

ERRATA AND ADDENDA

A correspondent has pointed out an unfortunate error in Table 3 of my "Notes on Black-headed Ducks, Painted Snipe, and Spotted Tinamou" in the July Auk (1975, 92: 571). According to my original records the tarsus length line should read: Males, range correct as published, mean 35.1; females, range 32-40, mean 35.4. The other figures are all correct. The error was, I regret to say, entirely my fault.—E. O. HÖHN, *Department of Physiology, The University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2E1.*

Retraction of longevity records for Ring-billed Gulls.—The four longevity records for *Larus delawarensis* (Southern 1975, Auk 92: 369) are erroneous. The Ring-billed Gull with band number 47-712068 was actually banded on 20 June 1947, not 1917 as published. The other three records are unsuitable for longevity calculations because the birds were not found dead (how obtained code 00). Instead, only the unattached bands were found (how obtained code 98), and it is unlikely that the birds ever left the colony. These corrections were conveyed to me by George M. Jonkel, Chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, on 9 September 1975. For some unknown reason, my prior request for verification of these records was never received by the Bird Banding Laboratory.—WILLIAM E. SOUTHERN, *Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. 60115.*

NOTES AND NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its 94th Stated Meeting 9-13 August 1976 at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania at the invitation of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, and Haverford College. 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. Frank B. Gill, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Chairman of the Committee on Program at the meeting is Dr. J. Alan Feduccia, Department of Zoology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

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 may be obtained from the Secretary. Nominations complete with supportive data or suggestions for the committee's consideration should be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Fellows and Elective Members, Dr. Richard T. Holmes, Department of Biological Sciences, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755, or the Chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Honorary and Corresponding Fellows, Dr. Donald S. Farner, Department of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195, in ample time for processing and submittal to the Secretary by **9 May 1976.**

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 1975, totalling \$46,528, were awarded to: Humayun Abdulali, endemic species in the Andaman Islands; Patricia Baird, comparative ecology and breeding biology of California and Ring-billed Gulls; William Belton, avifauna of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Alice Benedict, effects of temperature on the kinetics of acetylcholinesterase from the leg of the Rhinoceros Auklet; Sara E. Bennett, foraging strategies and niche breadth of the American Redstart in different competitive environments; Richard O. Bierregaard, Jr., community structure in grassland raptors; Joan Bird, comparison of two morphic types of the Lesser Antillean Bullfinch; Peter T. Boag, significance and maintenance of large intra-specific morphological variation in *Geospiza fortis*; Peter L. Borchelt, analysis of biochemistry of uropygial gland secretion; Roger L. Boyd, energy of food biomass of the Horned Lark on shortgrass prairie; Thomas Caraco, foraging efficiency and group size; Tonnie L. Casey, population, range and foraging behavior in the Maui Creeper, the Maui Parrotbill and the Po'o Uli; Sherman D. L. Causey, anti-predator defense in two sympatric species of cormorant; Lloyd T. Cowley, role of pineal hormones in regulating avian migratory behavior; Lorenzo R. Cuesta, biosystematics of Striped-headed Flycatchers in Mexico; Deborah Davis, breeding behavior of the Turkey Vulture; Erica H. Dunn, aspects of the breeding biology of the Black Tern; David M. Ealey, mating system and habitat use of dippers; Robert C. Eckhardt, predator-prey and niche relationships among five insectivorous birds in montane floodplain; Phillip F. Elliott, host specialization and intraspecific competition in the Brown-headed Cowbird; Hugh I. Ellis, comparative aspects of thermoregulation in four species of herons during the breeding season; Stephan Ervin, biology of *Psaltiriparus minimus*; John Fitzpatrick, comparative behavior and ecology in South American Tyrannidae; J. Galusha, social behavior in *Larus fuscus* and *L. argentatus*; Michael Gochfeld, colony organization, synchrony, and density of Common Terns; Gilbert S. Grant, high temperature breeding adaptations in Charadriiformes in California; Joseph A. Grzybowski, ecological relationships of grassland birds in winter; Deborah C. Hahn, behavior and ecology of Laughing Gull chicks in a salt-marsh habitat; Judith L. Hand, a comparison of individual, interpopulational and geographical variation in vocalizations of the Western Gull; Dale B. Hanmer, birds of the lower Shire River, Malawi; Charles A. Henley, breeding success in Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gulls; Ernest E. Hoover, iris color change in the Hairy Woodpecker; Kenneth O. Horner, spring migration of Palearctic birds across the Egyptian north coast; Henry F. Howe, fruiting phenology and frugivore activity at a tropical bird-dispersed tree; Robert W. Howe, ecological comparison of breeding birds on small islands and nearby mainland sites in north-eastern Minnesota; W. Grainger Hunt, nesting Peregrine Falcons in the Chihuahuan Desert; Richard L. Hutto, migration ecology of some western wood warblers; Martha Jones, conditioned response of pigeons in a changing magnetic field; Herbert W. Kale, II, distribution and range of feeding populations of *Telmatodytes palustris* and *Ammospiza maritima* in peninsular Florida; Monte N. Kirven, ethology, ecology, and breeding biology of two neotropical falcons; Richard W. Knapton, social organization in the Clay-colored Sparrow; Charles Kronberg, comparative pterylography

of *Zonotrichia leucophrys* spp.; Donald E. Kroodsmas, timing and selectivity of song learning in Marsh Wrens; Craig R. Kuchel, breeding ecology of the Harlequin Duck in Glacier National Park; Peter C. Lack, habitats and feeding stations of land birds in Tsavo National Park; Roger J. Lederer, winter territoriality and foraging behavior of Townsend's Solitaire; Ronald R. LeValley, reexamination of the plumage sequence of the Greater Black-backed Gull; J. David Ligon, social systems of Wood Hoopoes and Colies; Robert W. McFarlane, food habits of South American flamingos; Irene Magyar, auditory communication in the Bob-white; Peter G. Merritt, gap formation: a reproductive isolating mechanism for Black-capped and Carolina Chickadees; David S. Messenger, duck locomotion: an EMG study; Edward I. Minot, rearing habitat and local movements of the American Eider; Martin L. Morton, role of fecal sac consumption in the energy budget of nesting Mountain White-crowned Sparrows; Barry R. Noon, ecology of ground-foraging insectivorous guild in eastern montane forests; Gary L. Nuechterlein, breeding biology of Western Grebes on Delta Marsh; John P. O'Neill, studies of South American specimens at The American Museum of Natural History; Ronald I. Orenstein, morphological and ecological adaptations for foraging in the Australian treecreepers; Samuel M. Patten, evolution and pathobiology in the Gulf of Alaska Herring Gull group; Aevan Petersen, breeding and feeding ecology of Black Guillemot; Margaret R. Petersen, comparative behavior and ecology of Arctic and Red-throated Loons; Raymond J. Pierotti, environment, sex roles, and social structure in the Western Gull; Wayne R. Pilz, food habits of Swainson's Hawk in the Chihuahuan Desert; Carol J. Pustmueller, function of vocalizations of Steller's Jay; Kerry N. Rabenold, resource partitioning in Appalachian spruce-fir avian communities; Mario A. Ramos, studies of Mexican birds in eastern museums; Laurene M. Ratcliffe, mate selection and species recognition in Darwin's finches; Robert C. Roberts, food storage in woodpeckers: a comparative approach; Graeme Robertson, kingfisher ecology in the New Hebrides; Douglas Schamel and Diane Tracy, social system and population dynamics of the Red Phalarope; Dafila Scott, breeding behavior of wild Whistling Swans; Christopher Servheen, behavioral ecology of wintering Bald Eagles; Douglas Shedd, adaptive significance of avian mobbing; Joseph P. Skorupa, habitat requirements of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker in South Carolina; Bonita M. Smith, foraging strategies in isolated and flocked shorebirds; Lennart Sopuck, yearling recruitment into a population of Blue Grouse; Tex A. Sordahl, vocal behavior of the western Willet; Mark R. Stromberg, foraging substrate partitioning in *Camarhynchus*; Miklos D. F. Udvardy, study of fat cycles in tropical lowland birds; Charles Vaurie, size comparison of young and adult eagles; Carol E. Vleck, avian incubation: regulation of parental attentiveness and the influence of nest construction and attentiveness on egg temperatures; Robert B. Waide, ecological relationships of tropical resident and north temperate migrant birds; James S. Wakeley, searching behavior and prey selection in the Ferruginous Hawk; Jon R. Weeks, analysis of water and energy balance of the Cactus Wren; David F. Werschkul, competitive interactions between the Cattle Egret, Little Blue Heron, and Great Egret in the heronry; David E. Willard, behavior and ecology of South American fish-eating birds; J. M. Winterbottom, avifauna of a farm near Klaarstrom, South Africa. (Space for this announcement is subsidized by the Chapman Fund.)

The **Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund** will have several hundred dollars available for research grants in 1976. Students of any aspect of avian biology are invited

to apply for support. Especially encouraged are young people just starting their careers and others not eligible for government support. Applicants should send (1) a brief (3 to 5 pages) 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 send six copies of your proposal (excluding letter of recommendation that should be sent directly by the writers) before **1 March 1976** to DR. L. RICHARD MEWALDT, *Chairman, A.O.U. Van Tyne Award Committee, Avian Biology Laboratory, San Jose State University, San Jose, California 95192.*

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, but the Nice Award is limited to students not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at 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 of \$100 is made annually.

Interested persons may write to STEPHEN M. RUSSELL, *Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721.* Completed applications must be received by **15 April 1976**. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 3–6 June 1976.

The Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, upon recommendation of Mrs. Carl Tucker, has made funds available to assist a few promising young ornithologists to attend the meeting of the A.O.U. at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, 9–13 August 1976. Any member of the A.O.U. may nominate candidates for these awards. The size of the award will depend upon personal need, distance to be traveled, and funds available.

Nomination materials should include: (1) statement by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, academic training, and financial need of the nominee; (2) complete vitae of the nominee; and (3) copy of the paper the nominee plans to present at the meeting. Closing date for nomination is **1 April 1976**. Send nominations to DR. RUSSELL P. BALDA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AWARDS, *Department of Biological Sciences, Box 5640, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.*

Handbook of North American birds vol. 2 (waterfowl, part) and vol. 3 (waterfowl, concluded), published by Yale University Press, will be available by April 1976, at \$60.00 for the pair. Together, the waterfowl volumes contain approximately 1100 pages of text; there are 8 color plates (with 77 figures), 53 maps, and 104 text figures. Over 1870 references are cited. A second printing of vol. 1, with some minor corrections, also will be available, price \$30.00.

Owing to circumstances beyond their control and to insure participation of South Africans, The Organizing Committee of the **4th Pan-African Ornithological Congress** announce that the Congress will now be held in Seychelles Islands and not Kenya from 6–13 November 1976. The costs will not increase and opportunities for seeing East African wildlife will be available in pre- and post-Congress excursions. Any inconvenience is regretted by the Organizing Committee. For further information please contact F. B. GILL, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103*.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is compiling a **bibliography on the Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*) with abstracts of English language literature, both books and periodicals. Articles in which the Peregrine Falcon is mentioned but is not the main subject and articles in foreign languages with English summaries are also wanted. Authors who wish to have their articles included in this work should send two reprints, copies, or abstracts to DR. RICHARD D. PORTER, *I.F. & R.E.S. Shrub Lab, 735 North 500 East, Provo, Utah 84601*.

Members of the A.O.U. are urged to submit drafts of resolutions to be considered by the Union at the 94th Stated Meeting in Haverford, Pennsylvania, 9–13 August 1976. Resolutions should concern issues of fundamental interest to the A.O.U. as a scientific body. Drafts, with background information if possible, should be submitted by **1 May 1976** to the COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS, DR. MARSHALL A. HOWE, *National Fish and Wildlife Laboratory, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. 20560*.

Avian Behavior Laboratory.—Dr. L. James Shapiro has established an Avian Behavior Laboratory, with an emphasis on waterfowl research. Excellent facilities are available for both field and laboratory studies, with all the specialized equipment needed for working with wild or captive waterfowl. Graduate students interested in avian behavior who would like more information should write to: DR. L. JAMES SHAPIRO, *Avian Behaviour Laboratory, Department of Psychology, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2*.

Information wanted on color-marked birds of prey.—Color-coded vinyl wing markers were placed on Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks, and Common Ravens in the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area to study movements and migration. Information needed: species sighted, wing(s) marked, color, location of sighting, and date. Please send report to D. DEAN BIBLES, *District Manager*, or MICHAEL N. KOCHERT, *Chief Raptor Research Biologist, Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho 83702*.

I am seeking weights and wing measurements on the following species from the orders Coraciiformes and Passeriformes: New World forms—*Chloroceryle amazona*, *C. americana*, *C. aenea*, *Todus subulatus*, *T. angustirostris*, *Eumomota superciliosa*, *Hylomanes momotula*, *Aspitha gularis*, *Setophaga ruticilla*, *Pitangus sulphuratus*, *Todirostrum cinereum*, *Myiozetetes granadensis*, *Megarynchus pitangua*; Old World forms—*Merops ornatus*, *Alcedo leucogaster*, *Ceyx fallax*, *Clytoceyx rex*, and *Dacelo novaeguineae*. If you have any information please send to SHARON SIMPSON, *Marsh Life Science, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05401*.

The collected letters of Charles Darwin.—A comprehensive edition of the letters of Charles Darwin is being planned with the sponsorship of the American Council of Learned Societies and with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation. Although extensive collections of Darwin's correspondence are available at the American Philosophical Society, in the Cambridge University Library, and in other research libraries and archives, the edition can be made definitive only through the cooperation of the possessors of smaller lots of Darwin's widely scattered correspondence. It is hoped that librarians, collectors, scholars, antiquarian booksellers, and others with knowledge of Darwiniana will contribute their help to this project, which will make available for the first time materials that will be basic to future scholarship on Darwin and the history of 19th century science. Please direct all correspondence to DR. FREDERICK BURKHARDT, R.F.D. 1, Bennington, Vermont 05201.

Birds of Big Bend National Park, 10–14 May 1975.—A field seminar led by Roland Wauer and Grainger Hunt will be offered by the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute on birds of the Big Bend National Park and vicinity. Emphasis will be on habitat and historical changes that have taken place in the ecology of the Big Bend. The period selected is the ideal season for birds in the area, with many desert plants in bloom and pleasant weather. Limited to 20 participants, advance registration necessary. For further information write CHIHUAHUAN DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE, Box 1334, Alpine, Texas 79830.

The Wilson Ornithological Society through its Conservation Committee intends to examine management practices on national and selected state wildlife refuges. In particular, the committee is interested in learning of practices that have either beneficial or deleterious impacts on bird populations. All correspondence will be confidential and anonymous letters are acceptable, provided that the data or allegations can be supported. Correspondence should be directed to CLAIT E. BRAUN, Chairman, Conservation Committee, The Wilson Ornithological Society, P.O. Box 2287, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80522.

A plea for information.—A study is currently in progress to determine the historical and present status of the Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) in North America. Any unpublished information on sight records or possible breeding occurrences of the Great Gray Owl is urgently required. Your cooperation will be gratefully acknowledged. Please write M. COLLINS, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2.

The book, "**Migration and survival of birds of Asia**," by H. Elliott McClure (reviewed in 1975, Auk 92: 626) is available gratis from DIRECTOR, U.S.A. Medical Component, SEATO, APO San Francisco, California 96346. If convenient, enclose a tab or sticker with your address, but in any case the book will be sent.