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NEWS AND NOTES

FRANK M. CHAPMAN FUND

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid for ornithological research and also post-doctoral fellowships. While there is no restriction on who may apply, the Committee particularly welcomes and favors applications from graduate students; projects in game management and the medical sciences are seldom funded. Applications are due on 15 September and 15 February. Information on form and content of applications may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024.

TRANSLATIONS OF WATERBIRD RESEARCH

The Pacific Seabird Group is compiling translations of foreign research on seabirds, shorebirds, and waterfowl. In order to aid researchers and prevent unwitting duplication of effort, we request all ornithologists who have translations to contact us. Originals sent to us will be copied and returned; copies will be deposited in the Josselyn van Tyne Memorial Library of the Wilson Ornithological Society for the use of all researchers. All translations sent will be cited in the PSG Bulletin. For more information, please contact: Douglas Siegel-Causey, PSG Committee on Foreign Research, Dept. of Ecology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: Surplus bird skins and skeletal materials (worldwide) to supplement a small but growing collection at the UNCC Zoological Museum. Please contact Richard D. Brown, Curator, Department of Biology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223.

WANTED: *A Guide to the Birds of South America*, by R. Meyer de Schauensee (1970). Victor Emanuel, P.O. Box 4429, Austin TX 78765.

WANTED: *Life Histories of Central American Birds, Vol. 1*, by Alexander Skutch (1954). Please send name, address, and asking price to Bob Righter, 1020-15th, Denver, CO 80202.

FOR SALE: *Iowa Bird Life*, Vols. 32 (1962) through 39 (1979). Make offer. Richard L. Knight, Washington Eagle Study, Washington Department of Game, 600 N. Capitol Way, Olympia WA 98504.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Peregrine Falcon.—Derek Ratcliffe. 1980. Buteo Books. Vermillion, South Dakota. 420 p. \$42.50. Written by an authority, this is a book about the natural history of the peregrine, mainly in Great Britain. Aspects of its habits as studied elsewhere are referred to, but the work is not intended as a comprehensive treatment of the species. On the contrary, British peregrines are examined in detail with regard to their populations and distribution, food and feeding habits, breeding, population regulation, and other aspects of their ecology. An especially valuable chapter recounts the pesticide story, in which Ratcliffe played an important part. In closing, he discusses conservation and the future of peregrines. The book is well organized and written in a clear, non-technical style. It is furnished with color paintings and black-and-white drawings by Donald Watson, and many photographs. Despite its limited scope, this book should be of wide and intense interest to all those who study or keep falcons. Graphs, many tables of data, references, index.

The Crows/A Study of the Corvids of Europe.—Franklin Coombs. [1978]. Batsford, North Pomfret, Vermont. 255 p. \$35.00. The author of this book has studied rooks and their allies in England and on the Continent for more than forty years. He describes here the habits of the eleven species of European corvids, drawing extensively on the literature as well as his own observations. Each species is treated as far as known about its appearance, distribution, behavior, voice, territoriality, nesting, food, predators, and mortality. A regrettably brief chapter makes some comparisons among these species. In closing, Coombs offers extracts from the journal of Lewis Harding, whose study of the rook, made in Cornwall in 1847-8, was perhaps the first intensive study of any single species of bird. The book is made attractive by maps, photographs, pen drawings, and four fine color plates, all by the author. This is a valuable source book on corvid biology, especially for its information and illustrations of their postures. References, table of measurements, index.

Birds of Regina. Revised edition.—Margaret Belcher. 1980. Special Publication No. 12, Saskatchewan Natural History Society, Regina, Sask. 151 p. Paper cover. \$5.00 plus 50¢ postage. Source: Blue Jay Bookshop, Box 1121, Regina, Sask. S4P 3B4. This is an annotated checklist of the birds recorded in the vicinity of Regina, completely revised and updated from the first edition (1961). The species accounts give the status, habitat and occurrence, including important records. A carefully prepared and useful reference for birders in its region. Photographs, sketches by F. W. Lahrman, references, index.

Birds of the Qu'Appelle, 1857-1979.—E. Manley Callin. [1980]. Special Publication No. 13, Saskatchewan Natural History Society, Regina, Sask. 168 p. Paper cover. \$7.00 plus 50¢ postage. Source: as above.