

Recent Literature

The general aims and potential uses of this column were discussed at some length in the preceding issue. In response to some queries received, we must regretfully point out that we are not in a position to supply copies of any of the papers cited here. For ideas on how to obtain these (or any other) scientific papers, see the April 1979 issue of *Continental Birdlife* or talk to any professional librarian.

IDENTIFICATION AND RELATED TOPICS

- Appleton, G.F., and C.D.T. Minton. 1978. **The Primary moult of the Lapwing.** *Bird Study* 25(4): 253-256.
- Bradley, Richard Alan. 1977. **Geographic variation in the song of Belding's Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi*).** *Bull. Fla. State Mus., Biol. Sci.* 22(2): 57-100.
- Cudworth, John. 1979. **Desert Warbler in Humber-side.** *Br. Birds* 72(3): 123-124.
— With detailed description of *Sylvia nana*.
- Grant, P.J. 1979. **Field identification of west Palearctic gulls. Part 2. Common, Mediterranean, Ring-billed, Laughing and Franklin's Gulls.** *Br. Birds* 72(4): 142-182.
— Highly recommended.
- Harris, M.P., C. Morley, and G.H. Green. 1978. **Hybridization of Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gulls in Britain.** *Bird Study* 25(3): 161-166.
— With two black-and-white photos.
- Helleiner, Christopher W. 1979. **Xanthochroism in the Evening Grosbeak.** *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(1): 66-67.
- Kent, P.W. 1979. **Siberian Thrush in Hampshire.** *Br. Birds* 72(3): 121-122.
— With description of *Zoothera sibirica* (a potential stray to Alaska).
- Kitson, Alan R. 1979. **Identification of Olive-backed Pipit, Blyth's Pipit and Pallas's Reed Bunting.** *Br. Birds* 72(3): 94-100.
— *Anthus hodgsoni*, *A. godlewskii*, and *Emberiza pallasi*. First and last species already recorded in Alaska; second is possible there.
- Kitson, Alan R. 1979. **Separation of adult pale-phase Arctic and Long-tailed Skuas.** *Br. Birds* 72(3): 120-121.
— Parasitic and Long-tailed Jaegers. Comment on the dark lower belly of the Long-tailed.
- Kramer, Howard G., and Nicholas S. Thompson. 1979. **Geographic variation in the bell calls of the Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*).** *Auk* 96(2): 423-425.
— From nine sites within 50km of Worcester, Mass.
- Lago, Paul K. 1979. **Notes on wing length and sex ratio in Evening Grosbeaks.** *Inland Bird Banding* 51(1): 11-13.
- Lowe, A.R. 1979. **Siberian Rubythroat: new to Britain and Ireland.** *Br. Birds* 72(3): 89-94.
— Two black-and-white photographs; description. (This is *Luscinia caliope*, which strays to Alaska.)
- Monaghan, P., and N. Duncan. 1979. **Plumage variation of known-age Herring Gulls.** *Br. Birds* 72(3): 100-103.
— Three banded individuals known to be four years old had plumage characters typical of 3-, 4- and 5-year olds. A valuable cautionary tale.
- Rauste, Visa, and Vesa Salonen. 1978. **Mongoliankirvinen *Anthus godlewskii* tavattu Suomessa. [*Anthus godlewskii* recorded in Finland.]** *Ornis Fenn.* 55(2): 84-85.
— With black-and-white photograph of Blyth's Pipit. Paper in Finnish, with English summary.

- Scott, R.E. 1979. Unusual Yellow-browed Warbler in Sussex. *Br. Birds* 72(3): 124-125.
— With comments on racial characters; detailed description of *Phylloscopus inornatus* (a potential stray to Alaska).
- Wassink, A. 1978. Some additional field characters of the Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularris*. *Ardea* 66(3): 123-124.
- Wilkinson, Peter J. 1979. Siberian Thrush in Norfolk. *Br. Birds* 72(3): 122-123.
— With description of *Zoothera sibirica*.

TAXONOMY AND NEW FORMS

- Baker, Allan J., and Abdul Moeed. 1979. Evolution in the introduced New Zealand populations of the common myna, *Acridotheres tristis* (Aves: Sturnidae). *Can. J. Zool.* 57(3): 570-584.
- Browning, M. Ralph. 1978. An Evaluation of the new species and subspecies proposed in Oberholser's *Bird Life of Texas*. *Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash.* 91(1): 85-122.
— Oberholser described a new genus and species of hummingbird, *Phasmornis mystica*, and 36 other new subspecies. Only three of the new subspecies are, in the author's judgment, taxonomically distinct.
- Grant, P.R. 1978. Recent evolution of *Zosterops lateralis* on Norfolk Island, Australia. *Can. J. Zool.* 56(7): 1624-1626.
- Schodde, Richard, and I.J. Mason. 1979. Revision of the Zitting Cisticola *Cisticolajuncidis* (Rafinesque) in Australia, with description of a new subspecies. *Emu* 79(2): 49-53.
- Short, Lester L., and Kenneth C. Parkes. 1979. The Status of *Agelaius forbesi* Sclater. *Auk* 96(1): 179-183.
— This Brazilian blackbird, long known from only two specimens, was once theorized to be merely a hybrid. Its true status is here explained by two of our leading taxonomists. A fascinating story.
- Stevenson, Henry M. 1978. The Populations of Boat-tailed Grackles in the southeastern United States. *Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash.* 91(1): 27-51.
— Discusses four subspecies — includes a description of the new *Q. m. alabamensis*, a pale-eyed Gulf Coast race.

RARA AVES

- Boeke, Jef D. 1978. A Food source of the Marvellous Spatuletail *Loddigesia mirabilis*. *Ibis* 120(4): 551.
- Nechaev, V.A. 1978. [A Contribution to the biology and behavior of *Tringa guttifer* on the Sakhalin Island.] *Zool. Zh.* 57(5): 727-737.
— In Russian, with English summary. Nordmann's (Spotted) Greenshank.
- van Riper, Charles, III, and J. Michael Scott. 1979. Observations on distribution, diet, and breeding of the Hawaiian Thrush. *Condor* 81(1): 65-71.

DISTRIBUTION — NORTH AMERICA

- Campbell, R. Wayne, Harry R. Carter, and Spencer G. Sealy. 1979. Nesting of Horned Puffins in British Columbia. *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(1): 84-86.
— Southward range extension.
- Dekker, Dick, Robert Lister, Terry W. Thormin, D.V. Weseloh and Linda M. Weseloh. 1979. Black-necked Stilts nesting near Edmonton, Alberta. *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(1): 68-69.
— First authenticated breeding record for Canada.
- Fitzner, R.E., D.F. Martin, and R.E. Frieze. 1979. First breeding record for the Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*) in Washington. *Murrelet* 60(1): 33-34.
- Frisch, T., and W.C. Morgan. 1979. Ivory Gull colonies in southeastern Ellesmere island, Arctic Canada. *Can. Field-nat.* 93(2): 173-174.
— Discovery of five new colonies in the summer of 1977.
- Mosher, James A., Clayton M. White, Joseph R. Murphy, and M. Alan Jenkins. 1978. Raptors of the Uinta National Forest, Utah. *Great Basin Nat.* 38(4): 438-446.
- Richardson, W. John. 1979. Southeastward shorebird migration over Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in autumn: a radar study. *Can. J. Zool.* 57(1): 107-124.
- Stelfox, Harry A., and Gregg J. Brewster. 1979. Colonial-nesting Herring Gulls and Common Terns in northeastern Saskatchewan. *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(2): 132-138.
- Stepney, Philip H.R. 1979. Brewer's Blackbird breeding in the Northwest Territories. *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(1): 76-77.
— A considerable northward range expansion.

DISTRIBUTION — OTHER AREAS

- Atkinson, N.K., M. Davies and A.J. Prater. 1978. **The Winter distribution of Purple Sandpipers in Britain.** *Bird Study* 25(4): 223-228.
- Bainbridge, Ian P., and C.D.T. Minton. 1978. **The Migration and mortality of the Curlew in Britain and Ireland.** *Bird Study* 25(1): 39-50. — (Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*.)
- Branson, N.J.B.A., E.D. Ponting, and C.D.T. Minton. 1978. **Turnstone migrations in Britain and Europe.** *Bird Study* 25(3): 181-187.
- Brothers, N.P. 1979. **Further notes on the birds of Maatsuyker Island, Tasmania.** *Emu* 79(2): 89-91.
- Bull, John. 1978. **Palaearctic waders and larids in the southern Caribbean.** *Ardea* 66(3): 121-123.
— First records of Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus phaeopus*, Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*, and Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* for the area.
- Cumming, Ian G. 1979. **Lapland Buntings breeding in Scotland.** *Br. Birds* 72(2): 53-59.
— First breeding record of Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus* for Scotland, with a discussion of other recent colonizers.
- Hurlbert, Stuart H., and James O. Keith. 1979. **Distribution and spatial patterning of flamingos in the Andean altiplano.** *Auk* 96(2): 328-342.
— Mostly statistical analysis of spatial patterning, but includes some solid data on distribution and some good references.
- Leck, Charles F. 1979. **Avian extinctions in an isolated tropical wet-forest preserve, Ecuador.** *Auk* 96(2): 343-352.
— Rio Palenque, Ecuador; includes an annotated list of species. (The main message here of course, is conservation-oriented; tropical forest *must* be preserved in large blocks, since small reserves cannot support a high species diversity.)
- Meeth, P., and K. Meeth. 1978. **Note on birds seen in the estuary of the Rio Magdalena, Barranquilla, Colombia.** *Ardea* 66(3): 118-120.
- Meeth, P., and K. Meeth. 1978. **Zone-tailed Hawks *Buteo albonotatus* in Colombia.** *Ardea* 66(3): 121. — Sightings; one pair; near Barranquilla; not a first record.
- Osborne, David R., and Steven R. Beissinger. 1979. **The Paint-billed Crake in Guyana.** *Auk* 96(2): 425.
- Prater, A.J., and M. Davies. 1978. **Wintering Sanderlings in Britain.** *Bird Study* 25(1): 33-38.

ECOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR
(LIFE HISTORY INFORMATION)

- Ade, Brian. 1979. **Some observations on the breeding of Crowned Plovers (1977).** *Bokmakierie* 31(1): 9-16.
- Baptista, Luis F., and Margaret Matsui. 1979. **The Source of the dive-noise of the Anna's Hummingbird.** *Condor* 81(1): 87-89.
— Vocal noise, not produced by outer rectrices.
- Bayer, Range. 1979. **Bald Eagle-Great Blue Heron interactions.** *Murrelet* 60(1): 31-33.
- Black, H.L., G. Howard, and R. Stjernstedt. 1979. **Observations on the feeding behavior of the Bat Hawk (*Macheiramphus alcinus*).** *Biotropica* 11(1): 18-21.
- Burt, Edward H., Jr., and Jack P. Hailman. 1978. **Head-scratching among North American Wood-Warblers (*Parulidae*).** *Ibis* 120(2): 153-170.
- Cruz, Alexander. 1977. **Ecology and behavior of the Jamaican Woodpecker.** *Bull. Fla. State Mus., Biol. Sci.* 22(4): 149-204.
- Dick, J.A., and M.B. Fenton. 1979. **Tool-using by a Black Eagle?** *Bokmakierie* 31(1): 17.
— An adult apparently attempting to drop sticks on an observer near the nest; in Rhodesia.
- Elliot, R.D., and R.I.G. Morrison. 1979. **The Incubation period of the Yellow Rail.** *Auk* 96(2): 422-423.
— Plus or minus 18 days.
- Ellis, David H., and Wayne H. Whaley. 1979. **Two winter breeding records for the Harris' Hawk.** *Auk* 96(2): 413.
- Gass, Clifton Lee. 1979. **Territory regulation, tenure, and migration in Rufous Hummingbirds.** *Can. J. Zool.* 57(4): 914-923.
- Henny, Charles J., and T. Earl Kaiser. 1979. **Organochlorine and mercury residues in Swainson's Hawk eggs from the Pacific Northwest.** *Murrelet* 60(1): 2-5.
- Higgins, M.L. 1979. **Intensity of seed predation on *Brosimum utile* by Mealy Parrots (*Amazona farinosa*).** *Biotropica* 11(1): 80.
- Lassey, P.A., and D.I.M. Wallace. 1979. **Habitat preference of migrant Dusky Warbler.** *Br. Birds* 72(2): 82.
- Lein, M. Ross, and G.A. Webber. 1979. **Habitat selection by wintering Snowy Owls (*Nyctea scandiaca*).** *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(2): 176-178.
- Miller, Edward H. 1979. **Functions of display flights by males of the Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla* (Vieill.), on Sable Island, Nova Scotia.** *Can. J. Zool.* 57(4): 876-893.

- Nazarov, Yu. N., M.E. Kachalova, and V.A. Sharmankin. 1978. **The Schrenk's Warbler (*Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*) in the Far East Marine Territory.** *Zool. Zh.* 57(6): 941-944.
— In Russian, English summary. Discusses breeding density and timing; also food habits.
- Prevost, Yves. 1979. **Osprey-Bald Eagle interactions at a common foraging site.** *Auk* 96(2): 413-414.
- Schwan, Tom G., and Nance Hikes. 1979. **Fiscal Shrike predation on the Bat *Pipistrellus kuhli* in Kenya.** *Biotropica* 11(1): 21.
- Sullivan, M.G. 1979. **Blue Grouse brood hen — Black Bear confrontation.** *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(2): 200.
- Summers, K.R., and R.H. Drent. 1979. **Breeding biology and twinning experiments of Rhinoceros Auklets on Cleland Island, British Columbia.** *Murrelet* 60(1): 16-22.
- Sutherland, John B., and Ronald L. Crawford. 1979. **Gray Jay feeding on slime mold.** *Murrelet* 60(1): 28.
- Walter, Hartmut. 1979. **Eleanora's Falcon.** *Nat. Hist.* 88(4): 85-93.
— Popular article, with color photographs.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Grimm, Robert J. 1979. **Special report: Ornithology in the People's Republic of China (PRC).** *Condor* 81(1): 104-109.
— Transcript of an interview with Cheng Tso-Hsin, Professor of Ornithology at the Institute of Zoology in Peking.
- Holyoak, D.T. 1978. **Variable albinism of the flight feathers as an adaptation for recognition of individual birds in some Polynesian populations of *Acrocephalus* warblers.** *Ardea* 66(3): 112-117.
- Karr, James R. 1979. **On the use of mist nets in the study of bird communities.** *Inland Bird Banding* 51(1): 1-10.
- McNicholl, Martin K., and Geoffrey G. Hogan. 1979. **Wind-caused death of Great Cormorant.** *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(2): 175.
- Morrison, Michael L., and Lloyd F. Kiff. 1979. **Eggshell thickness in American shorebirds before and since DDT.** *Can. Field-Nat.* 93(2): 187-190.
- Oniki, Yoshika. **Is nesting success of birds low in the tropics?** *Biotropica* 11(1): 60-69.
- Peakall, David B., and Lloyd F. Kiff. 1979. **Eggshell thinning and DDE residue levels among Peregrine Falcons *Falco peregrinus*: a global perspective.** *Ibis* 121(2): 200-204.
- Snow, David W. 1978. **The Nest as a factor determining clutch-size in tropical birds.** *J. Ornithol.* 119(2): 227-230.
- Snow, D.W. 1978. **Relationships between the European and African avifaunas.** *Bird Study* 25(3): 134-148.

FULL TITLES, AND PLACES OF PUBLICATION, OF SERIALS REFERRED TO ABOVE

Ardea Nederlandse Ornithologische Unie, Arnhem, Holland. *Auk* American Ornithologists' Union, Washington, D.C. *Biotropica* Association for Tropical Biology, Washington, D.C. *Bird Study* British Trust for Ornithology, Hertfordshire, England. *Bokmakierie* Southern African Ornithological Society, Houghton, South Africa. *British Birds* Macmillan Journals, Ltd., London, England. *Bulletin of the Florida State Museum, Biological Sciences* Florida State Museum, Gainesville, Florida. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, Ottawa, Ontario. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. *Condor* Cooper Ornithological Society, Los Angeles, California. *Emu* Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union, North Melbourne, Australia. *Great Basin Naturalist* Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. *Ibis* for the British Ornithologists' Union by Academic Press, London, England. *Inland Bird Banding* Inland Bird Banding Association, Wisner, Nebraska. *Journal für Ornithologie* Deutschen Ornithologen-Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany. *Murrelet* Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society, Pullman, Washington. *Natural History* American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York. *Ornis Fennica* Finnish Ornithological Society, Helsinki, Finland. *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* Biological Society of Washington, Washington, D.C. *Zoologicheskii Zhurnal* Moscow, U.S.S.R.



Key West Quail-Dove *Geotrygon chrysis* on Snake Bight Trail, Everglades National Park, Florida. Photographed 5 May 1979 by Mike Wihler.

He had seen the head of a single specimen at a friend's house in South Carolina; so when he arrived at Key West, Florida, in 1832, John James Audubon was naturally hoping to see the colorful bird that was later to bear the name of Key West Quail-Dove *Geotrygon chrysis*. Audubon's first encounter with the species may have been less than totally satisfying: his local guide, one Sergeant Sykes, spotted a quail-dove in the depths of a thicket and dispatched it with a single shot before the artist-naturalist had even glimpsed it. But he saw more of them later.

According to Audubon, the quail-dove was at that time a regular summer resident at Key West. He reported that by the middle of July, after the breeding season, the birds became sufficiently numerous that local sportsmen could shoot up to twenty in a day. This hunting may or may not have been wholly responsible for the demise of the local population, but it is certain that the species was gone from Key West by the turn of the century. The last individuals recorded there (one in 1889 and two in 1897) may have been either vagrants from the Antilles or the last remnants of the local breeding population.

This historical background lent special interest to the Key West Quail-Dove present from January at least into May 1979 on the Snake Bight Trail, Everglades National Park, Florida. To see the bird on North American soil was to experience a bit of the past — an experience not lessened appreciably by the fact that it was shared by thousands of birders, general naturalists, and curiosity seekers. The terrestrial quail-dove was rather out-of-place in the swampy Everglades, and thus confined most of its foraging to the dry ground at the edge of the Snake Bight Trail; it became so accustomed to humans that by late spring it could be approached to within a few meters as it fed quietly on the ground.

When Mike Wihler sought the quail-dove on 5 May 1979, it was not in evidence along its usual stretch of trail on his first pass through the area. As he began a second try, he saw the bird fly across the trail a hundred meters ahead and alight in a tree. The quail-dove maintained its unc customary arboreal perch long enough for Wihler to approach it and obtain the photograph reproduced above. —K.K.