



Roundtable

... with Louis C. Fink

When Do Birds Starve?

I spoke to the Rocky Mount Garden Club recently, and fielded the usual questions. Normally, I can anticipate the questions. But this time I was stuck. "How long can a wild bird live without food?" Assuming a hard freeze, with no insects available and plants covered with ice, how long will a bird survive? Does any reader know of any study on that point?

The 600 Club

Terry Moore now handles the affairs of the 600 Club. If you want to receive the Newsletter, send \$5 (\$7 for husband and wife) to Terry at 2699 Twiggs Circle, Marietta, Ga. 30067.

New Natural Area

On 11 August 1976 Trent Ragland, president of Martin Marietta Aggregates, presented to the State of North Carolina the deed to a 68-acre tract of land that has become the third protected natural area to be administered by the State Parks system. Known locally as Mitchell's Mill, the site includes a granite outcropping on which grow several rare plants unique to that particular habitat. In addition, many coastal plain plants reach their western limit at Mitchell's Mill while many mountain and piedmont species are at or near their eastern limit. The Mitchell's Mill Natural Area, located on NC 96 about a mile east of US 401, affords excellent birding, particularly during spring migration. Long used as a trash dump, the site is being cleaned by volunteers organized by Bob Teulings and assisted by other State Parks employees, some of whom are working on Saturdays without pay. Customary trash removal methods cannot be used on the granite outcropping without destroying the fragile plants beneath the debris. Numerous broken bottles, rusty cans, and other potentially dangerous objects must be lifted one at a time by hand, work that truly tests the volunteers' devotion to conservation.

Land Preservation Needed on Roan Mountain

According to an article in the May 1976 issue of *Audubon*, Roan Mountain on the North Carolina-Tennessee border is in danger of being overdeveloped as a vacation and retirement center. Funds are urgently needed to preserve the spectacular stands of rhododendron, flame azalea, and various wild flowers including the rare Gray's lily. Stanley A. Murray, president of the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy with offices in Kingsport, Tennessee, points out that \$500 will save an acre, \$25 a rhododendron. Gifts for the Roan Mountain project also may be sent to the Nature Conservancy's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. To bird students Roan Mountain is known as one of the few places in the Southeast where the Snow Bunting can be considered a regular winter resident.

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CBC Roundtable

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Death Claims Two Club Members

T.M. Rial of Aiken, S.C., died 1 November 1976. Tom was an enthusiastic birder and dedicated conservationist who devoted much time and energy to CBC, Georgia Ornithological Society, and several other organizations with similar goals. "Big Bird" rarely missed a CBC meeting, and he resigned from his post on the Executive Committee only when forced to do so by failing health.

Mrs. Jack Willis of Ocracoke, N.C., also died recently. Fonnies was a gracious hostess to many visiting birders. Her final contribution to ornithology was an extensive revision of the Hyde County bird list incorporating many of her unpublished records.

New CBC President

Mrs. Tommy Dabbs of Sumter, S.C., has been confirmed by the Executive Committee as the new president of Carolina Bird Club. Evelyn succeeds F.M. (Pat) Probst, who will continue to edit the *CBC Newsletter*. According to Evelyn, the winter CBC meeting will be at Wilmington with headquarters on the UNC-W campus. Winston-Salem bird club members plan to host the spring meeting. Watch your *Newsletter* for full details.