

NOTES AND NEWS

Fellows and Elective Members of the A.O.U. are reminded that nominations for the class 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. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Secretary or from any member of the Committee on Nominations (Lester L. Short, Jr., Chairman, Tom J. Cade, and John W. Hardy). Nominations, with supporting data, must be submitted to the committee in ample time for processing and submission to the Secretary by **15 May 1972**.

The Committee on Nominations is charged (Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4) with supplementing nominations made by present Fellows and Elective Members, each of whom should do his part by initiating nominations for deserving candidates.

The A.O.U. Committee on Research is attempting to gather information on graduate research in ornithology. If you direct graduate students on either the M.S. or Ph.D. level we would appreciate information on the general areas of ornithology covered at your institution, special facilities available, and titles of student research in progress. For the latter, please indicate the degree being sought. The compiled list will be circulated to all contributors and others who request it, in an effort to open lines of communication and help in the direction of potential graduate students. The list will be updated frequently. The committee would like to have replies by **1 June 1972** for duplication and circulation before the next academic year. Please send the information to ALAN H. BRUSH, *Biological Sciences Group, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06268*.

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 the University of North Dakota, in Grand Forks, on 15-17 August 1972. Any member of the A.O.U. may nominate candidates for these awards. It is not required that awardees present papers at the meeting, but they are encouraged to do so. The size of each award will depend upon personal need, distance to be traveled, and funds available.

Letters of nomination should be sent to DR. WILLIAM L. THOMPSON, *Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards, Department of Biology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202*. They 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 nominations is **1 May 1972**.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS: Fuertes Awards 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. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscript to the editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration. Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award, which, however, is limited to persons not affiliated with a college or university.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made—in some years, one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100. Interested persons may write to VAL NOLAN, JR., *Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401*. Completed applications must be received by **1 May 1972**. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society on 13–16 June 1972.

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.

The Chapman Fellowship of Dr. David J. T. Hussell was extended through July 1972. He will continue his study of the relative importance of behavior and environment in limiting brood size in altricial birds.

Chapman grants during 1971, totalling \$36,352, were awarded to: Fred J. Alsop, III, effects of chlorinated hydrocarbons on the eggs of the Red-winged Blackbird; George W. Archibald, comparative ethology of cranes; William Belton, avifaunal survey of state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Richard O. Bierregaard, Jr., a population study of *Circus cyaneus* and *Falco sparverius* on Martha's Vineyard Island, Mass.; Peter L. Borchelt, further studies on the development of dustbathing in Bobwhite; Robert Brown and Larry Hesse, mercury analysis of avifauna of a contaminated watershed; Edward H. Burt, Jr., ontogeny of individual recognition in the Barn Swallow; Clark L. Casler, the lungs and air-sac system of the Pelecaniformes; Charles T. Collins, biological studies of *Aeronautes montivagus* at Rancho Grande, Venezuela; Raymond Daugherty, vocalizations in towhees in the hybrid zone; Keith L. Dixon, song and territorial behavior in the Bridled Titmouse; Erica Dunn, development of thermoregulation in the breeding strategy of the Double-crested Cormorant; Carl G. Edelstam, wing asymmetry of birds; moult in large birds of prey; Stephen H. Ervin, life history of the Common Bush-tit; David Ewert, vocalizations of the Rufous-sided Towhee; A. D. Forbes-Watson, studies of the avifauna of Madagascar; Flash Gibson, a behavioral-energetic study of the American Avocet; Michael Gochfeld, comparative biology of Red-breasted Meadowlarks; Raymond B. Goldstein, geographic variation in the vocalizations of the Bobwhite; Walter D. Graul, breeding adaptations in the Mountain Plover; J. William Hardy, investigation of hybrid interaction between Blue and Steller's Jays; James J. Hebrard, departure orientation of hand-released passerine night migrants; Joanna Burger Howe, breeding behavior of Franklin's Gull with special emphasis on its adaptations to its marsh-nesting habitat; T. G. Jefford, studies on *Phalacrocorax carbo* in Africa; Ronald R. Keiper, study of imprinting to nesting material in the canary and its possible evolutionary consequences; Angela K. Kepler, study of *Todus multicolor* at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Thomas E. Lovejoy, III, abundance patterns of tropical forest birds; Michael MacRoberts, social organization and adaptive features of Acorn Woodpecker groups; Judith W. McIntyre, breeding biology and behavior of the Common Loon; Roger and Florence McNabb, the development of thermoregulation in birds and the role of the thyroid gland; Mary Anne McNamara, adult recognition of young in the Herring Gull; R. K. Misra, hybridization and polymorphism in some avian species; George A. Newman, avifauna of the southern Guadalupe Mts.; James W. Parker, ecology and population dynamics of

the Mississippi Kite; Henry W. Pelzl, summer birds of the Caribbean Keys off Nicaragua; John W. Pike, breeding biology of the Prairie Falcon; William Post, Seaside Sparrow behavior in different environments; Donald Kay Riker, hormonal control of seasonal orientation; Stephen I. Rothstein, response of Catbirds on Bermuda to artificial Cowbird eggs; Uriel N. Safriel, interrelationships of migrant and resident bird populations at Jerusalem; Judith Ann Sample, physiological aspects of imprinting; Herbert Schifter, studies in taxonomy and distribution of Coliidae; Ralph W. Schreiber, museum examination of *Pelecanus occidentalis* specimens; Paul Schwartz, determination of species' limits in owls of the genus *Otus* in southern Brazil; Harold F. Sears, the evolutionary position of the Gull-billed Tern; Marvin Sieger, breeding biology of the Lesser Snow Goose; Julia Shepard, non-random mating in the Ruff; K. E. L. Simmons, biology of the Brown Booby; Donald W. Sparling, interembryonic communication and subsequent synchronization of hatching in *Coturnix coturnix*; Joseph G. Strauch, communal behavior of the Crotophaginae; John P. Woodall, computer analysis of Amazonian bird serology; Glen E. Woolfenden, social organization of the Florida Scrub Jay; Richard I. Yeaton, ecological analysis of sparrow territory size on islands in Puget Sound, Washington.

Mary K. LeCroy, of the American Museum of Natural History, has compiled a list of errata for the Rand and Gilliard "Handbook of New Guinea birds," 1967. Copies of the list are available on request from the *Department of Ornithology, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, New York 10024*.

A PLEA FOR ADVICE.—In connection with research on the flamingos of the world, I must cross large expanses of soft mud. Anyone having suggestions of techniques for accomplishing this—with a minimum of complicated or heavy equipment—is asked please to contact me. DR. M. P. KAHL, 661 Rudder Road, Naples, Florida 33940.

DATE OF ISSUE (VOL. 89, No. 1): 17 January 1972

New name . . . new look . . . new scope!

AMERICAN BIRDS

incorporating Audubon Field Notes



The most widely read journal devoted exclusively to the ever-changing status of the birds of Canada and the U.S. General articles and regional summaries of the seasonal distribution, migration, abundance and rare occurrence of North American birds. Six issues per year, including the annual Christmas Bird Count, the Winter-Bird Population Studies, and the Breeding-Bird Census.

One year—\$6.

Two years—\$11.

Single copies \$1.

Christmas Count issue, \$3.50.

AMERICAN BIRDS

National Audubon Society, 1130 Fifth Avenue, New York 10028