

nothing else like it in nature. It is an ethereal sound which might pass for the utterance of the fabled 'wind spirit' and its 'quitty-quit' as it rises startled from the grass is a distinctive, unique and pleasing call unlike that heard from any other bird."

This field-loving sandpiper winters in the pampas of southern Brazil and Argentina where it is hunted as a game bird. With this hunting pressure, plus housing developments and intensive farming here in the United States, its future does not look too bright. Future generations may never get to see and hear this inspiring bird - and that is a sad thought indeed.

Pre-migration orientation flights often start by the middle of July. I have often noted them making wide sweeping practice flights over our farm about an hour before sunset. The earliest fall migrant ever noticed was one going over on the evening of July 18, 1964, but most migrating Upland Plovers seem to go over during the first week in August. All are heard at dusk, heading southward at a very high altitude, and soon their periodic call becomes too faint to detect. I always hope they live to come north next April to perpetuate their kind.

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NEEDED: STUDENTS FOR FIELD WORK IN PANAMA

Dr. Horace Loftin, who is studying migrant North American birds in the Panama Canal Zone, would like to hear from any students interested in assisting in netting birds there during the autumn and/or spring, 1967-1968. Two or three graduate students will be needed each season. Round trip transportation to Panama will be paid, plus \$50 per week. The Editor has several of Dr. Loftin's more detailed announcement sheets and will furnish them on request; Dr. Loftin requests that interested students write him (together with a supporting letter from your major professor) at: Florida State University Center for Tropical Studies, Box 930, Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, Panama.

B.T.O. ORDERS Those interested in ordering mist nets and other banding material from the British Trust for Ornithology may obtain B.T.O. order forms by writing Squadron Leader P.G. Murton, RAF, 25 Cliff Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63125. Orders for mist nets will not be accepted by the B.T.O. unless accompanied by a photostatic copy of the bander's permit, duly endorsed for the use of nets.