

NOTES AND NEWS

Amendments to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature.—At the XVII International Congress of Zoology, Monaco, 21–30 September 1972, a number of amendments to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1961) and to the Constitution of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature were adopted. Some of the amendments were procedural, designed either to provide continuity for the commission upon the final dissolution of the congress by substituting the International Union of Biological Sciences as supervisory authority, or to encourage greater participation by zoologists in regard to proposals for changes in the code (see Bull. Zool. Nomencl. 1972, 29, part 2: 65–101, part 4: 179, 182). Other amendments involve substantive changes in the rules of nomenclature (Bull. Zool. Nomencl. 1972, 29, part 4: 180–189). Of these most are designed to clear up ambiguities: Articles 11(b), 11(e) (ii), 11(f), 13(c), 17(2), 29, 30, 32(a) (ii), 45(e) (i), 52, 74(a) (ii), 80(i) and (ii), and Glossary definition of “hybrid.” Other amendments effect material changes in the operative rules: Articles 23 (a–b), 29 (a), 30 (a) (i) (2), 59 (b) (i) and (ii), and 79(b). The most important changes are summarized below:

Limitations on effect of priority.—Articles 23(a) and (b) are replaced by Articles 23(a–b) and 79(b). The suppression of a senior synonym for 50 years of nonuse will require exercise of the Plenary Power by application to the International Commission, the situations establishing a *prima facie* case for suppression being carefully defined; upon such application and until decision by the commission existing usage (defined as the most common usage) is to be maintained (new Article 80). A name *rejected prior to 1973* on the explicit grounds that it was an unused senior synonym of a name in general current use is not to be used except with the approval of the commission.

Formation of family-group names.—Under Article 29(a) such names are not to be amended because they were based on an incorrectly formed stem, *if* proposed before 1961 and in general use.

Generic names ending in -ops.—Under Article 30(a) (i) (2) all such names are to be treated as of masculine gender regardless of derivation or original usage.

Secondary homonyms.—Under new subdivisions of Article 59(b) (i) and (ii) a junior secondary homonym rejected before 1961 is permanently rejected, *except* where use of the replacement name is contrary to existing usage, in which case the matter is to be referred to the commission for decision; where secondary homonymy has been overlooked or the junior name not replaced, the junior name is not to be rejected if the taxa are no longer considered congeneric.—E. EISENMANN.

Request for information.—Herring Gulls ranging in age and color plumage from first year through fourth year are being individually marked at Groton and Stonington, Connecticut sanitary landfill areas. The gulls marked at the Groton dump have blaze orange, dumbbell-shaped wing tags. The tags have a one-quarter inch black border with a black letter painted over the number, i.e. $\frac{A}{1-9}$, through letter F.

The letter-number system has been reversed with letters H through Z, i.e. $\frac{1}{H-9}$ etc. Stonington gulls have blue wing tags with a one-quarter inch white border on the edge. The same letter-number sequence as Groton has been used. The tags can be read with a spotting scope up to a distance of 100 yards.

Reports of sight records of these marked gulls would be greatly appreciated. Please include date, time and location of sighting, color of tag, and letter-number series.

The purpose is to study the patterns of behavior at the dumps, dispersal from the sites and along the Connecticut shoreline, as well as nesting and roosting locations. Reports should be sent to: FRANK R. HAENI, *Chief Naturalist, Thames Science Center, Center Gallows Lane, New London, Connecticut 06320.*

Autumn hawk migration monograph.—Research and the writing of a comprehensive book detailing autumn hawk migrations in eastern North America is nearing completion. An exhaustive literature search has been conducted, and considerable amounts of unpublished data have been gathered from institutions and private individuals. Persons who have not yet forwarded unpublished data for 1971 or earlier are urged to do so immediately if they wish to have their work recognized and considered for inclusion in this monograph. Please send all information to DONALD S. HEINTZELMAN, *629 Green Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102.*

Copies of the **Symposium on the Red-cockaded Woodpecker** (reviewed in *Auk* 1973, 90: 444) are available without charge from U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, *Division of Refuges, 17 Executive Park Drive, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329.*

Members of the A.O.U. are urged to submit drafts of resolutions to be considered for adoption by the Union at the Stated Meeting. Such drafts, with background information if appropriate, should be sent to the Committee on Resolutions, DR. MARY H. CLENCH, *Section of Birds, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213*, no later than **10 September 1973.**

As part of its centennial celebration the **Nuttall Ornithological Club** is sponsoring a symposium, "Avian Energetics," to be presented 10 October 1973 in conjunction with the 91st Stated Meeting of the A.O.U. at Provincetown, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Speakers include R. E. Ricklefs (reproductive strategies of birds in relation to energetics), W. A. Calder (energetics and size in birds), J. R. King (seasonal allocation of energy resources by birds), and V. A. Tucker (energetics of avian flight). W. R. Dawson will chair the symposium, and G. A. Bartholomew, S. C. Kendeigh, and E. P. Odum will participate as discussants. For further information contact: NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB, *c/o Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.*

The notices in the January and April issues about plans for group travel to the I.O.C. in Australia "on behalf of the A.O.U." got past a gullible (and now red-faced) editor. The A.O.U. has authorized no one to act for it in this matter. We understand similar group travel plans are being offered by Qantas and by Orbitair/Cahill-Laughlin Tours. Any future notices of such commercial ventures will be referred to the treasurer, who assigns and collects for advertising space.—Ed.