

## NOTES AND NEWS

Members who would like to increase their contribution to the Union and their participation in Union affairs by serving as members of one or more standing committees are urged to contact the President or Secretary, stating committee preference if any. Current committees are listed in the *Auk*, 88: 480-481, 1971.

A limited number of student membership awards are made available each year by the A.O.U. Students at any stage of their academic training who are not now and have not been A.O.U. members are eligible. The deadline for applications is 31 December 1971. Interested students and faculty members with promising students are encouraged to request application forms from the Secretary or from the Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards, DR. WILLIAM L. THOMPSON, *Department of Biology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202*.

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York 14850, is planning a nationwide survey of the Great Blue Heron which, at the top of the aquatic food chain, may well be an important indicator species. The first step will be to compile an inventory of heronries. To this end, we appeal to all readers with knowledge of heronries to write us. Information may be recent or old, detailed or sketchy. Even "I remember seeing a heronry as a boy" is helpful if the site is remembered well enough to locate on a topographic map.

We hope that this inventory will contain the exact locality of the heronry, a general description of the site, and as much history as possible. We hope that this stage of the program can be completed by the winter so that arrangements can be made for census work in the 1972 breeding season.—DAVID B. PEAKALL.

**Colored gull study.**—California, Franklin's, and Ring-billed Gulls are being individually marked near Calgary, Alberta, Canada, as part of a 3-year study of their local movements. All marked gulls have four colored jesses attached to their legs in the following manner: two jesses per leg, one above and one below the tibiotarsus joint on each leg. Black, blue, green, orange, white, and yellow jesses are being used. In addition, portions of the gull's plumage may be dyed green, orange, or red. This marking program will be continued through the 1972 season.

Reports of sight records of these marked gulls will be greatly appreciated. Please include date, time, and location of sighting, color and location of plumage dye, and color and location of each jess. Reports should be sent to D. VAUGHN WESELOH, *Department of Biology, University of Calgary, Calgary 44, Alberta, Canada*.

The Rev. A. I. Good has recently deposited all his bird papers from the Cameroons with the Bird Division, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois 60605. These include several years of field notebooks containing daily lists, a species list containing all field notes assembled from his daily lists, a manuscript on his collection from Spanish Guinea and Corisco Island, and a manuscript of his visit to Lake Chad. These papers contain a wealth of distributional and life history data, and they are available on loan to any qualified student.

Lyndon L. Hargrave, Research Professor of Ethnobiology at Prescott College, a Life Elective Member of the A.O.U., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree last June by Northern Arizona University, honoring his long years of contributions in the fields of ornithology and archeology.

John K. Terres, an Associate of the Union since 1934, was awarded the John Burroughs Medal on the 50th anniversary of the John Burroughs Memorial Association, April 5, 1971, for his "From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog" (see *Auk*, 87: 603, 1970).

**XVI International Ornithological Congress.**—The International Ornithological Committee agreed at the end of the XV International Ornithological Congress in The Hague, Netherlands, that the next congress would be held in Australia in 1974. Professor J. Dorst was appointed President. The Australian invitation has been proffered jointly by the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union and the Australian Academy of Science.

The Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union appointed Dr. H. J. Frith as Secretary-General and an Australian Advisory Committee has been formed. After close examination of the possibilities the Australian Advisory Committee has decided that the XVI International Ornithological Congress should be held in the Australian National University in Canberra in the period 12 August to 17 August 1974. A program of scientific sessions, major and minor excursions, and ornithological exhibits will be organized.

Applications for membership will be accepted until **1 March 1974**. Applications for the presentation of papers and for arranging specialists' meetings should reach the Secretary-General not later than **1 February 1974**. It is probable that, apart from those presented by invitation in a symposium, there will be some selection of the papers that are actually read. Accordingly it is essential that each offer of a paper should be accompanied by a summary of about 200 words.

Information regarding the XVI International Ornithological Congress can be had from THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *XVI International Ornithological Congress, P. O. Box 84, Lyneham, A.C.T., Australia 2602*.

To stimulate research in the field of ornithology through the use of bird-banding techniques or banding data, the EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION makes a grant of \$250 to a student, undergraduate or graduate, who uses bird banding as part of his ornithological research or thesis in a college or university within the United States. Undergraduates must be either juniors or seniors, major in zoology or biology, and earn at least a B average. Graduate students must be majoring in ornithology. Although the Eastern Bird Banding Association would like to publish in its journal a paper written by the award recipient on his project, this is not a requisite.

To apply for the award, a student should submit a description of his project, signed by the head of his department, explaining how he uses bird banding. Applications will be judged on the quality of the presentation as well as content. Preference will be shown for projects already in progress. Applications must be submitted prior to **20 March 1972** to DR. W. D. MERRITT, *Chairman, Grant Committee, Eastern Bird Banding Association, Riverview Road, Rexford, New York 12148*.