

THE BRODIE CLUB

**The 927th Meeting of the Brodie Club was held in the Ramsay Wright Building
Tuesday Jan. 20th at 8:00 PM. 1995**

Chairman: Ron Tasker

Secretary: John Speakman

Attendance: 18 Members - 8 Guests

Ron Nesbitt - Guest of B. Falls

Mary Boswell - " "

Marc Lachaine - " "

Sharon McAndrews - Guest of Bodsworth

Sylvia and Ernie Duvernet - guests of McAndrews

Claire and Bernard Muller - guests of Carrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Carrick displayed Robert Taylor's recently published book "The Great Gray Owl"

Tasker expressed condolences on the death of Maudie Reynolds.

Trudy Rising was elected to membership in the Club.

SPEAKER: Sid Daniels

SUBJECT: Amphibians and Reptiles of the Eastern U.S.A.

The speaker was introduced by Bryant who noted his long friendship with Daniels going back to early school days when his interest in natural history started. Mr. Daniels first contrasted the different approach of the 'Birder' to someone with his interests. The objects of his searching are more difficult to find and may have to be captured to be examined and appreciated.

The speaker then projected slides which recorded his week-end observations to seven locations in the south-eastern U.S.A. namely Reelfoot Lake Tennessee, Savana River South Carolina, Red River Gorge Kentucky, Pine Hills Illinois, Mount Rogers Virginia, Cheat Mountains West Virginia and Pine Barrens New Jersey. Trips were made south because of the much rich diverse fauna in the warmer climates. The colour slides of frogs, snakes, turtles, salamanders showed in great detail their beautiful colours and adaptations and their specialized habitats.

I think the slides and the prints on display were some of the finest we have seen at the Brodie Club. The speaker's achievement in identifying 320 of a total of 500 species is quite remarkable.

QUESTIONS:

FALLS - raised the problem of declining populations and the speaker said that this question had not been resolved. He expressed concern over the reports of ozone effects causing deformities. He agreed that Timber Rattlesnakes and their dens were in decline.

REYNOLDS - commented on finding Four-toed Salamanders - a rarity.

The speaker did not think snake-bite kits were of any value and recommended rapid treatment with anti-venom and intermittent use of tourniquets. In a high percentage of snake bites venom is not released.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS:

BRYANT - reported a Merlin taking Mourning Doves at his feeder.

LUMSDEN - has seen a great Blue Heron.

CURRIE - reported a Common Eider on Lake Simcoe and 2000 Tundra Swans and Sandhill Cranes are still around Long Point. Snow Buntings, Horned Larks and Longspurs have been seen at a freshly manured field east of Toronto (Ashburn).

AIRD'S recently published book of fables 'Loon Laughter' was available to members.

BODSWORTH'S new edition of 'Last of the Curlews' was on display.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:45 PM



NOTICE OF MEETING

The 928th Meeting of the Brodie Club will be held in Room 432 of the Ramsay Wright Building, U. of T. St. George & Harbord Sts. on Tuesday Feb. 17, 1998 at 8:00 PM

PROGRAM

DISCUSSION The Ice Storm of the Century
 Jim Bendell et al

FILM Wildlife Potpourri
 Bill Carrick

OBSERVATIONS

REFRESHMENTS