

NOTES AND NEWS

The Eighty-fifth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held 20-24 August 1967 in Toronto, Canada, at the Royal Ontario Museum of the University of Toronto. The meeting is to be hosted by the Royal Ontario Museum (University of Toronto), Department of Zoology (University of Toronto), Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Federation of Ontario Naturalists, and the Canadian Audubon Society. The Local Committee on Arrangements includes: Dr. Jon C. Barlow (Chairman), Mr. James L. Baillie, Mrs. Jon C. Barlow, Dr. C. H. D. Clarke, Mr. James A. Dick, Dr. J. Bruce Falls, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. H. Gunn, Mr. Patrick Hardy, Mr. F. H. Kortright, Dr. George Peck, Mr. T. M. Shortt, Mr. L. L. Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. J. Murray Speirs, and Mr. James K. Woodford. Further details will be published in the April issue of *The Auk*.

The Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, upon the recommendation of Mrs. Carll Tucker, has made funds available to assist a few promising young ornithologists to attend the annual meeting of the A.O.U. (see above). Any member of the A.O.U. may nominate candidates for these awards. It is not required that awardees present papers at the meeting. The size of each award made will depend upon personal need, distance to be travelled, and available funds.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards (DR. STEPHEN M. RUSSELL, Department of Zoology, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85621) and should include: (1) name, age, and address of the nominee; (2) education and experience of the nominee; and (3) statements by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, and financial need of the nominee. Closing date for nominations is **1 May 1967**.

A sum of \$530.00 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1967. Any student of birds is invited to apply. Young men and women just starting their careers or others not eligible for government grants are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should prepare a brief but comprehensive description of their research projects specifying the objectives and proposed plans of procedure. Particulars of the type and amount of financial assistance needed must be indicated. A brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background should be appended. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

Applications should be submitted not later than **1 April 1967** to the Chairman of the A.O.U. Research Committee, DR. PAUL H. BALDWIN, Department of Zoology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund of The American Museum of Natural History is administered by a committee that meets twice annually to review applications for grants and fellowships. The Fund is intended to support and foster research in ornithology from a broad and international point of view. There are no restrictions as to the formal qualifications of applicants or the locality in which research is to be conducted. Applications should be submitted not later than **15 February** and **15 September**. Detailed information and application forms 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, New York 10024.

Dr. Charles T. Collins was appointed a Chapman Fellow for the period June, 1966,

to September, 1967, to continue his field and museum studies of swifts. Dr. Larry L. Wolf received an Elsie Binger Naumburg Fellowship for the period September, 1966, to September, 1967, to study the ecology, plumage dimorphism, and social systems of a number of tropical hummingbirds.

Chapman grants during 1966, totalling \$28,000.00, were awarded to: Helmut Adler, research on bird migration and attendance at the XIV International Ornithological Congress (henceforth XIV IOC; Bertin W. Anderson, hybridization among flickers, orioles, and grosbeaks in South Dakota; Donald L. Anderson, vocal communication and control of aggression in gulls; Aurelio Basilio, research on birds of Fernando Poo; Jean Bédard, study of the collections of The American Museum of Natural History (henceforth AMNH) of certain Bering Sea Alcidae; Biswamoy Biswas, study of the collections of the British Museum of birds of the western desert of India and attendance at the XIV IOC; Brian W. Cain, growth, weights, and plumages of the Black-bellied Tree Duck; Martin L. Cody, the relative use of vertical and horizontal habitat selection, and food specialization in two-layered habitats; Joel Cracraft, research at AMNH and other eastern museums for his study of the lacrimal-ectethmoid bone complex in non-passeriform birds; Jared M. Diamond, birds of the Torricelli Mountains, New Guinea; H. J. deS. Disney, study of the collections of AMNH and other American museums of Australian birds; Rudi Drent, publication subsidy for his paper on the breeding biology of the Pigeon Guillemot; Vaughan W. Edmonds, water economy and metabolism of desert birds; R. D. Etchécopar and F. Hüe, study of the collections of AMNH and the Field Museum of Natural History of Middle East birds; Richard P. French, the molt of the Brown Noddy; Charles D. Fisher, geographical variation in the Twenty-eight Parrot; Joseph M. Forshaw, the systematics of two Papuan-Australasian parrots; Leon J. Gorski, an investigation of factors related to taxonomy, territoriality, and habitat selection in Traill's Flycatcher; Betty L. Hackner, factors controlling food source preference in three species of hummingbirds; David Hancock, study of the collection of AMNH of Bald Eagles; Michael Harvey, ecological study of the Parasitic Jaeger; Larry C. Holcomb, Red-winged Blackbird broodiness, physiological and behavioral patterns; Christian Jouanin, a study of the biology of Procellariiformes in the Madeira Archipelago; Gerald W. Kaufmann, a comparative study of the breeding behavior of the Virginia Rail and Sora; David C. Krieg, behavior of the Eastern Bluebird; Channing R. Kury, a study of the Double-crested Cormorant in respect to the effects of biocides; Lynn J. Langford, a nutritional study of the Black Brant; Robert D. Ohmart, physiological and behavioral adaptations of the Rufous-winged Sparrow to its environment; Claës C. Olrog, publication subsidy for his book on the birds of South America; Allan R. Phillips, study of the collections of several European museums of Mexican and Middle American birds; James D. Rising, hybridization and isolating mechanisms in orioles; David H. Sheppard, a comparative study of Bermuda populations; Lester L. Short, Jr., study of the collections of the British Museum and Paris Museum of woodpeckers and attendance at the XIV IOC; Helmut Sick, study of the collections of AMNH of Brazilian birds; David Simon, study of the collections of AMNH of orioles; John O. Sullivan, ecology of the Dipper; John W. Taylor, research on Barn Swallows; John W. Terborgh and John S. Weske, factors regulating bird species diversity on an elevational gradient in neotropical wet forest; Emil K. Urban, study of the collections of the British Museum of Ethiopian birds and attendance at the XIV IOC; Clayton M. White, biosystematics of North American Peregrine Falcons; David B. Wingate, study of the collections of the British Museum of Bermuda birds and attendance at the XIV IOC.

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, reports that, through its Administrative Board, it has established an award in honor of the late Arthur A. Allen, distinguished ornithologist and teacher at Cornell University for nearly 50 years. The award will be in the form of a medal.

Dr. Allen's early scientific studies pioneered several significant lines of current research and his teaching inspired many of his students to make ornithology their profession; his popular writings, photography, and public lectures, and his use of graphic art and sound recording, drew attention to birds so widely and effectively that countless people soon found ornithology a challenging and rewarding avocation.

It is in recognition of Dr. Allen's service in widening popular interest in ornithology that the Laboratory of Ornithology will make the award. The contributions of the awardee must therefore reflect his emphasis on interpreting ornithology to the public through such media as magazine articles, books, lectures, still photographs and motion-picture films, drawings and paintings, and sound recordings.

Other stipulations:

1. The eligibility of an individual under consideration shall be broad and the selection not limited to a professional ornithologist.

2. The award shall be limited to the field of ornithology and not be concerned specifically with the broad areas of conservation and wildlife management.

3. There shall be no geographical or national limitations as to where the work is done or by whom.

4. A committee appointed by the Administrative Board of the Laboratory shall select the recipient of the medal. This Committee shall consist of five members, at least one of whom must be a present or former member of the Board. The other four must be members of the Laboratory.

5. The committee shall consider the award annually, but it will be the committee's prerogative to decide whether or not an award should be made in any given year.

To select the first awardee, the Administrative Board has appointed the following committee: Alexander Wetmore (Chairman), George Miksch Sutton, Wesley E. Lanyon, Roland C. Clement, and Phillips B. Street. The award will be revealed and made simultaneously in the fall of 1967, the exact time and place to be announced.

Required six-month's notice is given on the possible use of plenary powers by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in connection with the following name, given with Case Number (see *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.*, 23, pt. 6, 30 December 1966): 1773. Neotype for *Opopsitta marshalli* Iredale, 1946 (Aves).

Comments should be sent in duplicate, citing Case Number (A.[n.s.]77), to the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7, England. Those received early enough will be published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*.

The Department of Zoology and Entomology of the University of Connecticut at Storrs announces that the ornithological collections amassed by the late Jonathan H. Sage and the late Williard E. Treat are now housed in the Departmental collections. The Sage and Treat Collections together include over 6,000 study skins, predominantly from Connecticut, and contain a relatively large proportion of hawks, owls, and Ruffed Grouse. Specimens in these collections are available for study by serious students of ornithology; inquiries should be addressed to the Department.

The Council of the South African Ornithological Society has decided to organize the Third Pan-African Ornithological Congress in March, 1969. The Congress will be held in the Kruger National Park, by kind permission of the National Parks Board of Trustees, probably at Pretorius Kop.

Anyone interested in attending should notify THE HON. SECRETARY, S.A.O.S., c/o Percy Fitzpatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, C.P., South Africa. Further information will be sent as it becomes available.

It has been announced that a symposium on Terrestrial Animal Ecology in Southern Africa will be held by the Zoological Society of Southern Africa in Pretoria, South Africa, **11-14 July 1967**. Sections will be held on Environmental Aspects, Community Studies, Population Ecology, and Applied Ecology.

Further information may be obtained from the HON. SECRETARY, c/o Zoology Department, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, C. P., South Africa.

Note on the next A.O.U. Check-list of North American birds.—The A.O.U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, with the acquiescence of the Council, has decided to extend the area of the next A.O.U. Check-list to cover all of geographic North America through Panama and including the West Indies. Hawaii will also be treated, possibly by way of appendix.

As a contribution to the project, ornithologists are requested to send to the Chairman of the Committee, at the address given below, copies of their papers affecting the distribution, classification, nomenclature, or ecology of birds in the area of the forthcoming Check-list, where they involve changes from the treatment in the last A.O.U. Check-list or in currently used distributional works dealing with Middle America, the West Indies, or Hawaii. To facilitate filing and reference it would be appreciated if at least two copies of each paper were sent where more than one species is treated.

Unpublished corrections of the last Check-list would also be useful, provided the information relating to each species is submitted on a separate sheet or card, with clear indication of the situs of any specimen involved or of the literature or other data relied upon. Unpublished sight observations are not solicited, because the A.O.U. Committee is in no position to screen them and the A.O.U. Check-list cannot include the details on which they might be judged by others.—EUGENE EISENMANN, Chairman, A.O.U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, The American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024.

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