

ERRATA AND ADDENDA

We have found some errors and omissions in Table 1 of our paper titled "Ecological succession of breeding bird populations in northwestern Arkansas" in Auk (1973, 90: 62-77). Using the habitat abbreviations given in Table 1, the Barn Owl should be corrected to show a plus (+) in the habitat column headed by BS with blanks in all the other columns. The Prairie Warbler populations all should be shifted one column to the right to read as follows: BS 22, CP 28, CG 18, and FE 21 (the remaining columns blank). A plus (+) should be added to the IF habitat column for the Turkey, the other columns remaining unchanged.

The Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) was omitted from Table 1. It should be positioned after the Indigo Bunting and represented by a plus (+) in column CP, the other habitat columns blank. Also, the Carolina Chickadee (*Parus carolinensis*) was omitted following the Red-bellied Woodpecker. The chickadee population levels were CG 25, XF 8, IF 28, and MF 14 (the other columns blank).

These changes do not affect the totals at the bottom of the habitat columns in Table 1, which were stated correctly in the original.—HERMAN HENRY SHUGART, JR., *Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830*, and DOUGLAS JAMES, *Department of Zoology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701*.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

I am mildly amused at your reviewer's (1974, Auk 91: 474) citation of my paper "Avian breeding cycles: are they related to photoperiods?" as "Ser. Zool. 1: 87-98," providing a handy springboard to claim that it "does set a record for unwarranted abuse of well-known ornithologists in an obscure journal."

Such blemishes should not be allowed to conceal the correct reference from serious outdoor students of birds in nature. This is "An. Inst. Biol. Univ. Nac. Aut6n. M6xico 42, Ser. Zool. (1): 87-98," as cited in less frenetic and more informed reviews in *Ibis* (1974, 116: 256) and *Bird-Banding* (1974, 45: 278).

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NOTES AND NEWS

Members of the A.O.U. are urged to submit drafts of resolutions to be considered for adoption by the Union at the 93rd Stated Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on 25-29 August 1975. Such drafts, with background information if appropriate, should be sent to the COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS, DR. FRANCES C. JAMES, *Ecology Program, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550*, no later than **1 July 1975**.

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Required 6 months' notice is given of the possible use of plenary powers by the **International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature** in connection with the following avian names listed by case number (see Bull. Zool. Nomencl. 31, part 3, 20 September 1974):

1980. Rejection of all usages of Thraupidae, prior to that of Wetmore and Miller, 1926.

2074. Suppression of *Plyctolophus ducrops* Bonaparte, 1850.

Comments should be sent in duplicate, citing case number, to the SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, England. Those received early enough will be published in the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature.

Request for information.—During the winter of 1974–75 a number of Bald Eagles were fitted with patagial strips of colored plastic-coated nylon and released on the upper Skagit River in northwestern Washington. Some of these birds also wear radio transmitters on their backs. They are being marked to determine the movements and origin of the population that winters on the Skagit River. Anyone sighting these eagles is asked to note the color of the markers and contact CHRISTOPHER SERVHEEN, *College of Forest Resources, AR-10, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195*.

A comprehensive “**Checklist of the birds of the Gambia**” is currently being prepared by Jens Kirkeby and Jorn Vestergaard Jensen in cooperation with the Gambian Ornithologists’ Society. This checklist is intended to bring together all bird records, published and unpublished, for the Gambia. Anyone having unpublished records for this area is requested to send them to JORN VESTERGAARD JENSEN, *Holtevej 13, DK-8000, Aarhus C., Denmark*. All contributions will be fully acknowledged.

Volumes 2 and 3 of the A.O.U.-sponsored “**Handbook of North American birds**” are now in press at Yale University Press. These cover North American waterfowl. They will be published in the fall of 1975 at a tentative price of \$25 per volume. Volume 1, with a few changes incorporated, will be available again in late 1975, also at about \$25 in this second printing.—RALPH S. PALMER.

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A Symposium on Avian Habitats will be held at the joint meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Cooper Ornithological Society at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, on 11–15 June 1975. The symposium is organized by Douglas James and will focus on birds and the vegetational environments they occupy. Speakers already have been invited and have submitted the titles for their papers, which cover a wide variety of subjects ranging geographically from the Americas to Africa and ecologically from the tropics to the tundra.

Request for information—shorebird color-marking.—In 1975 the Canadian Wildlife Service plans to carry out extensive banding and color-marking of shorebirds in James Bay and the Maritime Provinces in eastern Canada by means of colored leg bands and feather dyes. Observers throughout eastern North America are asked to look out for any such birds and to record details of: species, place, date, details of color marks or bands, which leg the colored and standard metal leg bands were on, the colors involved, and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g. right leg, red above blue, etc.). For color-dyed birds, record the color and part of the bird that was dyed. Details should be sent to Dr. R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H3*.

Request for participants—international shorebird surveys.—Shorebird survey schemes initiated in the Maritime Provinces of eastern Canada and in parts of the eastern U.S. in 1974 have provided valuable information concerning shorebird migration and for identifying and documenting regions of major importance. In 1975 we plan to extend this scheme to as many areas as possible—including eastern Canada and the U.S., the Caribbean Islands, and northern South America. Observers who might be able to participate in regular census surveys during spring and autumn migration periods, as well as in places where shorebirds winter, are asked to contact one of the following: (1) for areas in Canada—R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H3*; (2) for areas in the U.S., Caribbean Islands, and South America—BRIAN A. HARRINGTON, *Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.*

Cormorant information wanted.—I need data on egg dates and clutch sizes in Double-crested, Pelagic, and Brandt's Cormorants from the west coast of North America for a research topic. Information from colonies where two or three of the species coexist will be especially useful. If possible please list individually with date, location, stage of incubation, and collector or observer.—CARL A. SCHROEDER, *6919N Wildwood Point Road, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029*.