

NEWS AND NOTES

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BREWSTER AWARD WINNER

The 1982 William Brewster Award from the American Ornithologists' Union was given to Dr. Robert E. Ricklefs (University of Pennsylvania). Dr. Ricklefs was awarded this honor by the AOU Council in recognition of his contributions to avian biology through the steady provision of new data, the integration of information from diverse sources, and the synthesis of new perspectives.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following Opinion has been published by the I.C.Z.N. in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, volume 39, part 4, on 7 December 1982:

1233 (p. 250) Pulteney's *Dorset Catalogues*, 1799, added to Official List.

The Commission regrets that it cannot supply separates of Opinions.

INFORMATION SYSTEM ABOUT RAPTORS

The Raptor Management Information System is a collection of published and unpublished papers, reports, and other works on raptor management and human effects on raptors and their habitats. It currently consists of nearly 2,500 original papers, 160 keyworded notecard decks comprised of 15,000 key paragraphs from the original papers, and a computer program to retrieve partially annotated bibliographies by species, by keyword, or by any combination of keywords and/or species. A geographical index is under development, and new papers are added as they are received.

Originally designed to facilitate land-use planning and decision-making by government agencies and industry, the system has become a tool for research and environmental assessment, useful for scholars, students, consultants, as well as land managers and their staff biologists. For more information write Dr. Richard R. Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, or phone commercial (916) 484-4701 or through the Federal Telephone System 468-4701.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The challenge gift of \$150,000 to Cornell University from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hill of Rancho Santa Fe, California, that will benefit the Libraries' ornithological holdings, has stimulated its first major donor. A total of \$50,000 from a gift by Frederick A. Rice, Jr., of Atherton, California, will be used as matching funds for the Hill grant. An additional \$18,000 from Rice will be used in preparing the Libraries' ornithology catalog.

When the challenge dollars are matched, they will create an endowment to generate income with which the Libraries can build a major collection of books about North American ornithology. A second endowment will help

support scholars using these materials and will fund the staff and production costs of publishing a special catalog describing the books.

CURATORSHIP AVAILABLE

Bishop Museum invites applications for a curatorial/research position in the Division of Vertebrate Zoology. Appointment is anticipated to begin on July 1, 1983. Applicants must have a Ph.D.; record of research achievement, preferably in systematic mammalogy and/or ornithology; and interest in taking primary responsibility for curating important avian, mammalian, and herpetological collections. Initially will require at least 50% time in curating. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience. Forward résumé, copies of three significant publications, and names of three references, and request references to write directly to: Zoology Search Committee, % Dr. D. M. Devaney, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, P.O. Box 19000-A, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.

FIRST CONFERENCE ON BIRDS WINTERING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

This conference will take place at the Lunigiana Natural History Museum, Aulla (Massa Carrara), Italy on 23-25 February 1984. It is open to all scientists who are interested in the ecology, ethology, distribution, or migration of birds that winter in the Mediterranean Region. The scientific program will include oral papers, posters, and round table discussions. Abstracts must be received by December 1983. Write to: Dr. Almo Farina, Museum of Natural History of Lunigiana, Fortezza della Brunella, 54011 Aulla, Italy.

INVENTORIES OF AVIAN ANATOMICAL SPECIMENS

A World Inventory of Avian Skeletal Specimens, 1982 and *A World Inventory of Avian Spirit Specimens, 1982*, both by D. Scott Wood, Richard L. Zusi, and Marion Anne Jenkinson, have been published by the American Ornithologists' Union and The Oklahoma Biological Survey. Cost of each inventory = \$25.00, including surface mail postage. For air mail, add \$5.00 (U.S.), \$5.50 (Canada, Alaska, Hawaii), \$9.00 (Mexico, Central America), \$15.50 (Europe, South America), \$22.00 (Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa). Make check or money order, in American dollars, payable to University of Oklahoma. Order from: Gary D. Schnell, Oklahoma Biological Survey, Sutton Hall, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019.

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