

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Eighty-seventh Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held 1-5 September 1969 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the invitation of the University of Arkansas. The Local Committee on Arrangements includes Dr. Douglas James, Chairman, Dr. David A. Becker, Miss Neppie L. Conner, Dr. Jay D. Dykstra, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert K. Fowler, Dr. William C. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Halberg, Mrs. Frances C. James, Mr. Robert M. Jenkins, Dr. P. M. Johnston, Dr. Louise R. Kraemer, Dr. Duncan W. Martin, and Mrs. Jo Ann Whitlatch. 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 April.

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 should be submitted to the Nominating Committee (Pierce Brodkorb, Chairman, Kenneth E. Stager, and Robert A. McCabe) in ample time for processing and submitting to the Secretary by **3 June 1969**. Appropriate forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

The editors of *The Auk*, *Bird-Banding*, *The Condor*, and *The Wilson Bulletin* have agreed to make some minor stylistic revisions leading to identical or very similar practices in the four journals in matters, principally, of abbreviations and bibliographic citations. The main objective of this concordat is to permit authors to learn and to apply a single style in the preparation of manuscripts intended for publication in American ornithological journals. The following practices and standards will apply henceforth.

For bibliographic citations in a terminal list of references, authors should use forms stipulated by the *Style Manual for Biological Journals*, Second Edition (Conference of Biological Editors, published by the American Institute of Biological Sciences, Washington, D. C., 1964).

For bibliographic citations in texts not having a terminal list of references, authors should conform with these examples: Crowell (*Auk*, 85: 265, 1968), or (Crowell, *Auk*, 85: 265, 1968). Citations of publications having three or more authors should be given in the form "Jones et al." in all cases in the text. Consult current issues of the journals for further details.

Abbreviation of mensural units should conform with the C.B.E. *Style Manual* except in the case of thermometric units, where the degree sign is to be retained, as for example, 20°C (not 20 C, as given by the *Style Manual*).

Clock time is to be designated in the 24-hour system and written as 08:00 or 17:25 (not as 0800 hours or 1725 hours).

In cases in which both the common name and the Latin name of a bird species are given in a paragraph heading, as in regional lists of species, the common name should be given first.

*The Auk*, *Bird-Banding*, *The Condor*, and *The Wilson Bulletin* will retain numerous idiosyncrasies in publisher's style, but the editors believe that the concessions to uniformity mentioned above will significantly aid authors in the preparation of manuscripts, while not appreciably diluting each journal's distinctive flavor.

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. Application forms may be obtained from HARRISON B. TORDOFF, *Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104*. Applications must be received by **1 March 1969**.

Under auspices of the Polish IBP Dr. Jan Pinowski is organizing a symposium on biology of sparrows of the genus *Passer*. Dr. Pinowski has asked me to explore the possibility of having a section on systematics and evolutionary biology of *Passer*, and this notice is a consequence of that request.

The plan is to have an ancillary meeting at the time of the International Ornithological Congress, 7 September 1970, at the Hague, Holland. If you wish to read a paper on sparrows please send a title, short abstract, and list of lecture equipment you will need to Dr. Pinowski by 1 April 1969. If you wish to participate in the program otherwise, application for space may be sent as late as 31 December 1969. Dr. Pinowski may be reached at Working Group of Granivorous Birds, PT Section, International Biological Programme, Warszawa, Nowy Swiat 72, Poland. Further information can be obtained from RICHARD F. JOHNSTON, *Museum of Natural History, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66044*.

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. at Fayetteville, Arkansas, in September 1969. 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 nomination should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards (STEPHEN M. RUSSELL, *Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 85721*) and should include: (1) name, age, and address of nominee; (2) education and experience of the nominee; and (3) statement by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, and financial need of the nominee. **Closing date** for nomination is **1 May 1969**.

The sum of \$1194.82 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1969. Of this amount, \$185.00 is earmarked for research in systematics. Any student of birds is invited to apply for research grants. 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 included. A brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background should be appended. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful. Review by the committee will be facilitated if six copies are submitted.

Applications should be submitted not later than **1 April 1969** to the Chairman of the A.O.U. Research Committee, RICHARD C. BANKS, *Bird and Mammal Laboratories, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. 20560*.

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*.

Chapman grants during 1968 totalling \$43,500.00 were awarded to: John Amundsen, a population survey of the Osprey; Bertin W. Anderson, hybridization between flickers, orioles, and grosbeaks in South Dakota; Stanley H. Anderson, avian distribution in Oregon white oak-grand fir communities; James Baird, Blackpoll Warbler migration; Myron C. Baker, comparative foraging ecology and behavior of some waders at Churchill, Manitoba and on the Gulf Coast of the United States; Jean Bédard, comparative ecology of murrelets in Alaska; R. K. Brooke, study at The American Museum of Natural History and other U. S. museums on the evolution, distribution, and biology of swifts; Leslie H. Brown, research on African birds of prey; P. J. K. Burton, functional significance of the avian basipterygoid processes; Richard J. Clark, ethology of Short-eared Owls during the breeding season; David F. DeSante, orientation of vagrant and normal passerines at Cape San Lucas, Baja California; Robert W. Dickerman, brief review of the distribution and systematics of the Red-winged Blackbird in Central America; James J. Dinsmore, studies of the Sooty Tern; C. Robert Edinger, study of the breeding behavior of three species of Hawaiian honeycreepers; John T. Emlen, comparisons of the avifaunas in the pinelands of Florida and of the Bahama Islands; Roger M. Evans, the distribution and biology of freshwater colonial birds in Manitoba; J. Alan Feduccia, evolutionary trends in the neotropical avian families Dendrocolaptidae and Furnariidae; Douglas Flack, bird populations of the aspen forests in the western mountains; Julian Ford, taxonomy, evolution, and ecology of quail-thrushes, genus *Cincoloma*; Jon S. Greenlaw, time and energy budgeting of activities by the Rufous-sided Towhee in two contrasting habitats; Thomas C. Grubb, Jr., study of the possible use of olfaction by the Leach's Petrel in homing to its breeding island; Deborah V. Howard, productivity and postfledging survival of Robins in an urban community; Marshall Howe, evolution and adaptiveness of sexually-reversed behavior in Wilson's Phalarope; Jerome A. Jackson, a comparative study of geographic, seasonal, and temporal variation of secondary sexual dimorphism in Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, with study at The American Museum of Natural History; Douglas James, ecology of Arkansas: a synopsis of avian ecology; Ronald R. Keiper, investigation of the importance of different feeding conditions in the development of spot-picking; Merrill G. McHenry, territorial behavior in breeding populations of Blue-winged Teal and Gadwall in southwestern Manitoba; Frank McKinney, spacing mechanisms in the Cape Shoveler and African Black Duck; Elden W. Martin, study of the gross dietary protein requirement in the Slate-colored Junco; Stephen G. Martin, breeding ecology and behavior of the Bobolink; Martin L. Morton, lipid reserves of mountain White-crowned Sparrows; Richard R. Olendorff, a pilot study of certain physiological parameters of raptorial birds; Yoshika Oniki, studies of the behavior and ecology of ant-following birds in Amapá, Brazil; Fernando I. Ortiz-Crespo, ecological aspects of sympatry in Andean hummingbirds near Quito, Ecuador; James W. Parker, Jr., winter ecology of populations of Marsh Hawks and Short-eared Owls; Henry W. Pelzl, S. J., an introductory study of the distribution of the summer birds of the British Honduras keys; Gerald M. Polcyn, the effects of parasitization upon variation in avian morphology; George V. N. Powell, study of the interactions be-

tween *Parus atricapillus* and *P. carolinensis* through the use of vocal analysis; Ronald Pulliam, food and habitat preference in Jamaican birds; Francis J. Rolle, bio-systematics of West Indian thrushes of the genus *Mimocichla*; Stephen I. Rothstein, the responses of songbirds to experimental Cowbird parasitism; J. Stuart Rowley, breeding ecology and taxonomy of some montane birds of Oaxaca, Mexico; David E. Samuel, the comparative ecology, behavior, and vocalizations of Barn and Cliff Swallows in Preston County, West Virginia; William C. Scharf, population study of the Hen Harrier; Gary D. Schnell, analysis of flight patterns, flight speeds, and morphology of gulls, terns, and skimmers, with research at The American Museum of Natural History; Ralph W. Schreiber, biology of Brown Pelicans in Florida; Edward L. Seeber and Robert E. Moisan, a preliminary investigation of the morphology of leucocyte chromosomes in the Anatidae; Jay M. Sheppard, studies in the life history of the LeConte's Thrasher; Alexander F. Skutch, study of the Palm Chat in Dominican Republic; E. Linwood Smith, a comparative study of three allopatric warblers, *Vermivora ruficapilla*, *V. virginiae*, and *V. crissalis*; John L. Tatschl, a comparative bioecological study of *Tyrannus tyrannus*, *T. verticalis*, and *Muscivora forficata*; John P. Tramontano, a comparative study of two sympatric sparrows in Arizona, *Aimophila cassinii* and *A. botterii*; James M. Utter, a comparison of the ecology of three populations of the Mockingbird differing in geographical location; Nicolaas A. M. Verbeek, the social systems ecology of the Yellow-billed Magpie; François Vuilleumier, to present a paper on avian speciation in the neotropics at the IV Latin-American Congress of Zoology in Caracas, Venezuela; Robert A. Wallace, sexual dimorphism, differential niche utilization, and social behavior in woodpeckers of the West Indies; Peter W. Westcott, structure of a breeding population of Florida Scrub Jays.