"THE LAST WORD"

The day Mr. Willoughby's letter arrived, I birded Fresh Pond. There by the pump house was a beautiful duck--its crown had the green tint of a Mallard coming out of eclipse, the light tan neck contrasted nicely with the chocolate body, and the white bars alongside the purple speculum were striking. I immediately added this drake to my X List--twice, because I couldn't decide whether it was a Mallard X Black or a Black X Mallard!

Seriously, I was delighted with Hugh's carefully prepared and provocative letter. Though my own views have not been seriously altered, the exchange of such information can do nothing but make better birders of us all. This is what BIRD OBSERVER is all about, a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among enthusiasts--casual or serious, international or back yard. This forum is open to everyone who has something to contribute.

L.J.R.

CORRIGENDA

In Vol. 1, N. 3 (Summary for March)

Western Grebe:			
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(Summary for April)

Wilson's Storm-Petrel:			
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BIRDING BERMUDA IN '74

I have joined with Astronomy Island, Ltd., in planning a special-interest cruise to Bermuda, leaving New York September 14th and returning on the 21st. We will have three days of ocean birding while on the new 20,000-ton *Sea Venture,* the official cruise ship of Bermuda, and four days to bird and explore this island during fall migration.

This program is limited to 12. Staterooms, all with private facilities, are $435 to $565 (double occupancy); a few rooms sleep three at lower cost. For more information write:

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