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### ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Third Annual Meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Group** will be held 25–28 October 1979 at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette. Field trips to the Gulf coast are planned, and a **Proceedings** will be published as in 1978 and 1979. For information on contributing papers, please contact P. A. Buckley, North Atlantic Regional Office, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts U.S.A. 02109. **Abstracts must be received by 1 September.** For information on registration, please contact D. McCrimmon, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A. 14853.

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