

NOTES AND NEWS

The Eighty-third Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union will be held 23-27 August 1965 at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Business meetings of the Council, the Fellows, and the Fellows and Elective Members will be held on Monday 23 August. The Scientific Program will commence on 24 August and continue on 25 and 26 August. The Annual Banquet on Thursday evening 26 August will conclude the meeting. Details may be obtained from the Local Chairman Dr. Milton B. Trautman, Ohio State Museum, Columbus, Ohio 43201 or from the Secretary of the A.O.U.

In cooperation with the Encephalitis Research Center, Dr. Andrew J. Meyerriecks, University of South Florida, Tampa, is studying the dispersal of newly fledged herons from central and southern Florida. All herons are banded and part of their plumage dyed a bright color. Each major heronry has been assigned a color code. If you see an unusually colored heron of any species please send the following to the address below: *date; place; species* (if known); *how colored* (e.g., right or left wing only, both wings, belly, etc.). Please include your name and address. HERON PROJECT, *Encephalitis Research Center, 4001 Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa, Florida.*

The help of persons sighting specially marked Black-crowned Night and Green herons is also solicited in a study of the distributions of these species. The birds will be marked variously with: U.S.F.&W.S. numbered leg band, colored leg band, and in some cases a "back saddle" and/or dyed feather patches. Please observe carefully and report: (1) exact location with respect to nearest town; (2) habitat; (3) behavior; (4) exact time of observation; (5) number and colors of leg bands and (if possible) number on the color band; (6) unusual color on body and location; (7) age if possible; (8) other herons (marked or unmarked) with the bird(s); (9) species; (10) observer's name and address. Please report even if species identification is questionable, but so indicate. Send reports to: ROBERT C. PAULSON, JR., 2504 College St., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

DR. TELFORD H. WORK, *Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Georgia 30333* advises that investigation of migratory birds as potential disseminators of arboviruses has been continued. In March and April of 1965 2,500 additional birds, chiefly passerines, were marked with colored feathers in British Honduras (yellow), Honduras (red), and Louisiana (light blue). Last year eight sightings resulted from the study. Continued cooperation is earnestly solicited; reports of marked birds should be sent to the above address and should include location, date, habitat, weather, etc. Resident marked birds available for further observation would be of particular interest.

As of July 1, 1965, Dr. Charles Gald Sibley will hold the rank of Peabody Professor of Biology, and Curator of Vertebrate Zoology in the Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University.

Dr. Thomas S. Baskett, head of the Missouri Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, will relieve Thomas G. Scott as editor of the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, starting with the issue of January 1966.

The appearance of this issue of *The Auk* in its appointed month is largely due to the splendid cooperation of Dr. Richard F. Johnston in assuming a significant burden during a period of very high work load and minimal editorial assistance. On behalf of the A.O.U. the Editor takes this opportunity of expressing appreciation to Dr. Johnston and his assistants.

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