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## CORRIGENDA TO THE DECEMBER 1985 ISSUE A Confusion of Tails and Bills and Names in General

- Page 288: The caption under Rick Cech's photo should read  
"Magnificent Frigatebirds with Brown *Booby*."
- Page 333: The second line in the last paragraph should read  
". . . the writer has seen Red-billed Tropicbird in . . ."
- Page 334: The first line in the third paragraph should read  
". . . had been identified as an immature *White-tailed*. . ."
- Page 335: The caption under the photo should read  
"*Laurel* Abusamra and David Wingate release the. . ."

## Spring Migration Watch Planned

For the seventh consecutive year, Bird Observer will sponsor a Spring Migration Watch (SMW) for volunteer observers. Participants will visit their selected sites periodically from April 12 through June 8. The data they collect will be incorporated into the SMW computer database. Anyone who returned a data form last year will automatically receive forms for 1986. New participants should contact John Andrews (22 Kendall Road, Lexington, MA 02173, telephone 862-6498) for instructions.

## — Bird Observer Workshops of the Coming Season —

### **MARSH GRUNTS AND SWAMP SONGS - a workshop on spring birds and wetland habitats**



Freshwater wetlands are represented by a diversity of habitats, ranging from cattail marshes and sedge meadows to Red Maple swamps and White Cedar bogs. Each ecosystem has distinctive floral and faunal components, and in early May, these environments are often alive with the activity of migrant and newly-arrived resident birds.

In this workshop participants will be introduced to several kinds of wetland communities. Attention will be directed toward recognizing the characteristic vocalizations of these birds - species as diverse as bitterns and rails, creepers and waterthrushes.

The indoor lecture will include demonstrations - slides, specimens, recordings - as well as printed handout materials. The field trip, which will begin at dawn, will visit several selected wetland habitats where a variety of the species described during the indoor session will be heard or seen in the field.

LECTURE: Wednesday, May 7, 1986, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M., Babson College  
Tomasso Hall, Wellesley, MA

FIELD TRIP: Saturday, May 10 at DAWN. Exact time and location to be announced.  
COST: \$25 per person. Limited to 20 participants.

### **BEARS, BOGS, BLACK-BACKS, AND BOREALS - a workshop on Canadian Zone birdlife**

Spruce Grouse and Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay and Boreal Chickadee, and over twenty species of breeding warblers - these are just some of the birds that characterize the rich Canadian Life Zone. This zone approaches its New England zenith in northern New Hampshire. In the area known as the Connecticut Lakes, a rich mixture of spruce-fir and northern hardwood forest occurs offering spectacular semiwilderness birding, along with a marvelous opportunity to observe most of the breeding birds of northern New England on their nesting grounds. In late June, northern bird song is at its peak. In addition to birds, spring wildflowers, northern butterflies, and such Canadian Zone mammals as Beaver, Moose, and Black Bear can all occasionally be encountered.

In this workshop, an indoor introduction to the Canadian Zone fauna and flora will preface a two-day field trip in Pittsburg, New Hampshire. The field trip will concentrate on locating the characteristic breeding birds of northern New England and at the same time will focus on the biological and ecological features that make the Canadian Zone such a fascinating area. Comfortable accommodations are available and will be recommended. Early reservations are advised. Limited to 20 participants.



LECTURE: Wednesday, June 25, 1986, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M., Babson College,  
Trimm Hall 201, Wellesley, MA

TWO-DAY FIELD TRIP: Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. The trip will begin  
in Pittsburg, NH, approximately six hours north of Boston.

COST: \$40 per person. (Food, lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the participant.)

**Wayne R. Petersen will conduct both of these workshops.**

**For more information, call Wayne R. Petersen, 617-447-0332.**

TO REGISTER, send your name, address, and phone number(s) along with a check made payable to BIRD OBSERVER to Martha Vaughan, 15 Elmwood Park, Newton, MA 02160. Telephone: 617-244-0166.