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Organizational History
The Cooper Ornithological Club (COC), the forerunner of the present Cooper Ornithological Society, was formed on June 22, 1893 in San Jose by four active birders and oologists in order to provide a forum in which to study and discuss birds with like-minded, well-informed enthusiasts. In December 1934 the Club became incorporated, and in May 1952, the Club changed its name to the Cooper Ornithological Society, with the principal intent of better conveying the club's academic and scientific orientation. The Society currently numbers over 3000 professional and amateur ornithologists from around the world. The primary goal of the Society, as expressed through its meetings, sponsorship of symposia, and publications, is to advance the scientific study of birds and their habitats, and support their conservation.

The original founding members of the COC included Chester Barlow, Wilford H. Osgood, Harry Paiton, and Fred Schneider. The name of the club, as well as that of the present society which bears its name, commemorates an early California naturalist, Dr. James Graham Cooper (1830-1902), whose son, J.S. Cooper, was long active in the affairs of the Society. The earliest ornithological club in California, similarly named after Cooper, was founded in the winter of 1890-1891 by students at the University of the Pacific in Santa Clara. It lasted only a few years, when many if not most of the early...
members of the club transferred to the newly instituted Stanford University. While it was resurrected for a short time a few years later, and is important as an early example of organized ornithological research on the West Coast, it achieved nothing close to the academic presence nor level of regional dispersion achieved by the later Cooper Ornithological Club (or the Society which eventually took its name).

The Southern Division of the Club arose from independent origins in 1893 when several bird collectors organized to form the Southern California Natural History Society. As its member list, meetings, and activities increasingly overlapped with the local COC chapter in Santa Clara, however, the SCNHS title soon fell by the wayside. Although each division had regular meetings and field trip schedules, the first joint annual meeting of the two divisions of the COC occurred in Los Angeles in 1926.

Although its commitment to filling its principal goals has never wavered, the Society has undergone numerous structural organizational changes during the course of its existence, reflecting both its natural growth as a professional organization, as well as the shifting interests and aspirations of both the organization and its members. Certain events have precipitated both technical and procedural adjustments, the incorporation of the COC in 1934 being one obvious example of such an occurrence. In 1976 the Northern and Southern Divisions were abolished as such, signaling a less provincial mindset on part of the Society and reflecting the increasingly international scope of membership.

The present leadership is composed of a nine-member Board of Directors; nine officers, including two positions held by editors of the Society's two major publications; and nearly twenty standing and ad-hoc committees. There are also a number of representatives to various councils and societies.

Progressive research and widespread ornithological awareness and appreciation have always been at the heart of the Society's mission, and the numerous publications it has produced over the course of its existence have been integral to helping achieve those objectives. COC member and future Club president Harry R. Taylor's independent monthly journal, The Nidologist (later called The Nidologist), served as the closest thing to an official Club publication for the first four years of the Club's existence. The Nidologist halted publication in 1897 and the new unofficial outlet became The Osprey, a monthly journal co-founded by Chester Barlow, who had played a key role in stimulating the formation of the Club, as well as assisting in the formulation of its earliest goals and tenets. In 1898 the club decided to publish an official journal. The first issue was published in 1899 as the Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club, and was edited primarily by Barlow. In 1900 the name of the journal was changed to The Condor. The journal, which is currently one of the premier ornithological publications in the world, has been published continuously for over a century.

At the same time The Condor was becoming established around the turn of the 20th century, the COC also recognized the need for a forum that would be more amenable to longer submissions beyond the scope of The Condor. A new series was begun, titled Pacific Coast Avifauna, to allow for these more extensive offerings. The series was published continuously until 1974, and continued in 1978 under the new title Studies in Avian Biology, whose present scope includes both monographs and proceedings of symposia of general interest to ornithologists.

From the handful of founding members present at the first organizational meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Club in 1893, and those at the first organizational meetings of the Southern California Natural History Society (forerunner to the Southern Division of the COC) held that same year, the Cooper Ornithological Society has grown from a small group of naturalists and amateur enthusiasts into an international community of scholars, scientists, and amateur enthusiasts. Preserving the rich history evidenced by the records in this collection is of vital importance to present as well as future generations of ornithologists and historians of science.

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<td>Unaffiliated forerunner to the Cooper Ornithological Club, also named after James Cooper, is founded at the College of the Pacific in Santa Clara, California.</td>
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<td>1893</td>
<td>Cooper Ornithological Club is founded on June 22 in San Jose, California.</td>
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<td>1893</td>
<td>Future Southern Division of the COC is founded separately in Los Angeles, as the Southern California Natural History Society.</td>
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<td>1894</td>
<td>Cooper member H.R. Taylor publishes The Nidologist (later renamed The Nidologist), the first unofficial publication dedicated to providing coverage of the COC. Southern California Natural History Society merges with the Santa Clara COC chapter, giving rise to the Southern Division of the COC.</td>
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<td>1895</td>
<td>First annual COC outing is held in Arroyo Seco, California.</td>
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<td>1896</td>
<td>First formal mention of Northern and Southern Divisions occurs in The Nidologist.</td>
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<td>1897</td>
<td>The Nidologist ceases to publish. A column edited by COC member Donald Cohen appearing in the unaffiliated journal The Osprey becomes the new mouthpiece of the Club.</td>
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<td>1899</td>
<td>Club begins to publish Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club.</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club changes name to The Condor.</td>
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Club begins to publish *Pacific Coast Avifauna*, a series intended to provide a forum for longer submissions, as well as transcripts of symposia proceedings.

1921
Board of Governors is formed.

1926
First annual meeting of entire COC (North and South) is held in Los Angeles.

1934
Cooper Ornithological Club becomes incorporated.

1952
Name of the organization is changed at the annual business meeting to Cooper Ornithological Society.

1965
Editorial office of *The Condor* leaves California for Lawrence, Kansas.

1970
Cooper Ornithological Society and Wilson Ornithological Society hold first joint annual meeting.

1974
*Pacific Coast Avifauna* halts publication.

1976
Northern and Southern Divisions are abolished.

1978
*Series in Avian Biology*, a new COS publication, assumes the role previously held by *Pacific Coast Avifauna*.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The Cooper Ornithological Society (COS) Records, 1874-1993, document the organization’s history from its origins as a small association of naturalists to its current status as a renowned scientific society with extensive international membership. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence and administrative records produced by the Board of Directors and COS Officers. Also prevalent are committee minutes, annual meeting materials, and individual member correspondence and field notes. Materials relating to the official publications of the society, including *The Condor* and *Studies in Avian Biology*, are also included. The records are divided into five series: Administration, Divisions/Chapters, Annual Meetings, Publications, and Members.

The first series in the collection, Administration (1893-1994), is composed of five subseries: Leadership, Committees, Governing Documents, Financial Records, and History. Leadership is further divided into two sub-subseries: Officers, which consists primarily of correspondence, and Board of Directors, which consists of meeting minutes recorded after the Society’s incorporation in 1934. Correspondence of the Treasurer was originally kept with that of the other officers and so is included in this subseries as opposed to the later one Financial Records. The final subseries in this series, History, includes the earliest Cooper Ornithological Club (COC) minutes on record (1893-1899), recorded by the first Northern Division Secretary and future editor of *The Condor*, Chester Barlow. It also contains materials documenting the Society’s own investigation of its past, through both committee work and the independent research of members. An eloquent if somewhat irreverent history of the Club up to the year 1929, composed by Harry S. Swarth, past Northern-Division president and long-time associate editor of *The Condor*, is included in this subseries.

Since 1896, the Society was composed of two divisions: Northern and Southern. In 1976, the distinction, intended to allow for the fledgling Club’s vertical expansion across California during the organization’s early years, was deemed anachronistic, since the society already had extensive national and international membership, and was eliminated. Arranged into two subseries according to this earlier distinction, Divisions (1896-1989) reveals the separate origins and stratified early development of the two divisions, as well as the shared qualities which ultimately lead to the contemporary Society’s cohesive organizational structure.

The most comprehensive series in the collection is Annual Meetings (1926-1989), which contains materials from nearly sixty annual Club/Society meetings, including documents relating to the first annual meeting of both the Northern and Southern divisions of the Cooper Ornithological Club, held in Los Angeles in 1926. The series includes programs, correspondence, announcements, and abstracts of papers presented at the meetings.

Although not as complete as the previous series, Publications (1894-1991), remains one of the strongest series in the collection. The publishing history of the Society is complex and significant; in some ways, the Society truly expanded beyond California when the publishing office left the state in 1965. More conservatively, it is clear that the official publications of the Society and their editors have had tremendous impact on the growth of the Society both in stature and membership. This series includes materials relating to *The Condor*, the official publication of the Cooper Ornithological Society, as well as materials concerning the two Cooper publications intended to accommodate lengthier submissions: the now-defunct *Pacific Coast Avifauna*, and its successor, *Studies in Avian Biology*. The series also includes official and unofficial documentation of the Club’s activities prior to the naissance of *The Condor*.

Members (1874-1986) provides especially strong coverage of the Society’s genesis and formative years. It is composed of two subseries; the first focuses on the body of correspondence generated by the Society’s devoted members over the course of the organization’s history. The second subseries includes membership rolls, miscellaneous field notes, photographs of the earliest members, and various member-related ephemera.
Series 1: Administration 1893-1994

Physical Description: Cartons 1-7; Carton 8, Folders 29-34; Volumes 1-3

Arrangement

Divided into five subseries: Leadership, Committees, Governing Documents, Financial Records, and History. Further arranged both hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

This series, the largest of the collection, traces the development of the Society from its inception as a small club in 1893 to its robust state at the beginning of the 21st century. It consists of official correspondence, meeting minutes, governing documents including constitutions, by-laws, and articles of incorporation, as well as financial records and internal files which document the history of the Society. Until 1921, gatherings of the executive boards of each division (whose members included President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) were conducted at monthly general meetings. But as the member population of the Club began to swell, the general meetings become increasingly lecture-oriented and tended to feature less time for focused discussion. It soon became evident that independent board meetings would be required. In January and February 1921, the Northern and Southern Divisions approved amendments to the Club constitution calling for the formation of a united Board of Governors, composed of the acting officers of the Club as well as ex-presidents, with meetings held annually. Following the incorporation of the Club in 1934, the Board of Governors, in accordance with California state law, split into a Board of Directors, responsible for financial matters and corporate affairs, and a Council, responsible for determining organizational policy related to scientific and educational endeavors. All members of the Board of Directors, as well as all editors of official Society publications, were members of the Council. In 1976, the Northern and Southern Divisions were abolished. Over the years the organizational structure of the Society has altered considerably, in line with each generation’s views on how the Society’s goals can best be achieved. As of June 2005, the Society maintains a nine-member Board of Directors, a nine-member Officer leadership (including two positions reserved for editors of the Society’s two major publications) as well as a stock of Representatives to partner scientific organizations and associations.

Subseries 1.1: Leadership 1897-1992

Physical Description: Cartons 1-5; Volume 1

Arrangement

Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

This subseries includes correspondence of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as Board of Directors meeting minutes beginning after the incorporation of the Society in 1934.

1.1.1: Officers 1897-1992

Physical Description: Cartons 1-4; Carton 5, Folders 1-6

Arrangement

Arranged hierarchically by office. Further arranged chronologically.

carton 1, folder 1-27

carton 2, folder 1-23

carton 2, folder 24-27

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President 1956-1978

President 1979-1987

Secretary 1938-1959

Secretary 1960-1989

Treasurer 1897-1917
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1.1.2: Board of Directors 1934-1991

- **Physical Description:** Cartons 5, Folders 7-32; Volume 1
- **Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.

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Subseries 1.2: Committees 1921-1981

- **Physical Description:** Carton 6, Folders 1-42
- **Arrangement:** Arranged hierarchically.
- **Scope and Content Note:** This subseries includes correspondence and meeting proceedings produced by active member committees covering the sixty-year period from 1921-1981.

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Subseries 1.3: Governing Documents 1893-1993 undated

- **Physical Description:** Carton 6, Folders 43-52; Carton 7, Folders 1-41
- **Arrangement:** Arranged hierarchically.
- **Scope and Content Note:** This subseries includes a century's worth of Cooper constitutions, bylaws, and resolutions, as well as the articles of incorporation of 1934. There is also a procedural manual, and materials from 1964 which document the varying perspectives held by COS members concerning the ideological direction of the Society.

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Subseries 1.4: Financial Records 1897-1994

Physical Description: Carton 7, Folders 42-97; Carton 8, Folders 1-28; Volume 2

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.

Scope and Content Note
This subseries includes fiscal reports (1897-1994), Investment Committee materials (1964-1990), and IRS correspondence (1950-1993). Of particular archival interest is a petty cash ledger from the early years of the COC, covering the years 1899-1907.

- Carton 7, Folder 42-97 Financial Reports 1897-1975
- Carton 8, Folder 1-17 Financial Reports 1976-1994
- Carton 8, Folder 18-25 Petty Cash Ledger 1899-1907
- Carton 8, Folder 26-28 Investment Committee 1964-1990
- Carton 8, Folder 29 IRS Correspondence 1950-1993

Subseries 1.5: History 1893-1989

Physical Description: Carton 8, Folders 29-34; Volume 3

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
This subseries includes the earliest COC minutes on record (1893-1899), recorded by Chester Barlow, who served as Secretary of the Northern Division from 1893-1902, and was also the first editor of The Condor. It also contains materials documenting the Society's own investigation of past, through both committee work and the independent research of its members. An example includes The COC, an eloquent, if somewhat impious history composed in 1929 by past-Northern Division president and long-time associate editor of The Condor Harry S. Swarth. Material from the History Advisory Committee covering the years 1977-1989 can also be found in this subseries.

- Volume 3
- Carton 8, Folder 29 Early record of club meetings including minutes 1893-1899
- Carton 8, Folder 30-32 Clippings 1900
- Carton 8, Folder 32 History of the C.O.S. by H. Swarth 1929
- Carton 8, Folder 32 Grinnell gathers in the last of the grizzlies for the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, 1929 BANC MSS 74/144 c ark:/28722/bk0013m5m9f
- Carton 8, Folder 33 Scope and Content Note
Illustration on page 37 of History of the C.O.S. by H. Swarth.

- Carton 8, Folder 33 The Bancroft Library 1967-1983
- Carton 8, Folder 34 History Advisory Committee 1977-1989
Series 2: Divisions/Chapters 1896-1989

Subseries 2.1: Northern Division 1894-1989

Physical Description: Carton 8, Folders 35-52; Volume 4.

Arrangement

Divided into two subseries: Northern Division and Southern Division. Further arranged hierarchically.

Scope and Content Note

This series comprises the records of the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Society, which were maintained separately until the bi-divisional structure was abolished in 1976. The Northern Division was actually the successor to the short-lived Southern California Natural History Society, whose genesis occurred independently from, though in remarkable synchronicity with, that of the Cooper Ornithological Club in 1893. The clubs' agendas proved to be so similar that by 1894, the SCNHS had already merged with the closest COC chapter in Santa Clara. It adopted the COC title, and, following a steady increase in membership, soon received formal designation as the Cooper Ornithological Club, Southern Division. The present material allows for a unique historical comparison of the ways in which regional factors may have impacted each division's earliest aims and methodologies. It also provides an opportunity to examine the ways in which those goals and approaches were aligned.

Subseries 2.1: Northern Division 1894-1989

Physical Description: Carton 8, Folders 35-52; Volume 4.

Arrangement

Arranged hierarchically and then chronologically.

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carton 8, folder 47-48
carton 8, folder 49
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carton 8, folder 52

Meeting Minutes 1894-1901 1930-1989

Meetings minutes 1901-1911
Meeting Announcements 1898-1917 1969-1976 undated

Meeting programs 1971-1972 undated
Annual report 1901
Correspondence 1930-1989

Symposium on Falconry 1972-1973
Areas of Special Biological Significance 1972-1973

Miscellaneous 1972-1973

Subseries 2.2: Southern Division 1894-1971 undated

Physical Description: Carton 8, Folders 53-59. Volume 5.

Arrangement

Arranged hierarchically and then chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

This subseries includes minutes, announcements, and bylaws from the Southern Division of the COC/COS. A photograph of division members from 1929 is also included.

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carton 8, folder 59
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carton 9, folder 8

Meeting minutes 1894-1899
Meeting minutes 1898-1965

Correspondence 1896-1964
Meeting Announcements 1896-1971 undated

Bylaws 1899 undated
Photograph of Southern Division members 1923
Meeting attendance 1924

Series 3: **Annual Meetings 1926-1989**

Physical Description: Carton 9, Folders 10-63; Carton 10, Folders 1-15

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically by meeting year.

Scope and Content Note
This series contains materials from nearly sixty annual Club/Society meetings, including documents relating to the first annual meeting of both the Northern and Southern divisions of the Cooper Ornithological Club, held in Los Angeles in 1926. The series includes programs, correspondence, announcements, and abstracts of papers presented at the meetings.

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1st Annual Meeting 1926

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2nd Annual Meeting 1927

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3rd Annual Meeting 1928

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Physical Description: Carton 10, Folders 16-36; Carton 11, Folders 1-24

Arrangement

Divided into three subseries: The Condor, Pacific Coast Avifauna/Studies in Avian Biology, and Miscellaneous Publications. Further arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

This series comprises materials relating to The Condor, the official publication of the Cooper Ornithological Society, as well as materials concerning the two Cooper publications intended to accommodate lengthier submissions: Pacific Coast Avifauna, and its successor Studies in Avian Biology. Published journals, subscription lists, and sales records, as well as correspondence between several editors of The Condor and long-time publisher Allen Press may be found in this series. Other published materials, including both official and unofficial documentation of the Club's activities prior to the naissance of The Condor, are also included here. For the first four years of the COC's existence, Club member and future Club president Harry R. Taylor's independent monthly bird journal, The Nidologist (later called The Nidologist), served as the closest thing to an official Club publication. Taylor published the minutes and news of both divisions of the Club as well as Club members' papers. The Nidologist halted publication in 1897 and the new unofficial outlet became The Osprey, founded the prior year and based in Galesburg, Illinois. The Osprey was a monthly publication which ran the minutes of the COC in a California Department section edited by active COC member Donald Cohen. In 1898 the club decided to release an official publication. The first issue was published in 1899 as the Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club, and was edited primarily by Chester Barlow, who had played a key role in stimulating the early formation of the club, as well as the formulation of its goals and tenets. In 1900 the journal changed its name to The Condor. Barlow edited the journal for two more years, before dying from tuberculosis at the young age of 28. In 1906 Joseph Grinnell, professor of Zoology and director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley, assumed editorial responsibility of The Condor. Grinnell was one of the most prominent zoologists in the history of the northwest United States, and greatly influenced the direction of The Condor. He held the position as editor for 34 years - longer than any other person to date. For 58 years the editorial office of The Condor resided within the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1965 the editorial office left California and moved to Lawrence, Kansas. Under James R. King, editor from 1966-1968, a system was instituted which subjected all submissions to external peer review. At the same time The Condor was becoming established around the turn of the 20th century, the COC also recognized the need for a forum that would be more amenable to longer submissions beyond the scope of The Condor. A new series was begun, titled Pacific Coast Avifauna, to allow for these more extensive offerings. The series was published continuously until 1974, although individual volumes appeared inconsistently, depending upon both the quality of the submissions and the financial resources available to the Society. The series continued in 1978 under the new title Studies in Avian Biology, whose scope includes both monographs and proceedings of symposia of general interest to ornithologists.


Physical Description: Carton 10, Folders 16-36; Carton 11, Folders 1-6

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Content/Description

This subseries includes issues of two of the publications which proceeded The Condor, Harry Taylor's The Nidologist (later The Nidologist) as well as the first official Club publication, the Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club. It also includes correspondence relating to the journal, subscription lists, and sales records.
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### Subseries 4.2: Pacific Coast Avifauna/ Studies in Avian Biology 1900-1984

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**Scope and Content Note**

Material on money spent, income from ads, and subscriptions and sales of Pacific Coast Avifaunas.
Subseries 4.3: Miscellaneous Publications 1895-1934 undated

Physical Description: Carton 11, Folders 20-24

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Content/Description
This subseries includes materials relating to The Avifauna, a short-lived publication unaffiliated with the COC to which many COC members contributed, and The Buzzard, an irregularly issued satirical mini-magazine begun by Club members in 1926. It also includes various pamphlets and circulars produced by the COC which were not part of any regularly ongoing published series.

The Avifauna 1895

Biographical Sketch of James G. Cooper 1902

The Buzzard 1920-1934

Some Cooper Club Personalia 1928

Ornithologists in the Southwest and Mexico undated

Series 5: Members 1874-1986

Physical Description: Carton 11, Folders 25-52; Box 1; Carton 12, Folders 1-38; Carton 13, Folders 1-66; Volumes 6-7

Arrangement
Divided into two subseries: Member Files and Member Listings/Ephemera. Member Files are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically. Member Listings/Ephemera is arranged chronologically.

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Subseries 5.1: Member Files 1874-1987

Physical Description: Carton 11, Folders 25-52; Oversize Box 1; Carton 12, Folders 1-38; Carton 13, Folders 1-52

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically. Further arranged chronologically.

Anthony, A. W. 1895

Arnold, Ralph undated

Atherton, F. D. 1895

Baker, Fred J. 1897

Barlow, Chester, d. 1902 1894-1897

Beck, R. H. 1890

Biggs, O. S. 1896-1897
carton 11, folder 31  Bleitz, Don 1971 undated
32  Brandt, H. W. 1945
33  Brooks, Allan 1928-1936
34  Burrows, D. B. 1897
35  Carriger, Henry W. 1895
36  Chamberlin, Corydon 1895
37-39  Chambers, W. Lee 1900-1968
40  Childs, John Lewis, d. 1921 1921
41  Christman, Gene M. 1969
42-51  Cohen, Donald 1892-1929
oversize-box 1
42-51  Cohen, Donald 1895-1906
carton 12, folder 1-25  Daggett, Frank 1874-1920
26  Daggett, Frank: Ornithology Scrapbook 1900-1902
27  Daggett, Frank: Ornithology Scrapbook 1906
28  Davis, Clarence 1897-1898
29  Davis, Evan 1910-1916
30  Deane, Ruthven 1900
31  Franklin, Burnell 1904
32  Gaylord, Horace A. 1926 1949
33  Grinnell, Joseph 1896-1913 undated
34  Higbee, Henry G. 1896-1897
35  Haight, C. L. 1896-1897
36-38  Higgins, Henry C. 1897
39  Hill, W. F. 1897
40  Howard, Hildegarde, 1901-1940-1964
1-10  Howell, Thomas 1951-1969
10  Illingsworth, J.F. 1897-1898
11  Jewett, Frank B. 1898
12-14  Johnson, Walter Adams 1894-1897
16  Judson, W.B. 1898
Finding Aid to the Cooper Ornithological Society Records, 1874-1994, 1874-1994
### Series 5: Members 1874-1986

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**Subseries 5.2: Member Listings/Ephemera 1893-1986 undated**

- **Physical Description:** Carton 13, Folder 53-66
- **Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.
- **Scope and Content Note:**
  This subseries includes group photographs of the Club’s earliest members, field notes, membership rolls, mailing lists, an inventory of the books present in the Cooper Ornithological Club Library in 1934, and other member-related ephemera.

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