

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

AARON M. BAGG STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Student Membership Awards in The Wilson Ornithological Society are available because of funds generously donated in the memory of Aaron M. Bagg, a former president of the Society. Application forms for the awards to be granted in 1977 may be obtained from Douglas James, Department of Zoology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. The deadline for applying is 1 November 1976. An Aaron M. Bagg Student Membership Award provides a 1-year gratis new membership in The Wilson Ornithological Society for selected exceptional students in the field of ornithology.—Douglas James, Chairman, Student Membership Committee.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* for consideration.

Most statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards also are applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years, one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to Jared Verner, PSW Forest Range Experiment Station, 1130 "O" St., Fresno, CA 93721. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 1977. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 18-21 May 1977.

PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP MEETING

The Pacific Seabird Group will hold its next annual meeting on 6-9 January 1977, at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. Announcement of the meeting and a call for papers will be mailed to members in early fall. Those not members and wishing to receive this information may write to the Secretary, Kees Vermeer, Canadian Wildlife Service, 5421 Robertson Road, Delta, British Columbia V4K 3N2, Canada. The Chairman of the Local Committee is L. Richard Mewaldt, Avian Biology Laboratory, California State University, San Jose, Calif. 95192.

The meeting will include a symposium on shorebirds in marine environments, to be held Friday 7 January. It is being arranged by Frank A. Pitelka, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. 94720. Persons interested in the symposium may write to him for information.

Additional details regarding the annual meeting will also appear in the fall issue of the *Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin* (Editor, Dr. Daniel W. Anderson, Division of Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616).

WANTED INFORMATION ON COLOR-MARKED BIRDS OF PREY

Color-coded vinyl wing markers were placed on Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks, and Ravens in the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Areas to study movements and migration. Information needed: species sighted, wing(s) marked, color, location of sighting, and date. Please send information to: Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, MD 20811.

REQUESTS FOR COLOR-MARKED BIRD SIGHTING REPORTS

An increasing number of banders advertise that reports of color-marked birds should be reported directly to them. Many of these observations concern individual birds that can be identified or related to a standard U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band. The banding office is losing certain recoveries because researchers fail to notify them once they have their own information. All reports that can be identified to F & WS band numbers and any color-marking sightings that are not of your own birds should be sent to the bird banding laboratory. If you advertise for reports, please request that all sighting reports be made directly to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, MD 20811. They will report back to the banders involved as rapidly as possible.

THE ROBERT F. AND JUDY H. MASON MEMORIAL FUND

The Wilson Ornithological Society is delighted to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Mason have expressed their intention of making a bequest to the Society. The income from this endowment would be awarded annually to support field studies of living birds of the Nearctic region (south to Central Mexico), especially of rare and endangered species or those whose populations are known, or thought, to be declining. Examples of appropriate topics for study would include behavior, vocalization, reproductive biology, feeding behavior, ecology, population dynamics, distribution, and migration; collecting of specimens should be avoided if possible. Applications would be accepted from citizens of the United States and Canada. The recipient of a grant would agree to submit any papers resulting from the study to the Editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* for consideration for publication.

The Officers of the Wilson Ornithological Society wish to express their appreciation to the Masons for their generosity in thinking about the future welfare of the Society and of future students of the living bird.

NOTICE OF FUMIGATION SCHEDULE AT THE U.S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

In order to comply with EPA safety requirements for fumigation with DOWFUME 75, the bird collection of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution will be closed to all investigators without exception twice annually from Thursday through Tuesday of the first weeks of April and October.

ERRATUM

The correct citation to the work of Sutton in Mengel's note in the last issue of the *Wilson Bulletin* (88:351-353) should be: *Bull. Oklahoma Ornithol. Soc.* 2:9, 1969.

For sale: *Wilson Bulletin*, 11 volumes complete 1940-1950 plus 5 issues 1938-1951. Also *J. Mammalogy* 15 volumes, 1938-1952; *Condor* 9 Volumes, 1929-1937; 40 issues of *N. Am. Fauna*, 1 to 59. Make offers FOB basis. Dan Lay, Box 4608 SFA, Nacogdoches, TX 75961.