

NOTES AND NEWS

The Treasurer of the American Ornithologists' Union has extended until **15 February 1975** the deadline for initiating Life Membership payments under the existing rate of \$240, which may be paid in four successive, equal, annual installments. After that date Life Membership will cost \$360.

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its 93rd Stated Meeting 25-29 August 1975 at Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the invitation of the University of Manitoba. A Circular of Information providing details of the meeting and a formal call for papers will be circulated to the A.O.U. membership. Chairman of the Local Committee is Dr. Spencer G. Sealy, Department of Zoology, Duff Roblin Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Chairman of the Committee on Program at the meeting is Dr. Alan H. Brush, Biological Sciences Group, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06268.

Fellows and Elective Members of the A.O.U. are reminded that nominations for the classes of Fellow and Honorary and Corresponding Fellow (by Fellows only) and Elective Member (by Fellows and Elective Members) must be in the hands of the Secretary 90 days prior to the annual meeting. Nomination forms for Fellows and Elective Members may be obtained from the Secretary. Nominations complete with supportive data or suggestions for the committees' consideration should be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Fellows and Elective Members, Chandler S. Robbins, 7902 Brooklyn Bridge Road, Laurel, Maryland 20810, or the Chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Honorary and Corresponding Fellows, Dr. George A. Bartholomew, Department of Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024, in ample time for processing and submittal to the Secretary by **26 May 1975**.

The Bylaws permit nominations from Fellows and Elective Members in writing for the offices of Second Vice-President and the three Elective Councilors prior to the meeting. The outgoing First Vice-President, Charles G. Sibley, is not eligible for nomination as Second Vice-President nor are the three outgoing Elective Councilors John W. Hardy, Lester L. Short, and Richard L. Zusi eligible for renomination. Past presidents are already *ex officio* life members of the Council. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary by **10 August 1975**. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

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 1974, totalling \$47,340 were awarded to: Pierre N. Allaire, birds of reclaimed surface mines in eastern Kentucky; Jonathan L. Atwood, biological studies of the Santa Cruz Island Scrub Jay; Myron C. Baker, genetic structure of populations of White-crowned Sparrows with different song dialects; Jonathan Bart, developing methodology for determining the impact of Sevin on forest birds; William Belton, birds of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; John O. Biderman, feeding behavior of

the Boat-billed Heron; Walter J. Bock, field studies of the Drepanididae; Peter L. Borchelt and Robert S. Brancheck, film analysis of care of the body surface in birds; Godfrey R. Bourne, Black-bellied Whistling Duck ecology and rice cultivation in Guyana; W. R. P. Bourne, ornithological reconnaissance and search for little-known petrels; William A. Burnham, comparative study of upland and coastal nesting falcons; Edward H. Burtt, Jr., adaptive significance of color in warblers; Tom J. Cade, breeding status of Peregrines in northern Alaska; Thomas Caraco, group size, flock movements, and foraging efficiency; David B. Clark, Deborah A. Clark, and Alan B. Franklin, study of the Galápagos Black Rail; Francesca J. Cuthbert, effect of the Great Lakes water cycle on larid populations and ecology; Michael J. DeJong, ecological distribution of birds in the forests of southern Wisconsin; Michael Dyer, adaptive significance of social organizations of bee-eaters; Robert C. Eckhardt, predator, prey, and niche relationships among five insectivores in a high altitude flood plain; Charles A. Ely, analyses of Chiapas bird populations in undisturbed and degraded habitats; John Emlen, studies of Wisconsin birds; John Faaborg, effects of drought on bird populations of seasonal forests in Puerto Rico and Mona Island; E. C. Franks, life expectancies of birds; Joseph Galusha, social behavior in *Larus fuscus*; Bradley M. Gottfried, intrapopulation variation in the territory size of Cardinals; Llewellyn G. Grimes, recording songs of some birds of Mount Cameroun to study their taxonomic position; George A. Hall, West Virginia birds, distribution and ecology; Michael J. Hamas, ecological and physiological adaptations for breeding of the Belted Kingfisher; Judith L. Hand, comparison of individual, interpopulational, and geographical variation in vocalizations of the Western Gull; M. P. Harris, molt of seabirds of the genera *Fratercula* and *Diomedea*; Richard A. Hill, cowbird host preferences in a prairie-riparian environment; Wayne A. Hoffman, systematic and ecological aspects of interbreeding between Western and Glaucous-winged Gulls; Kenneth O. Horner, analysis of spring migration of Palearctic birds across the Egyptian north coast; Joel Hubbard, time and energy budget for the White-crowned Sparrow in Colorado; George L. Hunt, Jr., origins of supernormal clutches of low hatchability in Western Gulls; Hans-Wilhelm Koepcke, comparison of bird voices of the Amazon forest with those of the forest of New Guinea and northern Australia; David C. Krieg, hybridization in the bluebirds of the Great Plains; Peter J. W. Langley, breeding behavior and reproductive strategy of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak; Mary LeCroy, field studies of birds in New Guinea; Roger J. Lederer, food habits and winter territories of Townsend's Solitaire; Lora L. Leschner, biology of the Rhinoceros Auklet on Destruction Island; Howard Levenson, behavior and energetics of nesting Ospreys; Roy B. Mason, II, winter habitat position utilization by an avian community; Edward O. Minot, analysis of creche behavior and its significance in the American Eider; Edward N. Mirsky, ecology of coexistence among four species of wrens; Robert D. Montgomerie, adaptive significance of population variation in two Mexican hummingbirds; David J. Moriarty, comparisons of horizontal habitat division by tropical and temperate birds; Robert W. Nero, distribution and movements of Great Gray Owls; Gary L. Nuechterlein, breeding biology of the Western Grebe on the Delta marsh; Jorge E. Orejuela, ecological and behavioral relations between Turquoise-browed and Blue-crowned Motmots in the Yucatan Peninsula; Linda Partridge, behavioral study of Canary Island Blue Tits; Samuel M. Patten, hybridization in the Pacific Coast *Larus argentatus* group; David L. Pearson, comparison of bird community structure in Old World and New World tropical lowland forests; Margaret R. Petersen, comparative behavior and ecology of Arctic and Red-throated Loons; John R. Probst, avian community structure in forest stands in central Pennsylvania; Kerry N. Rabenold,

resource partitioning in the Appalachian spruce-fir avian communities; Stephen I. Rothstein and Donald A. Schroeder, population biology of the Black Phoebe; David E. Samuel, food habits of the Kiskadee on Bermuda; Douglas Schamel, social system and population dynamics of the Red Phalarope; Douglas Schemske, competitive interactions of some nectarivorous birds; John M. Schukman, comparative nesting ecology of the Eastern Phoebe and Say's Phoebe; S. Sengupta, studies of starlings in Australia; Norman R. Seymour, territorial behavior of the Black Duck in a tidal estuary; S. Somadikarta, taxonomic studies of swiftlets in Australian museums; Peter B. Stacey, ecology and social behavior of the Acorn Woodpecker in the southwest; Peter R. Stettenheim, structural adaptations of feathers; Carl A. Strang, ecology, behavior and taxonomy of Glaucous Gulls; Diana F. Tomback, thermo-regulatory implications of the pre- and postroosting behavior of Clark's Nutcracker; Jared Verner, analyses of song repertoires in Short-billed and Long-billed Marsh Wrens; Karen S. Voss, development of behavior of the Greater Sandhill Crane in Wisconsin; Glenn E. Walsberg, ethological adaptations of the Phainopepla; Nickolas M. Waser, coevolution of hummingbirds and ocotillo in the Sonoran desert; Julia M. Wentworth-Shepard, Ruff lek behavior on the breeding grounds; Joseph M. Wunderle, Jr., intransland polymorphism in the Bananaquit; Janet L. Young, bird populations of the aspen to spruce-fir succession.

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 and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contribution to ornithological knowledge. 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 *Wilson Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years, one. Amounts have been between \$100 and \$200. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to FRANK B. GILL, *Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th and the Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103*. Completed applications must be received by **1 April 1975**. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 11-14 June 1975.

Field methods course.—The Museum Science Program and The Museum, Texas Tech University, will sponsor a summer course in "Field methods" (Mus. Sci. 535) with emphasis on vertebrates 2 June to 11 July 1975. The course will be conducted in the northern Great Plains including Nebraska, Montana, North and South Dakota. Six hours of graduate credit will be given through the Museum Science Program. Emphasis will be on the teaching of collecting methods and the proper preservation of specimens for use in museum-related research. Applications should be made by **15 March 1975**. Additional information is available from HUGH H. GENOWAYS, *The Museum, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409*.

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 meeting of the A.O.U. at Winnipeg, Manitoba, 25–29 August 1975. 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 the award will depend upon personal need, distance to be traveled, and funds available.

Letters of nomination should be sent to DR. RUSSELL P. BALDA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AWARDS, *Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001*. They should include: (1) name, age, and address of nominee; (2) education and experience of nominee; and (3) statement by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, and financial need of the nominee. Closing date for nominations is **1 April 1975**.

The carcasses of all birds, or parts or products thereof (including prepared museum skins), and eggs, other than hatching eggs, are subject to import requirements of Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Such items originating in any of the following countries and shipped directly from such countries to the United States are permitted unrestricted entry: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Ireland, and Sweden. Such items from other countries are restricted entry under various conditions depending on type of material and other factors.

One portion of the regulation, CFR Title 9, Chapter 1, Sub-chapter D, Section 94.6 as amended 8 November 1974, is directly concerned with such items intended for scientific use. This section allows importation if the items are consigned to an establishment approved by or by permit issued by Veterinary Services.

Least Tern information sought.—As part of our research on the California Least Tern (*Sterna albifrons browni*), we are seeking information on (1) the location of breeding colonies in Baja California, Mexico, and (2) the migration routes and wintering areas of the subspecies. We would appreciate hearing of any Baja California observations of Least Terns, and of any records of Least Terns along the Pacific coast of Mexico, Central America, and South America from September through March. Please send your information to SANFORD R. WILBUR, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1190 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, California 93023*.

Amendments to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature.—All amendments of the Code since 1963, together with the amended Constitution of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, will be found conveniently brought together in the August 1974 issue of *Bull. Zool. Nomencl.* 31, part 2: 77–101. These amendments involve numerous changes, some of considerable nomenclatural importance, of what appears in the last (second, 1964) edition of the Code.—E. EISENMANN.

Wrentit bibliography available.—A recently compiled bibliography of the major works concerning *Chamaea fasciata* is available upon request to anyone interested in this species. Requests for copies of the bibliography should be addressed to: RICHARD BRADLEY, *2209 Via Pacheco, Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274*.

The **City of Liverpool Museums**, having assumed a countywide responsibility, has formally changed its name to **Merseyside County Museums**. Prior to being called the City of Liverpool Museums it was known as the Derby Museum and before that as the Knowsley Museum. The Merseyside County Museums has some 110,000 bird skins—including many types, all the holdings of Lord Derby (13th Earl), and the first Canon H. B. Tristram collection. Any bird inquiries should be addressed to KEEPER OF VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY, *Merseyside County Museums, William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN, England*. To prevent confusion it is best to quote Merseyside County Museums in full when publishing.

A Symposium on Biological Investigations in the Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas will be held at the Museum, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, on 4 and 5 April 1975. The symposium is sponsored by The Museum, The Graduate School, and the International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies of Texas Tech University and the Southwest Region of the National Park Service. Hugh H. Genoways, The Museum, and Robert J. Baker, Department of Biological Sciences, will act as coordinators. For further information, please address HUGH H. GENOWAYS, *The Museum, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409*.

During the 1974 fall migration, male Canvasbacks were dyed blue, yellow, and pink at concentration areas near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Keokuk, Iowa, by wildlife research biologists of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any observation of color-marked Canvasbacks should be reported to the *Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, P.O. Box 1747, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401*. The following information is requested: observer (name and address); date, time, location of observation (be specific); and color of the bird (be descriptive). In addition, information on the activity of the bird, size of the flock, and species of ducks associated with the marked bird would be helpful. Any reports of these color-marked Canvasbacks will be greatly appreciated.—DAVID L. TRAUGER.

The **Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund** will make available about \$1800.00 for research grants in 1975. Students of any aspect of avian biology are invited to apply for support. Not less than \$600.00, from a special donation, will be allocated to studies in avian systematics. Young men and women just starting their careers or others not eligible for government support are particularly welcome. Applicants should submit (1) a brief but comprehensive description of their research objectives and proposed procedures, (2) particulars of the categories and amount of financial assistance needed, (3) a brief résumé of academic and (or) ornithological experience, and (4) one or more letters of recommendation from recognized ornithologists. Please submit six copies of your proposal (excluding letters of recommendation, which should be sent directly by the writers) before **1 March 1975**. DR. JAMES R. KING, *Chairman, A.O.U. Research Committee, Department of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington 99163*.