie Winn and Charles Kennedy
October 28	<i>Bhutan and Vicinity: Cranes, Ibisbills, and More</i> Larry Steingarten

November 25	<i>Birds and Wildlife of Alaska's Arctic Coastal Tundra</i> Kevin T. Karlson
December 9	<i>A Naturalist in a Troubled Land: Israel</i> Jim Brett
January 13, 1998	<i>How Birds Migrate</i> Paul Kerlinger
January 27	<i>Migrant and Vagrant Traps of North America</i> Paul Lehman
February 10	<i>What Happens When Conservation Works Too Well</i> Robert Rockwell
February 24	<i>Seabirds and Marine Mammals of the Monterey Bay</i> Debra Shearwater

Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 46 field trips.
Dale Dancis and Estelle Symons, Field Trip Co-Chairs

Annual Report for the Year 1998-1999

At the 120th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 10, 1998, the following officers were elected:

President	Victoria Irwin
Vice President	Joseph DiCostanzo
Secretary	Deborah Allen
Recording Secretary	Ellen Kornhauser
Treasurer	Brian McPhillips
Editor	John Allan

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Mary LeCroy, Anthony Lauro, and Thomas Killip to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2001.

Meetings Report

March 10, 1998	<i>Annual Meeting: Honoring Dean Amadon</i> Various Speakers
March 24	<i>Reproductive Strategies of North American Birds</i> Paul Baicich
April 14	<i>Workshop on Birdsong Recording</i> Greg Budney
April 28	<i>Long Island Pine Barrens</i> John Turner
May 12	<i>DNA and the New World Order: When Is a Vulture Really a Stork?</i> John Kircher
May 26	<i>Islands in the Sky</i> Paul Sweet
September 8	<i>Toxins and Avian Mortality in the New York City Area</i> Ward Stone
September 22	<i>Biodiversity and Human Health</i> Francesca Grifo
October 13	<i>Great Gull Island: Surveys on Two Continents</i> Helen Hays and coworkers
October 27	<i>Vultures</i> Carole Griffiths

November 24	<i>Tempest Out of a Teacup: The Functional Morphology of Red-Necked Phalaropes</i> Margaret Rubega
December 8	<i>Color in Birds</i> Vincent Muehter
January 12, 1999	<i>Birding India: In Search of the Rare and Elusive Ibisbill</i> James Bangma
January 26	<i>How Passerine Birds Acquire Their Songs</i> Donald Kroodsmma
February 9	<i>Endangered Species in Connecticut</i> Julie Victoria
February 23	<i>The Geology of the New York City Area</i> Sidney Horenstein

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 48 field trips.
Dale Dancis and Estelle Symons, Field Trip Chairmen

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 514 includes 314 Active members, 75 Associate members, 42 Supporting members, 77 Life, and 7 Honorary and Fellow members.

Annual Report for the Year 1999-2000

At the 121st annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 9, 1999, the following officers were elected:

President	Joseph DiCostanzo
Vice President	Deborah Allen
Secretary	Dale Dancis
Recording Secretary	Alan Messer
Treasurer	Brian McPhillips
Editor	John Allan

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Terence Clarke, Robert DeCandido, and Michael Stubblefield to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2002.

Meetings Report

March 9, 1999	Annual Meeting: <i>T. Rex Was No Four Ton Roadrunner</i> Alan Feduccia
March 23	<i>Conservation of Grassland and Shrubland Birds in the Northeast</i> Robert Askins
April 27	<i>Birding By Ear: A Workshop</i> Richard Walton
May 11	<i>Butterflies, Beetles, and Plants: The Coevolutionary Wars</i> Douglas Futuyma
May 25	Members' Slide Show Peter Post, Moderator
September 14	<i>Total Visible Biodiversity Events: A Report on the Prototype Event In Concord, Massachusetts (1905 species)</i> Peter Alden
September 28	<i>The Art of Bird Photography</i> Arthur Morris
October 12	<i>The Grandifolia Sandhills</i> John Potente
October 26	<i>Species Concepts and the Historical Biogeography of the African Lowland Forest Avifauna</i> Pamela Beresford

- November 9 *Breeding Ecology and Conservation of Grassland Birds in New England*
Andrea Jones
- November 23 *The Ecology and Biology of Owls: A Focus on the Eight Species of New York and New Jersey*
Leonard J. Soucy, Jr
- December 14 *Hawks Aloft Worldwide*
Keith Bildstein
- January 11, 2000 *Conservation Status Of Storks, Ibises, And Spoonbills*
Malcolm Coulter
- January 25 *The Southeast and Its Butterflies*
Richard Cech
- February 8 *Reptiles and Amphibians: New York to Florida*
Peter Warny
- February 22 *The Natural History of the Connecticut River*
Thomas Maloney

Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 49 field trips.
Ellen Kornhauser, Field Trip Chairman

Annual Report for the Year 2000-2001

At the 122nd annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 14, 2000, the following officers were elected:

President	Joseph DiCostanzo
Vice President	Deborah Allen
Secretary	Dale Dancis
Recording Secretary	Alan Messer
Treasurer	Brian McPhillips
Editor	John Allan

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Irene Warshauer, Gilbert Schrank, and Linda Lee to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2003.

Meetings Report

March 14, 2000	<i>Annual Meeting: A Passion for Birds: American Ornithology after Audubon</i> Mark V. Barrow, Jr.
March 28	<i>Conservation Projects at Cao Hai, China and Tram Chim, Vietnam</i> John G. Day
April 11	<i>Birds Of The Gambia: West Africa (With Endemics) on the Cheap</i> Eric Salzman
April 25	<i>Waterbird Conservation in the California Rice Fields</i> Chris Elphick
May 9	<i>Measuring the Impact of the City on Nature</i> Margaret M. Carreiro
May 23	Members' Slide Show Peter Post, Moderator
September 12	<i>The Migration of Steppe Eagles in Nepal</i> Robert DeCandido
September 26	<i>Vladimir Nabokov's Lepidoptery: The Legacy of an "Amateur"</i> Kurt Johnson and Steve Coates
October 11	<i>Diamondback Terrapins at Jamaica Bay</i> Russell Burke

October 24	<i>Foraging Behavior of Antarctic Seabirds</i> Richard Veit
November 15	<i>Life on the Ocean Wave: Observing Pelagic Birds in North American Waters</i> Angus Wilson
November 28	<i>African Eagles</i> William S. Clark
December 12	<i>South Florida Hotspots: A Photographic Tour</i> Mike Feller
January 9, 2001	<i>A Journey in Nature Photography</i> Stephen Feingold
January 23	<i>In Situ and Ex Situ Studies of the Behavior of Bulwer's Wattled Pheasant: From New York to Borneo and Back</i> John Rowden
February 13	Members' Slide Show Deborah Allen, Moderator
February 27	<i>Atlasing Techniques For Cooper's and Sharp-Shinned Hawks with Identification Tips</i> Lawrence Fischer, Jr.

Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 40 field trips.
Ellen Kornhauser, Field Trip Chairman

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 502 includes 328 Active members, 53 Associate members, 32 Supporting members and 89 Life, Honorary and Fellow members.

Annual Report for the Year 2001-2002

At the 123rd annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 13, 2001, the following officers were elected:

President	Deborah Allen
Vice President	Robert DeCandido
Secretary	Linda Lee
Recording Secretary	
Treasurer	Antje Katcher
Editor	Terence Clarke

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Sean Sime, John Cairns and John Walsh to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2004. Peter Rossi was elected to fill an unexpired Council term of two years. Alan Messer and Mary LeCroy were elected to fill unexpired Council terms of one year each. The position of Recording Secretary remained vacant until Richard Lieberman was elected September 25, 2001.

Meetings Report

March 13, 2001	Annual Meeting: <i>The Birds of Ecuador</i> Robert S. Ridgely
March 27	<i>Plate Glass: A Universal Avian Mortality Factor and Conservation Issue</i> Daniel Klem, Jr.
April 10	<i>The Double-Crested Cormorant in New York: Pariah or Scapegoat</i> Bob Miller
April 24	<i>Sexual Dimorphism in the Socially Monogamous Yellow Warbler</i> Shaibal Mitra
May 8	<i>Surveying The Biodiversity of Vietnam</i> Paul Sweet
May 22	<i>West Nile Virus</i> Bryan Cherry
September 11	<i>Birds of the New York Metro Area</i> Michael Stubblefield
September 25	<i>West Nile Virus</i> Ward Stone

October 9	<i>The Biology of Sharks</i> John Morrissey
October 23	<i>Eastern Sparrows: Their Relationships, Biology and Identification</i> James Rising
November 13	<i>Butterflies and Natural History of the Mountains of Northeastern Turkey</i> Ahmet Baytas
November 27	<i>Binocular Vision: A Documentary Film about the Christmas Bird Count in the New York City Area</i> Robert Machover
December 11	<i>Changes in Plant Species Diversity in New York City from 1870 to the Present</i> Robert DeCandido
January 8, 2002	<i>Conservation of Threatened Birds of Peru Via Birdwatching Activities</i> Gunnar Engblom
January 22	<i>Night Flight Calls of Migrating Birds: The New Century Ahead</i> Bill Evans
February 12	<i>Conservation Lessons From A 12-Year Study of a Forest Nesting Songbird, the Ovenbird</i> Laurie Goodrich
February 26	<i>Systematics and Biogeography of Babblers (Timaliidae)</i> Alice Cibois

Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 69 field trips.
Robert DeCandido, Field Trip Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2000 **\$55,459.39**

2001 Income

Dues 10,312.50

Cards and Badges 340.38

Annual Dinner: Net 37.94

Interest & Investment 2,916.61

Total Income 13,607.43

2001 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers 4,903.40

Printing and Mailing 3,232.82

Postage and Stationery 782.45

Voice Mail and Web Hosting 203.72

Other 523.50

Total Expenses 9,645.89

Net Income **3,961.54**

Bequests and Donations 22,850.00

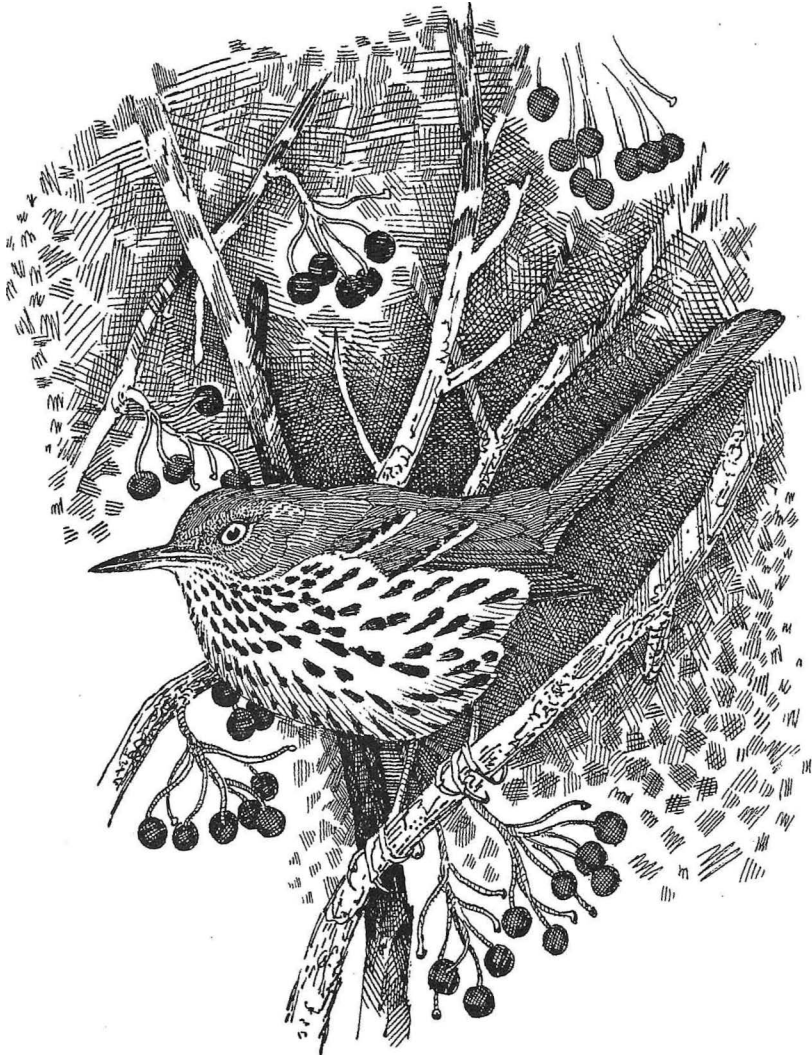
Total Additions **\$26,811.54**

Balance at December 31,1997 **\$82,270.93**

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 533 includes 351 Active members, 57 Associate members, 33 Supporting members and 92 Life, Honorary and Fellow members.

Facing page: *Drawing of a Brown Thrasher by Alan Messer*



Annual Report for the Year 2002-2003

At the 124th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 12, 2002, the following officers were elected:

President	Deborah Allen
Vice President	Robert DeCandido
Secretary	
Recording Secretary	Richard Lieberman
Treasurer	Antje Katcher
Editor	Terence Clarke

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Laurie Lau Cairns, Alan Messer and Geoffrey Nulle to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2005.

Meetings Report

March 12, 2002	Annual Meeting: <i>Taxonomic Problems in Raptors from a Field Identification Perspective</i> William S. Clark
March 26	<i>The Bats of New York State</i> Alan Hicks
April 9	<i>Winter Birding in the Rio Grande Valley and the Texas Coast</i> Brian Moscatello
April 23	Members' Slide Show Deborah Allen, Moderator
May 14	<i>Conservation of Cichlid Fishes (Cichlidae)</i> Paul Loiselle
May 28	<i>Hawk Watching in the Americas</i> Keith Bildstein
September 24	<i>The Sociobiology of Ravens</i> Bernd Heinrich
October 1	<i>Conversations about Old World Migratory Bird Populations: Understanding the Good, the Bad and the Ugly</i> Reuven Yosef

- October 8 *Why Mushrooms Are Easier to Identify than Plants: Patterns of Similarity of Fungi in Temperate and Tropical Zone Forests*
Gary Lincoff
- October 22 *From Snowy Owls to Saw-Whet Owls*
Norman Smith
- November 12 *Wildlife Management at John F. Kennedy International Airport*
Laura Francoeur
- November 26 *The Mannahatta Project: A Reconstruction of the Landscape of Manhattan Island on September 12, 1609*
Eric W. Sanderson
- December 17 *Conservation News Regarding Overwintering Monarch Butterflies in Michoacan Province, Mexico*
Kurt Johnson and Robert DeCandido
- January 14 *Out of the Forest and onto the Plate: The Problem of Hunting and Bushmeat Trade in Tropical Forests*
Elizabeth Bennett
- January 28, 2003 *Changes in Massachusetts Bird Populations*
Wayne Petersen
- February 11 *Owls of the Northeast: The King and the Wanderer*
Lawrence Fischer, Jr.
- February 25 *From Tiger Salamanders to Dragon's-Mouth Orchids: The New York Heritage Program Documents New York's Unusual Beauty and Diversity*
David VanLoven

Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 62 field trips.
Robert DeCandido, Field Trip Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2001		\$82,270.93
2002 Income		
Dues		10,581.50
Annual Dinner:	Income	3,927.00
	Expense	<u>-2,751.01</u>
Annual Dinner:	Net Of That Raffle Income	1,175.99
		1,162.00
Cards and Badges		155.50
Interest and Investment		<u>1,402.11</u>
Total Income		<u>13,315.10</u>
2002 Expenses		
Meetings and Speakers		5,852.12
Printing and Mailing		2,442.89
Affiliation Expense		200.00
Field Trip Expense		63.35
Postage and Stationery		1,446.30
Voice Mail and Web Hosting		831.83
Other		<u>234.76</u>
Total Expenses		<u>11,071.25</u>
Net Income		2,243.85
Contributions and Donations		1,150.00
Book Auction (Net)		<u>5,369.36</u>
Total of Extraordinary Items		\$6,519.36
Balance at December 31, 2002		\$91,034.14

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 459 includes 275 Active members, 55 Associate members, 34 Supporting members and 95 Life, Honorary and Fellow members.

Facing page: *Drawing of an Eastern Towhee by Alan Messer*



Annual Report for the Year 2003-2004

At the 125th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 11, 2003, the following officers were elected:

President	Helen Hays
Vice President	Dale Dancis
Secretary	Ann Shaw
Recording Secretary	Alan Messer
Treasurer	John Cairns
Editor	Terence Clarke

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Shale Brownstein, Starr Saphir and Gilbert Schrank to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2006.

Meetings Report

March 11, 2003	Annual Meeting: <i>Hummingbirds</i> F. Gary Stiles
March 25	<i>Black Guillemots as Indicators of Climate Change in the Western Arctic</i> George J. Divoky
April 8	<i>Environmental Recovery in the Hudson River: Changes in Fish Biodiversity and Abundance</i> John Waldman
April 22	<i>In Search of King Solomon's Ring: Studies on the Cognitive and Communicative Abilities of Grey Parrots</i> Irene Pepperberg
May 13	<i>A New England View of Population Trends in Migrant Passerines Since the 1960's</i> Trevor Lloyd-Evans
May 27	<i>Big City Birds</i> Deborah Allen
June 10	<i>Pesticides, Other Toxics, and West Nile as Killers of New York City's Birds</i> Ward Stone
September 9	<i>Birdsong: Brain and Behavior</i> Daniel Margoliash

- September 23 *New York State Avian Records Committee: What We Do and Why*
Angus Wilson
- October 14 *Why Are Ruffed Grouse Declining in the Central and Southern Appalachians?*
William Guiliano
- October 28 *Vivat Linnaeus #2 (A Musical Comedy)*
Sarah Elliott
- November 11 *From Monkey Eating Eagles to Lina's Sunbirds: Three Decades of Conservation Research in the Philippines*
Robert F. Kennedy
- November 25 *Ecology of Forest Birds in New England and Japan*
Robert Askins
- December 9 *Bonobos Monkeys and Great Ape Conservation*
Richard Malenky and Nancy Thompson-Handler
- January 13, 2004 *Intelligent Planning For Wildlife and Wild Places*
Michael Klemens
- January 27 *Noah's Flood?*
Walter Pitman
- February 10 *Red Knot Conservation*
Jay Laubengeyer
- February 24 *Climate Change Is Coming, Ready or Not*
Earl Saxon

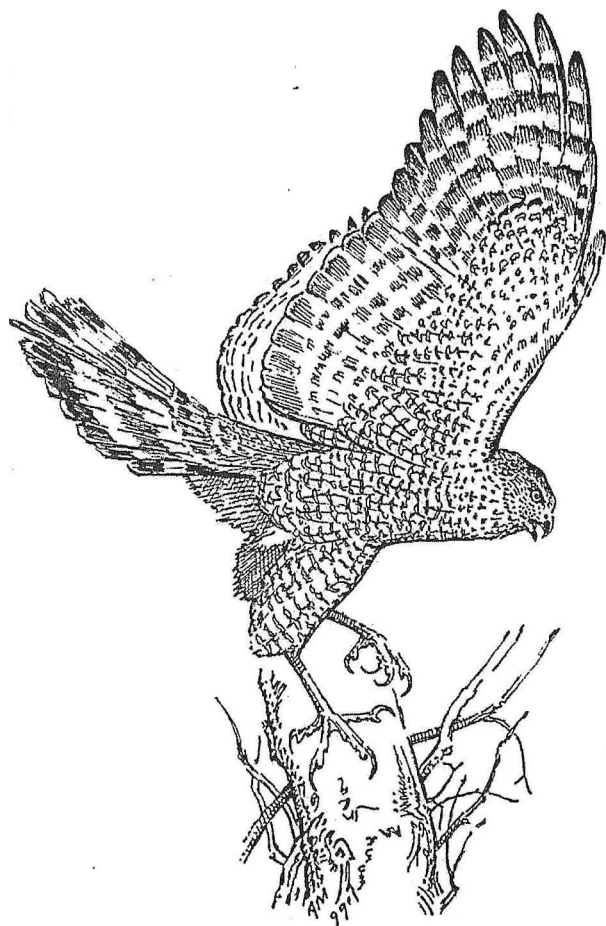
Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 46 field trips.
John Cairns, Field Trip Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2002			\$91,034.14
2003 Income			
Dues			11,592.50
Annual Dinner:	Income	4,255.50	
	Expense	<u>4,303.49</u>	
Annual Dinner:	Net		-47.99
Sales of Cards, etc.			86.50
Interest			<u>1,055.69</u>
Total Income			<u>12,686.70</u>
2003 Expenses			
Meetings and Speakers			10,441.49
Printing and Mailing			8,003.21
Dues and Subscription			200.00
Committee Expenses			532.03
Supplies and Stationery			186.71
Telephone and Website			120.28
Other			<u>152.01</u>
Total Expenses			<u>19,635.73</u>
Net Income			-6,949.03
Extraordinary Items			
General Contributions			250.00
Contributions of Life Membership Fund			650.00
Expenses of Restricted Funds			<u>-\$679.30</u>
Total of Extraordinary Items			\$220.70
Balance at December 31, 2003			\$84,305.81

Facing page: *Drawing of Cooper's Hawk by Alan Messer*



Annual Report for the Year 2004-2005

At the 126th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 9, 2004, the following officers were elected:

President	Helen Hays
Vice President	Dale Dancis
Secretary	Ann Shaw
Recording Secretary	Alan Messer
Treasurer	John Cairns
Editor	Terence Clarke

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Alexander Brash, Alice Deutsch and Lenore Swenson to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2007.

Meetings Report

March 9, 2004	<i>Annual Meeting: Tree Swallow Tricks: Coping with a Variable Environment</i> Erica Dunn <i>Searching For Natal Origin of Birds Captured in Fall Migration</i> David Hussell
March 23	<i>Coral Reefs: Surviving Global Change</i> Ron Salin
April 13	<i>Karner Blue Butterfly in Upstate New York</i> Neal Gifford
April 27	<i>Manhattan Top to Bottom: History and Geology</i> Sidney Horenstein
May 11	<i>Geography of Forested Migration Stopovers in the Eastern United States</i> Roger Tankersley
May 25	<i>The Fine Art of Wildlife Illustration</i> Alan Messer
June 15	<i>Jamaica Bay Guardian: Wildlife and Current Issues</i> Don Riepe
July 13	<i>2003: A Report on a Birding Big Year in New York City</i> Starr Saphir
August 17	<i>Avian Pharmacists of the Amazon</i> David Rosane

September 14	<i>The Birds of Central Park: What We've Learned in 100 Years</i> Panel: Irving Cantor, Sarah Elliott, Richard Gershon, Starr Saphir. Moderator: Geoffrey Nulle
September 28	<i>Energy and Democracy: Can We Have Both?</i> Charles T. Maxwell.
October 12	<i>Northern Goshawks and Red-Shouldered Hawks</i> James Spencer
October 26	<i>Colonial Waterbird Studies on the Great Lakes</i> D. V. "Chip" Weseloh
November 9	<i>Eavesdropping on Elephants: Acoustic Monitoring of Elephants in the Rain Forest</i> Katherine Payne
November 23	<i>In the Pink: Status and Conservation of Flamingoes in South America</i> Felicity Arrengo
December 14	Members' Slide Show Sean Sime, Moderator
January 11, 2005	<i>Conservation in Bolivia</i> Steffan Reichle
January 25	<i>John Muir and Friends in Alaska: The 1899 Harriman Expedition</i> Robert Peck
February 8	<i>Where the Desert Meets the Sea: Baja in the Gulf of California</i> Susan Anderson
February 22	<i>Studying Bird Evolution in Australia and South America</i> Leo Joseph

Field Trips Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 45 field trips.
John Cairns, Field Trip Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2003			\$84,305.81
2004 Income			
Dues			11,919.00
Annual Dinner:	Income	3,290.55	
	Expense	<u>2,916.35</u>	
Annual Dinner:	Net		374.20
Sales of Cards, etc.			243.50
Interest			<u>1,524.27</u>
Total Income			<u>14,060.97</u>
2004 Expenses			
Meetings and Speakers			9,569.48
Printing and Mailing			8,554.91
Dues and Subscription			150.00
Committee Expenses			459.97
Supplies and Stationery			923.01
Equipment			388.65
Telephone and Website			86.36
Other			<u>198.07</u>
Total Expenses			<u>20,330.45</u>
Net Income			-6,269.48
Extraordinary Items			
General Contributions			1,269.75
Contributions of Life Membership Fund			600.00
Expenses of Restricted Funds			<u>-\$20.00</u>
Total of Extraordinary Items			1,849.75
Balance at December 31, 2004			\$79,886.08

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 487 (422 paid up) includes 289 Active members, 61 (51 paid up) Associate members, 41 (34 paid up) Supporting members and 96 Life, Honorary and Fellow members. Facing page: *Drawing of White-breasted Nuthatch by Alan Messer*



Annual Report for the Year 2005-2006

At the 127th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 8, 2005, the following officers were elected:

President	Alan Messer
Vice President	Gil Schrank
Secretary	Valerie Heldt
Recording Secretary	Laurie Cairns
Treasurer	John Cairns
Editor	Terence Clarke

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Elise Boeger, Anne Lazarus, and Geoffrey Nulle to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2008.

Meeting Report

March 8, 2005	<i>Annual Meeting: How Birds Can Save the World: Citizen Science in Ornithology</i> John W. Fitzpatrick
March 22	<i>The Yunnan Great Rivers Project, China</i> Rose Niu
April 12	<i>Travels with Albatrosses</i> Carl Safina
April 26	<i>Bonobo Behavioral Ecology</i> Richard Malenky and Nancy Thompson-Handler
May 10	<i>Macaw and Parrot Behavior at a Clay Lick in Peru</i> Joanna Berger
May 24	<i>Falklands Islands Tales</i> Ivan Rothman
June 21	<i>Birds of California</i> Michael Stubblefield
July 19	<i>Night Life in Central Park</i> Charles Kennedy
August 16	<i>Jamaica Bay Shorebirds</i> Sean Sime
September 13	<i>Jamaica Bay Symposium</i> Don Riepe, Steve Zahn, Dan Mundy, Len Houston

September 27	<i>Chronic Wasting Disease</i> Ward Stone
October 11	<i>Massachusetts Coastal Waterbird Program</i> Andrea Jones
October 25	<i>Paintings of Birds</i> Alan Messer
November 8	<i>The Birdpeople (A Film)</i> Michael Gitlin
November 22	<i>Sterling Forest: Environmental And Political Strategies</i> Mary Yrizarry
December 13	Members' Slide Show Sean Sime, Moderator
January 10, 2006	<i>The Singing Life of Birds</i> Don Kroodsma
January 24	<i>Restoring Long Island's Estuaries and Bays</i> Marci Boardman
February 14	<i>Natural Resource Damage and Restoration</i> Veronica Varela
February 28	<i>Invasive Plants: Impacts on Biodiversity and Endangered Species In New Jersey</i> Michael Van Clef

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 57 field trips.
John Cairns, Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2004 **\$79,886.08**

2005 Income

Dues			14,218.00
Annual Dinner:	Income	2,954.50	
	Expense	<u>2,835.00</u>	
Annual Dinner:	Net		119.50
Sales of Cards, etc.			141.00
Interest			2,179.41
General Contributions			<u>1,788.00</u>
Total Income			<u>18,445.91</u>

2005 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers			8,479.19
Printing and Mailing			3,941.42
Dues and Subscription			150.00
Committee Expenses			540.38
Expenses of Restricted Funds			629.00
Other Expenses			<u>54.28</u>
Total Expenses			<u>13,794.27</u>

Net Income **4,651.64**

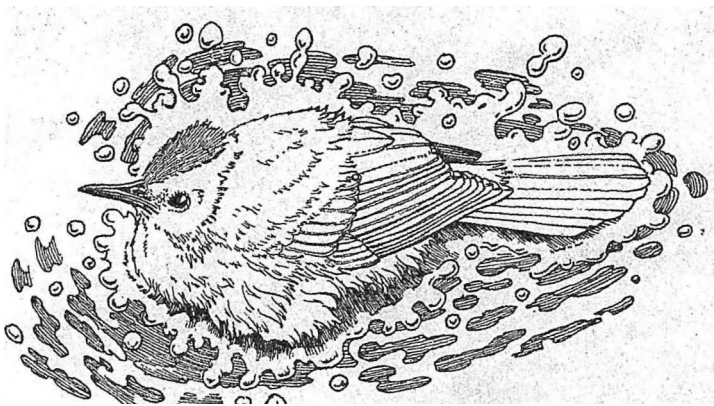
Balance at December 31,2005 **\$84,537.72**

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 445 includes 266 Active members, 48 Associate members, 41 Supporting members and 80 Life, Honorary and Fellow members.

At the Annual Meeting on March 9, 2004, the Society elected the following Honorary Members: Jurgen H. Haffer, Dominique G. Homberger, and Kiyooki Ozaki.

Facing page: *Drawing of a Gray Catbird by Alan Messer*



Annual Report for the Year 2006-2007

At the 128th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 14, 2006, the following officers were elected:

President	Alan Messer
Vice President	Gil Schrank
Secretary	Valerie Heldt
Recording Secretary	Laurie Cairns
Treasurer	John Cairns
Editor	Alice Deutsch

At the regular meeting in March 21, 2005, the Society elected Ardith Bondi and David Saunders to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2009.

Meeting Report

March 14, 2006	<i>Annual Meeting: The Universal Appeal of Birds and the Pleasures and Challenges of Creating a Field Guide to Birds</i> David Sibley
March 28	<i>Atmospheric Deposition: Impacts to Biodiversity</i> Timothy H. Tear
April 11	<i>Horseshoe Crabs and Avian Breeding Ecology</i> Mark Botton
April 25	<i>Bird Evolution's Big Bang</i> Alan Feduccia
May 9	<i>Butterflies of the East Coast</i> Rick Cech
June 20	<i>The Birds of Arizona and Texas</i> Michael Stubblefield
September 12	<i>Shorebird Feeding Biology</i> Margaret Rubega
September 26	<i>Birds of New York from a Bander's Perspective</i> Rich Guthrie
October 10	<i>Birding Babylon: My Year in Iraq</i> Jonathan Trouern-Trend
October 24	<i>Nature of New York: Understanding Our Urban Ecology</i> David Rosane

November 14	<i>The Birds of Central Park</i> Cal Vornberger
November 28	<i>Conserving and Restoring the Biodiversity of Lake Ontario</i> David Kline
December 12	Members' Slide Show Sean Sime, Moderator
January 9, 2007	<i>Alpine Communities and Plants of the Adirondacks</i> Timothy D. Howard
January 23	<i>Ecuador: From Aracari to Zonotrichia</i> Peter Joost and Fritz Mueller
February 13	<i>Kenya: A Wildlife Safari</i> Adrian Binns
February 27	<i>Mashmack Preserve: The Unique History and Biodiversity of a New York Treasure</i> Mike Laspia

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 63 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chairman

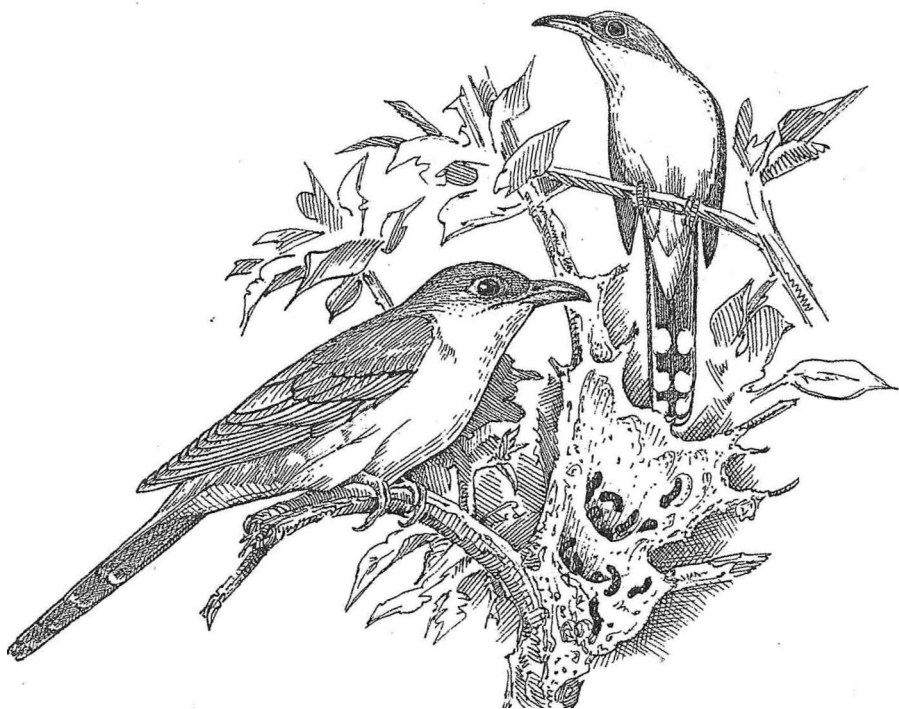
Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2005			\$84,537.72
2006 Income			
Dues			10,862.50
Annual Dinner:	Income	4,416.00	
	Expense	<u>3,443.64</u>	
Annual Dinner:	Net		972.36
Sales of Cards, etc.			46.75
Interest			2,733.08
General Contributions			<u>1,211.25</u>
Total Income			<u>15,825.94</u>
2006 Expenses			
Meetings and Speakers			8,773.68
Printing and Mailing			3,402.21
Dues and Subscription			150.00
Committee and Officer Expenses			371.34
Supplies and Stationery			1,966.97
Website			1,322.89
Expenses of Restricted Funds			209.00
Other Expenses			<u>20.00</u>
Total Expenses			<u>16,216.09</u>
Net Income			-390.15
Balance at December 31,2006			\$84,927.87

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 408 includes 241 Active members, 51 Associate members, 36 Supporting members, 69 Life and 11 Honorary and Fellow members.

Facing page: *Drawing of a Black-billed Cuckoo and Yellow-billed Cuckoo by Alan Messer*



Annual Report for the Year 2007-2008

At the 129th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 13, 2007, the following officers were elected:

President	Gil Schrank
Vice President	John Cairns
Secretary	Laurie Cairns
Recording Secretary	Susan Scioli
Treasurer	Sandra Maury
Editor	Alice Deutsch

At the regular meeting in March, the Society elected Jeffrey Kimball, Sandra Paci and Lenore Swenson to serve on the Council for three years, until March 2010.

Meeting Report

March 13, 2007	<i>Annual Meeting: Windows on Nature: The Great Habitat Dioramas of the American Museum of Natural History</i> Stephen C. Quinn
March 27	<i>Carl Linnaeus, 1707-1778: His Tercentenary</i> The Tercentenary Committee, Jill Hamilton, Chair
April 10	<i>Songbird Migrations: Four Seasons in the Lives of Migratory Birds</i> Miyoko Chu
April 24	<i>A One-Year Search for the Birds of New York State</i> Sean Sime
May 8	<i>The History of the Field Guide</i> John Yrizarry
June 19	<i>Salt Marsh Nesting Sparrows</i> Chris Elphick
July 17	<i>Conservation Across Landscapes: The Importance of Large Nature Reserves</i> Robert Askins
August 21	<i>The Birds of Iceland</i> Michael Stubblefield
September 11	<i>Avian Vagrancy to the Lighthouse Tract of Fire Island National Seashore: History, Highlights and Biological Significance</i> Shaibal Mitra

- September 25 *Search for Ivory-Billed Woodpeckers in the Florida Panhandle*
Geoffrey Hill
- October 9 *Demystifying Bird Photography*
Sean Sime
- October 23 *Irruptions, Resource Exploitation and Finch Nesting in New York*
Matthew Young
- November 13 *Golden-Winged and Blue-Winged Warblers: Mate Choice, Hybridization and Conservation*
Rachel Vallender
- November 27 *Wolves Series: The Wolves of Isle Royale*
Rolf O. Peterson
- December 11 *Real Birds Eat Squid*
George Armistead
- January 8, 2008 *Aerodynamic Considerations Regarding Evolution of Flight in Birds*
Sam Tarsitano
- January 22 *Tales of Woe, Deception, and Wonder: The Myriad Defenses of New York's Caterpillars*
David L. Wagner
- February 12 *Wolves Series: Population Ecology and Conservation of Wolves*
Todd K. Fuller
- February 26 *New York's Second Breeding Bird Atlas: 20 Years Of Change*
This Meeting Is In Memory Of John Bull
Kimberly Corwin

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 65 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Balance at December 31, 2006 **\$84,147.57**

2007 Income

Dues			15,415.00
Annual Dinner:	Income	4,043.51	
	Expense	3,841.00	
Annual Dinner:	Net		202.51
Sales of Cards, etc.			939.32
Interest			3,304.46
General Contributions			<u>22,021.99</u>
Total Income			<u>41,883.28</u>

2007 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers			9,701.77
Printing and Mailing			2,742.43
Award			7.32
Dues and Subscription			50.00
Committee and Officer Expenses			245.19
Website			143.55
Other Expenses (Bank Charges-net)			<u>58.15</u>
Total Expenses			<u>12,939.41</u>

Net Income **28,943.87**

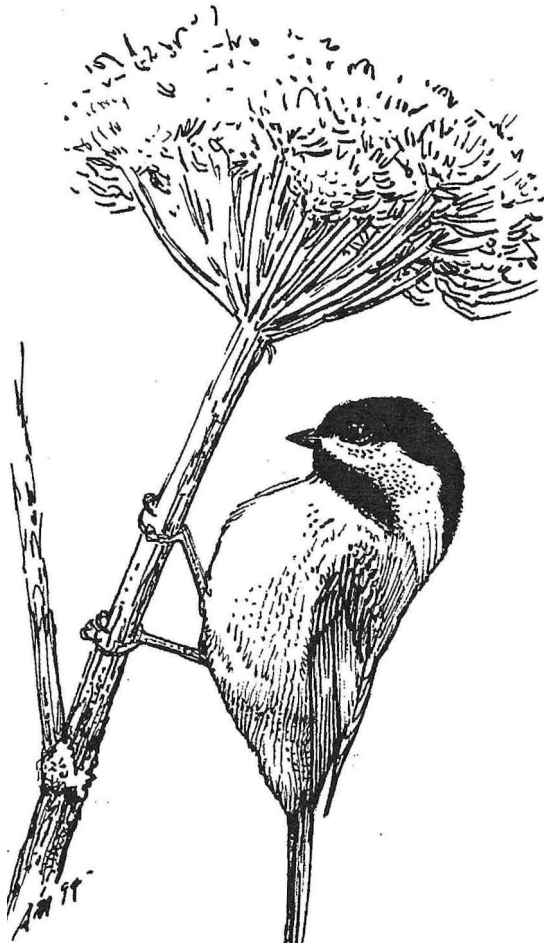
Balance at December 31, 2007 **\$113,091.44**

Notes and Summary

Our total membership of 413 includes 238 Active members, 44 Associate members, 37 Supporting members, 83 Life, 3 Honorary and 8 Fellow members.

At the Annual Meeting on March 13, 2007, the Society elected the following Fellow:
John Cairns.

Facing page: *Drawing of a Black-capped Chickadee by Alan Messer*



Workshops

In 2004 the Society held a series of workshops initiated by Helen Hays, most of which were held in Linder Theater from 6: 30pm to the time of the regularly scheduled meeting. These workshops have continued on a more limited scale up to the present.

September 14, 2004	<i>Screening of Pale Male</i> Charles Kennedy and Marie Winn
September 28	<i>Confusing Fall Warblers</i> Michael Stubblefield
October 26	<i>Highlighting Recent Discoveries in Ornithology and Natural History</i> Joseph DiCostanzo
November 23	<i>Behind the Scenes in Ornithology at AMNH</i> Mary LeCroy
December 14	<i>How to Choose a Birding Tour Company</i> John Cairns
January 11, 2005	<i>Behind the Scenes in Ornithology at AMNH</i> Mary LeCroy
February 22	<i>Horseshoe Crabs in New Jersey and Delaware</i> Mark Botton
March 22	<i>Identifying Plants</i> Marielle Anzallone
April 12	<i>Identifying Spring Migrants</i> Joseph DiCostanzo
May 24	<i>Bugs and Birds</i> Sarah Elliott
September 27	<i>Bird Identification</i> Michael Stubblefield
November 22	<i>Behind the Scenes in Ornithology at AMNH</i> Mary LeCroy
January 10, 2006	<i>Behind the Scenes in Ornithology at AMNH</i> Mary LeCroy
January 23, 2007	<i>Recent Ornithological Literature</i> Joseph DiCostanzo

- October 23 *Behind the Scenes in Ornithology at AMNH*
Mary LeCroy
- November 13 *Behind the Scenes in Ornithology at AMNH*
Mary LeCroy
- January 22, 2008 *Recent Ornithological Literature*
Joseph DiCostanzo

Awards

Prior to 1983 the council of the Linnaean Society of New York nominated Honorary Members and Fellows to be proposed to the membership and voted on by the membership at the annual dinner in March. In 1983, with the initiation of the Eisenmann Medal, an Awards Committee was formed to propose candidates to the Council to be considered for recognition by the Society. The committee reviews candidates for Honorary Members and Fellows as well as those to be considered for the Eisenmann Medal, the Shelda Taylor Award and the Natural History Service Award. If approved by the Council, nominees for these honors are voted on by the membership at the annual dinner, which is given on the second Tuesday of March..

The Awards Committee is composed of nine society members including the Chairman of the Committee and the President of the Linnaean Society. The following members have served on the Awards Committee: Deborah Allen, W. Parker Cane, Richard Cech, John Cairns, Joseph DiCostanzo, Susan Rony Drennan, John Farrand, Jill Hamilton, Helen Hays (Chair), Peter Joost, Clair Lynch, Mary LeCroy, Alan Messer, Jeffrey Nulle, Starr Saphir, Gil Schrank, Julio de la Torre.

The Eisenmann Medal is awarded to individuals for “excellence in ornithology and encouragement of the amateur”.

The latter two awards listed were first given in 2006. The Shelda Taylor Award, in honor of Shelda Taylor a teacher in the New York City school system, will be given to individuals who reach out to young people and introduce them to natural history. The Natural History Service Award is given to individuals who have worked with people in any area of the world and facilitated their learning about natural history. Awards are not given every year.

At the March 12, 1984 meeting the first models of a Peregrine Falcon were given to those who had been members for 50 years or more. The Peregrines were designed and made by Dave Schwendeman of the Exhibition Department at the American Museum of Natural History. They were engraved for recipients by Stephen C. Quinn from the Exhibition Department. Dave based the model he made on a drawing by Rikki Harrison. Rikki drew a Peregrine Falcon sitting on the southeast tower of the American Museum of Natural History for a patch the Linnaean Society sold as part of its Centennial celebration in 1978. Peregrines had nested on the roof of the apartment building north of the American Museum on Natural History. Today a reduced version of Rikki’s drawing is used on the Linnaean Society letterhead and as the masthead of the Linnaean *News-Letter*.

Eisenmann Medal

1983	Ernst Mayr
1984	Joseph J. Hickey
1985	Olin S. Pettingill
1986	Roger T. Peterson
1987	Chandler S. Robbins
1988	Frank B. Gill
1989	Helen Hays
1990	C. Stuart Houston
1991	David B. Wingate
1993	G. Stuart Keith
1995	Guy Tudor
1998	Dean Amadon
2001	Robert S. Ridgeley
2002	William S. Clark
2003	F. Gary Stiles
2004	David J. T. Hussell, Erica H. Dunn
2005	John W. Fitzpatrick
2006	David A. Sibley
2008	Malcolm C. Coulter

Shelda Taylor Award

2006	Peter Joost
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Natural History Service Award

2006	Sarah Elliott
2007	Starr Saphir
2008	Mary Yrizarry

In Memoriam

- 1996 Berry Baker
Geoffrey Carleton
Moses H. Cohen
- 2000 Arnold Small
Darcia Weiss
Florence G. Nixon
O. K. Stephenson
- 2001 Don R. Eckleberry
Herbert Baden
Norman I. Stotz, Jr.
Walter Friton
- 2002 Helene Tetrault
Murray Brettschneider
William O. Astle
- 2003 Dean Amadon
G. Michael McHugh
G. Stuart Keith
George A. Plimpton
Marion D. Ennes
Nancy Sloan
Shelda Taylor
Sherman Hollander
- 2004 Alexander Skutch
Frank Larkin
Richard H. Pough
Roy Leaf
Stephen B. Dempsey
William G. Wigton
- 2005 Catherine Pessino
Donen Gleick
Ernst Mayr
Jacob Gasnick
Richard A. Sloss
Thomas F. Higgins
W. J. Norse
- 2006 Henry W. Pelzl
John Bull
Marjorie Zucker
- 2007 Kenneth C. Parkes
Martin King
Walton B. Sabin
- 2008 Martin Sohmer

Constitution and By-Laws of the Linnaean Society of New York

as amended February 1978, December 1979, May 1983 and May 1996

CONSTITUTION

Section 1. General Organization

Article 1. This Society shall be composed primarily of persons living in the New York City area who are interested in the natural sciences.

Article 2. It shall consist of Life, Supporting, Active, Associate and Honorary Members, Benefactors and Fellows.

Article 3. Only Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall be entitled to vote, to hold office, to serve on the Council, and to transact business. Associate Members and Honorary Members, in addition to the foregoing classes of Members, may attend meetings, serve on committees and take part in the scientific discussions of the Society; but Associate and Honorary Members shall not be entitled to serve on committees dealing with the business or organizational affairs of the Society, nor shall they be chairmen of committees or entitled to vote as members of committees. All Members not in arrears of dues shall be entitled to receive without charge the various publications of the Society issued during the period of membership unless the Council shall otherwise provide on the basis of cost or class of membership.

Article 4. The officers of the Society, who shall be elected annually, shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Editor. With the exception of the Treasurer and Editor, no officer shall hold the same office more than two consecutive full terms, but shall again be eligible for election one year after the expiration of a second consecutive term. The officers, together with nine Members at large, shall form a board called the Council which shall manage the Society. Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, in such manner that the terms of three councilors shall expire every year.

The current officers and elected councilors shall be called current elective Council members. A quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be a majority of the current elective Council members. Any former President of the Society who is a Member of the Society in good standing shall be entitled to attend Council meetings and to vote as a member of the Council.

Any former President who is qualified to participate in Council meetings and who wishes notice of them shall annually so advise the Secretary in writing.

Article 5. By-Laws for the more particular regulation of the Society shall be made from time to time.

Article 6. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at any regular meeting of the Society, provided written notice of the proposed change and of the meeting at which the proposed change is to be acted upon has been sent to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow at least 30 days previously.

Article 7. Dues for each class of membership and the time for their payment shall be established as set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Of Members

Article 1. Active, Supporting and Life Members shall be persons who have shown an interest in some branch of natural science.

Article 2. Associate Members shall be persons interested in some branch of natural science (a) residing 50 miles or more from the Society's regular place of meeting and unable to attend meetings of the Society regularly; or (b) regularly enrolled as full-time students for an entire academic year at an established institution of learning. Persons holding Associate Membership as students shall be obliged to advise the Treasurer on or before the first day of September of each year as to their current and prospective status as students; they may be dropped from membership by the Treasurer if satisfactory evidence of such status is not supplied. Nothing herein shall preclude a student or a person residing 50 miles or more from the Society's regular place of meeting from being elected to any other class of membership.

Article 3. Honorary Members shall not exceed ten in number, and shall be persons eminent for their attainments in one or more of the natural sciences.

Article 4. Benefactors shall be persons who have made a significant financial contribution to the Society as determined by the Council. The names of Benefactors shall be carried on the Society's rolls in perpetuity

Article 5. Any Member may be elected a Fellow in recognition of distinguished service to the Society.

Article 6. All classes of Members shall be chosen by majority vote of those Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at a regular meeting of the Society, after having been nominated by a Member and approved by the Council.

Article 7. Any Member may be expelled from the Society, upon recommendation of the Council, by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at any regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed action and of the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken has been sent at least 30 days previously to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow and to the Member involved.

Section 3. Of Officers and Their Duties

Article 1. The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and of the Council, preserve order, regulate debate, and conduct all proceedings accordance with accepted parliamentary usage.

Article 2. The Vice-President shall have charge of the archives of Society; shall, with the advice and assistance of the President and Secretary, plan and prepare the programs for meetings of the Society; and shall perform the duties of President in his absence.

Article 3. The Secretary shall give notice to persons of their election as Members, and to committees of their appointment; shall give notice of all regular meetings of the Society; shall call special meetings when directed by the President; shall give notice to all members of the Council of all Council meetings; shall inform officers of all matters requiring their attention; shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and prepare all letters to be written in its name, retaining copies of them; shall, as directed by the Council, make all arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Society; and shall assist the President and Vice-President in planning the programs for meetings of the Society.

Article 4. The Recording Secretary shall take and preserve correct minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Council and shall preserve and compile in systematic order field notes presented by Members.

Article 5. The Editor, with the assistance of Associate Editors who may be appointed from time to time by the President, shall edit and supervise all publications of the Society and shall arrange for their exchange and distribution.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall collect all money due; shall pay all bills against the Society as authorized by the Council; shall keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures; and shall make a detailed report of the same at the Annual Meeting.

Article 7. Officers shall be nominated by majority vote of the Council and elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present. The slate of officers nominated by the Council shall be announced at the first meeting in February each year. Any other Member may be nominated if such nomination is subscribed in writing by 15 persons who are Active, Supporting or Life Members, Benefactors or Fellows and is received by the President or Secretary at any time prior to the second meeting in February. Any office, other than that of President, becoming vacant during the year shall be filled at the next meeting of the Society in the same manner, except that the Council need not announce its nomination prior to the meeting and other nominations may be made from the floor. If the office of President becomes vacant during the year, the Vice-President shall become President. Persons who succeed to the office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Recording Secretary as the result of a vacancy shall remain eligible for election to two consecutive full terms in accordance with Article 4 of Section 1.

Section 4. Of the Council and its Duties

Article 1. The Council shall review and take action on all nominations of candidates for membership. It shall make such recommendations as it sees fit on new business initiated by Members. Its recommendations shall be presented by the Secretary at the next regular meeting of the Society. A majority vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at the meeting shall be sufficient to ratify recommendations made and actions taken by the Council.

Article 2. The Council may at any of its meetings initiate any new business promoting the general interests and welfare of the Society, and a majority vote of the members attending such meeting shall be sufficient for ratification. The prior authorization or approval by a majority of the councilors, given at a meeting of the Council, shall be necessary for any appropriation of funds of the Society in excess of \$50.00.

Article 3. The Council shall nominate a slate of officers for the coming year at its January meeting.

Article 4. The Council shall hold regular meetings for the transaction of general business. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of any three councilors.

Article 5. A sufficient number of councilors shall be chosen at the first regular meeting after the Annual Meeting to fill existing vacancies. Councilors shall be nominated by a committee to be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting, such committee to consist of three Active, Supporting or Life Members, or Benefactors or Fellows of the Society who are not members of the Council. This shall not be construed as precluding additional nominations from the floor. If the nominations exceed the numbers of vacancies, the election shall be by written ballot. Those nominees receiving the largest number of votes of Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present shall be elected. If for any reason a councilor does not complete his term of office, his successor for the remainder of the term shall be chosen at the next regular meeting by nomination from the floor and election as prescribed above.

Section 5. Of Meetings

Article 1. A meeting shall be held annually for the election of officers and for other general purposes. At this meeting the Secretary shall present a report upon the publications, meetings, membership, and other general business of the Society, and the Treasurer shall report on the financial affairs of the Society. Prior to the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a committee of two Active, Supporting or Life Members, or Benefactors or Fellows, neither of whom shall be a member of the Council, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Section 6. Miscellaneous

Article 1. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or the participation or intervention in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article 2. No officer, director, Member or employee of the Society may receive any pecuniary profit from its operation or upon its dissolution, except reasonable compensation for services rendered in effecting one or more of its purposes.

Article 3. In the event of voluntary dissolution of the Society or in the event of dissolution due to such other circumstances as are permitted or required by law, the funds and assets of the Society then belonging to it shall, after proper payment of liabilities, be distributed in accordance with the law then applicable to charitable organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law).

Article 4. The Society shall at no time carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a) or 2522(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law).

BY-LAWS

Section 1. Of Members

Article 1. The Council shall, by a majority vote of its current elective members, set the amount of dues for the following categories of membership: Active Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Life Member. Honorary Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall not pay dues.

Article 2. Dues of Active, Associate and Supporting Members are payable annually no later than the first regular meeting in September except that dues of newly elected Members shall be payable upon election to membership. Persons elected as Active, Associate and Supporting Members in the months of March, April and May shall pay dues at one-half the regular rates set by the Council until the following September. Dues of Life Members are payable in no more than four consecutive annual installments; upon full payment no further dues are payable.

Article 3. By a majority vote of the current elective Council members, a person who has been an Active or Supporting Member of the Society for at least twenty-five years and has reached the age of sixty-five may be granted an Active membership at half the annual Active dues upon written application to the Treasurer.

Article 4. Upon written application to the Treasurer, subject to the approval of a majority of the current elective Council members and if the applicant is not in arrears of dues for a previous year, (a) a Member who for a full year is absent on a scientific expedition or is engaged in military service may be excused from the payment of dues for that year; (b) an Active Member who is regularly enrolled as a full-time student for an entire academic year at an established institution of learning may have his status changed to that of Associate Member, provided his application is received on or before the first day of September of the year for which the change of status is sought, and provided it is accompanied by the annual dues of an Associate Member for that year.

Article 5. Any Member who shall neglect to pay his regular dues shall be dropped from the roll of Members after having been sent notification to that effect in writing by the Treasurer.

Section 2. Of Meetings

Article 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the week in March that includes the second Tuesday.

Article 2. Regular meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from September to May inclusive, except as otherwise provided by a majority vote of the Council.

Article 3. Informal meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, July and August, except as otherwise provided by a majority vote of the Council.

Article 4. Thirty-five Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

Article 5. The following items of business shall be transacted at each regular meeting in any order prescribed by the presiding officer:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Recording Secretary.
2. Reading of correspondence received by the Secretary.
3. Proposal of candidates for membership.
4. Election of Members.
5. Committee reports.
6. Business (a) Unfinished; (b) New.
7. Presentation of program.
8. Presentation of field notes.
9. General discussion.
10. Adjournment.

Section 3. Of Changes of By-Laws

Article 1. The By-Laws of the Society may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present (a) at any one regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed change and of the meeting at which the proposed change is to be acted upon has been sent to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow at least 30 days prior thereto, or (b) at any two regular meetings held on the second Tuesday of two successive months, provided such change has been recommended by a vote of eleven of the current elective Council members.

Section 4. Of Committees

Article 1. A Conservation Committee shall be appointed annually by the President to advise, inform and represent the Society on conservation and environmental matters.

Article 2. An Editorial Committee, with the Editor acting as chairman, shall be appointed annually by the President to read and prepare papers for the Society's publications. Such Committee shall, from time to time, publish with the consent of the Council an issue of the Society's *Proceedings*, which shall contain the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, reports of pertinent Committees, general notes, and scientific papers. The Editorial Committee shall also recommend to the Council, for inclusion in the Society's *Transactions*, publication of extensive papers that are submitted to it from time to time and which, by reason of their length, are disbarred from the ordinary channels of scientific communication. Upon recommendation by the Council, the publication of a volume of the *Transactions* shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at a regular meeting of the Society. The Society shall also publish a newsletter which shall contain brief articles, announcements and items of general interest to its Members and which shall appear at least six times a year. The editor of the newsletter shall be a member of the Editorial Committee.

Article 3. A Field Work Committee may be appointed annually by the President to encourage and conduct constructive fieldwork in the New York City region and to promote the discussion of local faunal problems at meetings of the Society.

Article 4. A Field Trip Committee may be appointed annually by the President to arrange field trips for Members and guests of the Society.

Article 5. The President may, with the consent of the Council, appoint such additional committees as may be necessary or advisable from time to time to conduct the affairs of the Society or further its interests.

Section 5. Of Funds and Prizes

Article 1. The Society shall administer a fund to be known as The Charles A. Urner Memorial Fund, the principal and interest of which is to be used for the promotion of field ornithology in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut and for the publication of studies made in said areas. The Treasurer is authorized to accept contributions to this Fund from Members and other interested persons.

Article 2. The Treasurer is authorized to accept from Members and other interested persons contributions to a revolving publication fund, the income and principal of which is to be devoted primarily to the publication of the *Proceedings* and *Transactions*.

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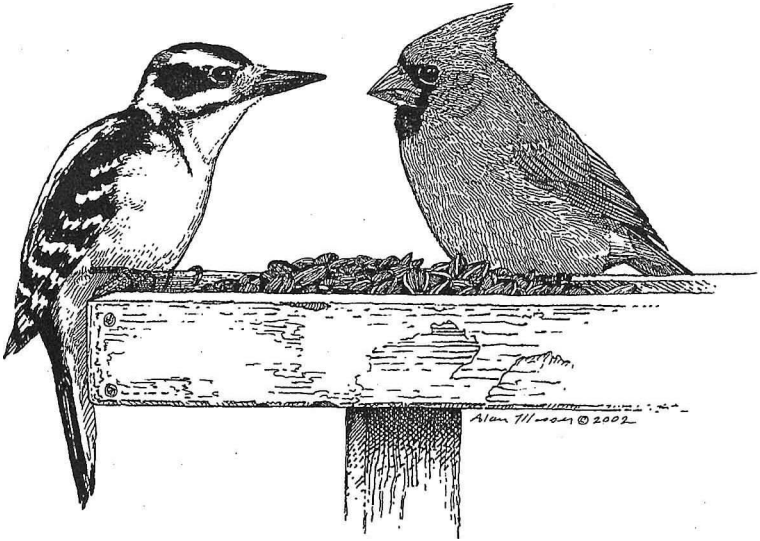
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