

NEWS AND NOTES

1976 C.O.S. MEETING

Next year's meeting of the C.O.S. will be held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, March 31–April 4.

ALEXANDER WETMORE HONORED

Alexander Wetmore, renowned ornithologist and a former Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was presented the National Geographic Society's Hubbard Medal on May 8, 1975. The medal is awarded for distinction in exploration, discovery, and research. The citation for Dr. Wetmore reads: "In recognition of a lifetime of outstanding contributions to geography through pioneering explorations and biological studies in the jungles of South and Central America, islands of the central Pacific Ocean, and worldwide advancement of the science of ornithology."

PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP

The Pacific Seabird Group will hold its annual meeting December 11–14, 1975 at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California. In addition to a general papers session dealing with marine birds and their environment, two symposia are scheduled. These are: *Biology and Taxonomy of Marine Charadriiformes*, chaired by Joseph R. Jehl, Jr. and *Seabird Conservation Problems on the California Coasts* chaired by Daniel Anderson. For further details contact Paul R. Kelly, 816 Sutter Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303.

CHRISTMAS COUNT DATA BANKS

For the cost of querying our data banks, we have available all of the information in the 1962–1971 Christmas counts. For more information write C. E. Bock, Dept. EPO Biology, Univ. Colorado, Boulder 80302, or phone (303) 492-7184.

THE CONDOR

Papers in *The Condor* are ordinarily published in order of receipt of the original manuscript in the editorial office. (This is not the same as the date of acceptance, given at the end of every article.) However, we will publish without delay any *accepted* paper for which the author will pay the page charge of \$50.00 per page. This means that such an article will appear in the next issue as soon as it has been revised, if necessary, and edited. A subsidized paper does not displace an unsubsidized one; it is an addition to an issue, not a replacement. Papers than can pay their way do not lengthen the wait for those that cannot. The Editor requests prospective authors of *Condor* articles to give thought to paying the page charges. Let us know if this may be possible for you, and we will estimate the cost of publishing your paper.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Readings in Wildlife Conservation.—Edited by James A. Bailey, William Elder, and Ted D. McKinney. 1974. The Wildlife Society, Washington, D.C. 722 p. \$8.00. Available: The Wildlife Society, 3900 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Suite S-176, Wash., D.C. 20016. This is a collection of 74 papers that either present important ideas or philosophies or are good

examples of activities in wildlife conservation. They deal with not only biology, habitat, and management, but also economics, public policy, and outlook on conservation. Although the book is primarily intended for undergraduate students, it should interest all serious conservationists. By today's scale of prices, it is a bargain.

Field Studies of the Falconiformes of British Columbia (Vultures, Hawks, Falcons, Eagles).—Frank L. Beebe. 1974. British Columbia Provincial Museum, Occasional Paper No. 17, Victoria, B.C. 163 p. This work is chiefly devoted to in-depth accounts of the 17 species of falconiforms found in B.C. Thanks to the author's many years of field experience and his knowledge gained from other falconers, the text is highly informative. Beebe not only writes well but also is an accomplished artist; he has provided many fine pen-and-ink drawings and a color frontispiece. The list of references is classified by species. This attractive book should have more than provincial appeal.

Utah Birds.—William H. Behle and Michael L. Perry. 1975. Utah Museum of Natural History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. 143 p. \$3.50. This booklet includes a revised check-list (with dates) of the birds of Utah, charts of seasonal occurrence, similar charts of habitat occurrence (novel to this reviewer), and guides for bird-finding in the state. It is well prepared and should be extremely useful for anyone seeking birds in Utah. Companion field check-list cards are available separately.

Migration of Lesser Snow and Blue Geese in spring across southern Manitoba. Part 2: Influence of major flights.—H. Blokpoel and Maureen C. Gauthier. 1975. Canadian Wildlife Service Report Series No. 32, Ottawa. 30 p. \$1.00 Canada; \$1.20 other countries. Catalogue No. CW65-8/31. Available: Information Canada, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0S9. Analysis of spring migration and weather permitted development of a model for predicting heavy migration of geese, a useful tool for air traffic control.

Birds of New York State.—John Bull. 1974. Doubleday/Natural History Press, Garden City, N.Y. 655 p. \$29.95. The avifauna of New York includes 410 species (228 breeding), an increase of 44 (38 breeding) since Eaton's "Birds of New York" (1910, 1914). Bull has compiled voluminous data on the present geographic and seasonal occurrence of birds in the state, particularly changes and trends. The species accounts are supplemented with maps of breeding distribution and banding recoveries. The nine color paintings (by well-known artists) are attractive but outmoded assemblages of birds; they are not needed and several of them are not well reproduced. Many of the 86 photographs are likewise superfluous and poorly printed. A gazetteer, a bibliography, and an index are provided. This volume will be an essential reference for future studies of New York birds.

Emperor Penguin.—Jean-Claude Deguine. 1974. Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, VT. 30 p. \$6.50. This slim book presents color photographs, some of them superb, of Emperor Penguins and other Antarctic animals. The text is brief and elementary, seemingly written for children.