

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

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Dear Fellow Member:

It has been a long time since a letter has reached you from this office, but there has been little of interest to write. In the last letter, written by our President, the suggestion was made that sectional meetings be held in different corners of the state during the summer. Such a meeting has been held at Atlantic and was a very enjoyable one, but, as far as I know, other sections have not as yet arranged for a meeting.

There will be the usual meeting of the Wild Life School at McGregor and we hope will have a Bird Day on the program, as has been the custom for the last two years at least. The Wild Life School holds, this year, the seventh annual session, August 8-20, and each year is becoming more popular. The classes are made up of people, not only from our state, but other states as well, and every one who attends hopes to be able to come again. Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, of our Executive Council, has charge of the bird study.

It is not too early now to plan for the annual meeting of The Iowa Ornithologists' Union for the next year. It seems to be the wish of many present at the last meeting that we have two days for our meetings, one for the program and an all day field trip. This latter is most essential for a meeting of bird lovers, for, aside from the help we receive from others in identifying birds that may be unfamiliar to us, there is a vast amount of good fellowship on such a trip that will bind our members more closely together and mean more enthusiasm for our organization. Such a meeting should be held in May or June.

We have received a very cordial invitation from the Atlantic Bird Club to hold our meeting there in May, 1926, and this should be answered as soon as convenient. They have a very enthusiastic Club there and a very progressive one and I am sure we would enjoy meeting with them. We would be very glad to hear from each member in regard to this, and the questionnaire at the end of the letter is placed there for your convenience if you care to use it.

In closing we wish to call attention to the fine article in the June number of the Wilson Bulletin on the Purple Martin, written by our Treasurer, Mr. Whitney of Atlantic, who has studied colonies of these birds in his own yard for a number of years. As the interest in these beautiful birds has increased greatly in the last few years, especially in the western part of the state, a few suggestions as to starting a colony are of value to those wishing to undertake it.

We hope that all our members are having access to this magazine, for it is not only the official publication of the Wilson Club with which we, as an organization, are affiliated, but it is now published in Iowa by one of the officers of The Iowa Ornithologists' Union and is growing better with every number.

Yours very truly,

Mary L. Bailey, Secretary.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Shall we accept the invitation to meet in Atlantic in May, 1926?

What other place do you favor for the 1926 meeting?