

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Eighty-sixth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held 18-23 June 1968 at the University of Alaska, College (Fairbanks), Alaska. We go there at the invitation of the University of Alaska and the Fairbanks Bird Club. Field trips prior to and following the formal meetings are being arranged. Special travel arrangements are also being made available. Details on the meetings, the call for papers, information on field trips, and travel arrangements will reach the A.O.U. membership by mail in January and February.

The Local Committee on Arrangements includes Dr. Brina Kessel, Chairman, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Dean, Dr. Francis H. Fay, Mr. Daniel D. Gibson, Mr. George E. Hall, III, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hering, Dr. Laurence Irving, Dr. David R. Klein, Mr. C. Peter McRoy, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peyton, Mr. Ludwig J. Rowinski, Dr. Gerard Swartz, Mrs. Meriam T. Vogwill, Mrs. Judith S. Weeden, Dr. Robert B. Weeden, and Dr. George C. West.

Fellows and Elective Members of the A.O.U. are reminded that nominations for election of Fellows (by Fellows only) and Elective Members (by Fellows or Elective Members) must be in the hands of the Secretary 90 days prior to the annual meeting. Thus nominations complete with supporting data, must reach the Secretary prior to **18 March 1968**. Appropriate forms may be obtained from the Secretary. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws affecting the number of Elective Members and election procedure may be found in the Proceedings of the A.O.U. elsewhere in this number. Should these amendments be adopted by the Fellows at their meeting at 4:00 p.m. on 18 June 1968, they will be in effect for the annual election of Elective Members at the meeting of Fellows and Elective Members later that day.

The Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, upon the recommendation of Mrs. Carl Tucker, has made funds available to assist a few promising young ornithologists to attend the annual meeting of the A.O.U. in Fairbanks, Alaska in June. 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 traveled, and available funds.

Letters of nominations should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards (Dr. STEPHEN M. RUSSELL, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721) 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 nomination is **1 March 1968**.

A sum of 540.00 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1968. 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 1968** 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 Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500.00 to found the fund; later donors have provided additional money. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100.00 grant annually. Two grants were made in 1966 and again in 1967.

Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Since its inception, the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 24 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

Application forms may be obtained from Dr. HARRISON B. TORDOFF, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Completed **applications** must be received by **1 March 1968**.

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. Applications should be submitted not later than **15 February** and **15 September**. 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. François Vuilleumier was appointed a Chapman Fellow for the period September 1967 to September 1968. He will make a comparative study of extrinsic isolating factors in high Andean birds. Dr. Joe T. Marshall, Jr. received an Elsie Binger Naumburg Fellowship for the period June 1968 to June 1969 to study the genus *Otus* in Central and South America.

Chapman grants during 1967 totalling \$27,400.00 were awarded to: Donald L. Anderson, vocal communication in Herring Gulls; C. W. Benson, ornithology of Assumption, Cosmoledo, and Astove Islands, Indian Ocean; Raymond P. Coppinger, reactions to novel stimuli by Silver-beak Tanagers; Edward C. Dickinson, study in The American Museum of Natural History (henceforth AMNH) in relation to a handbook to the birds of Southeast Asia; Richard P. French, wing molt of the Brown Noddy; Robert E. Gobeil, the arrangement-pattern of veins in the heart region of birds; David Hancock, study of the Bald Eagle in British Columbia; John William Hardy, studies of the Yucatan Jay; Hilburn O. Hillestad, telemetric studies of the Wild Turkey; Larry C. Holcomb, egg-size effect on prolonged incubation and acceptance of young in the Red-winged Blackbird; Jerome A. Jackson, a study of sexual dimorphism in Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers; Conrad H. Jarosch, study in AMNH in relation to the molt of Cardinals; Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., sexual size dimorphism in

sandpipers; Richard E. Johnson, biosystematics of the avian genus *Leucosticte*; Gerald W. Kaufmann, a comparative study of the breeding behavior of the Virginia and Sora Rails; Allen Keast, study at AMNH on the avifaunas of Australia and South Africa; Thomas E. Lovejoy, III, the vertical and temporal distribution of birds and arboviruses in a tropical rain forest; Gordon L. Maclean, a field study of the seed-snipe in Tierra del Fuego; Carl D. Marti, Jr., comparative ecology of the owls of north-central Colorado; Jorge R. Navas, taxonomic and zoogeographic studies of Patagonian birds; Val Nolan, Jr. and Charles F. Thompson, breeding biology of the Yellow-breasted Chat; Claës C. Olog, field search for *Falco kreyenborgi*; Robert B. Payne, study at AMNH of the sibling species complex *Hypochera*; Everett C. Peck, systematic relationships of the birds of the Tavaputs Plateau, Utah; Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Bobolinks on their wintering grounds; Ralph J. Raitt, study at AMNH of tropical American thrushes; Amadeo M. Rea, research on the Boat-tailed Grackles of Arizona; David E. Samuel, the behavior, interactions, and ecology of Barn and Cliff Swallows; William C. Scharf, the study of banded Hen Harriers on the Orkney Islands; Gary D. Schnell, analysis of flight patterns and flight speeds of terns and gulls; Alexander F. Skutch, study of certain birds of northeastern Costa Rica; Robert A. Wallace, sexual dimorphism and differential niche utilization by *Centurus striatus* in Hispaniola; Milton W. Weller, study in AMNH of the plumage of some sexually dimorphic anatids; John S. Weske, an avifaunal study of the northern Cordillera Vilcabamba, Peru; Edwin O. Willis, population dynamics of three species of antbirds.

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