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## IN MEMORIAM Frederick Hamilton May

Fred H. May, historian and naturalist, died 22 April 1977 in Lenoir, N.C., at age 86. Among his survivors are his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. O.J. Brown of Salisbury; a sister, Mrs. O.D. Paul of New Bern; a brother, Reginald May of Charlotte; and seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A retired timber appraiser and buyer, Fred formerly owned *The Lenoir News-Topic* and wrote a column on North Carolina history.

Fred served as president of Carolina Bird Club during the mid-1950s. A memorial fund for his son, Bill, was one of the early major contributions to the CBC Endowment Fund; and throughout his term as president, Fred stressed the importance of adequate financial security as a basis for worthwhile club activities. Writing in the June 1956 *Chat*, Fred told members that CBC "must adopt a more active program in educational work and render a greater service in the field of conservation.... To carry forward such an active program new sources of income must be tapped." Those words are as true today as they were when Fred wrote them. Along with more money we need more members like Fred H. May.—GARVIN HUGHES and ELOISE F. POTTER

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Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand.

**BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** Gail Whitehurst carefully watched a female with a flock of other blackbirds in her yard at Raleigh, N.C., on 19 February.

**BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK:** One was seen by Florence Slifer at her feeder in Summerville, S.C., during parts of January and February.

**PAINTED BUNTING:** An adult male was present from 25 December to the end of February at a feeder just west of Morehead City, N.C., fide John Fussell.

**HOUSE FINCH:** Approximately 300 roosted in the Raleigh, N.C., Rose Garden this winter, according to T.L. Quay. A male was seen at a feeder in Aiken, S.C., on 17 and 18 February by Helen Mary Fenninger; and one was present at a feeder in Morehead City, N.C., into early December, fide John Fussell. This winter saw the largest numbers of this species yet recorded in the Carolinas, and the 300 birds mentioned above is a record count for the Carolinas.

**LARK SPARROW:** Single birds were at feeders in Morehead City, N.C. (all winter, Charles Lincoln), and at Hilton Head Island, S.C. (12 January to 14 March, fide Louise Lacoss).

**WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** At least 10 were seen by Merrill Lynch on 9 March near Hamilton, Martin County, N.C., a further eastward extension of the winter range in the northern section of the coastal plain.

**LAPLAND LONGSPUR:** This species wintered in small numbers in northwestern South Carolina, as Sidney Gauthreaux and Harry LeGrand had peak counts of three near Pendleton on 26 February and 10 near Townville on 8 January. All sightings during the winter were associated with large flocks of Horned Larks.

**SNOW BUNTING:** Five were at Cape Hatteras point, N.C., on 11 December, seen by Joe Hudick; and as many as three were seen by several observers at Huntington Beach State Park, S.C., during the period 30 January to 27 February.

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