

NOTES AND NEWS

Cost of publishing the extensive paper on Pectoral Sandpipers in the current issue was met in part by special subsidy.

Subjects and speakers at recent divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society have included the following: "Behavior of the Western Gull," a motion picture by R. A. Boolootian, presented by Thomas R. Howell, at Los Angeles, February 26, 1959; "Water and Salt Requirements of Birds," by George A. Bartholomew, at Los Angeles, April 28, 1959; "Experiences with Subtropical Birds in Colombia, South America," by Alden H. Miller, at Berkeley, March 5, 1959.

Papers on the scientific program of the thirtieth annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in Berkeley on April 3 and 4, 1959, were: "Food Habits of the Northern Shrike on the Arctic Slope of Alaska," by Tom J. Cade; "Preview of a New Concept in Natural History Guides," by Arthur C. Smith; "A Barn Swallow Study at Prairie Creek State Park," by Ken Legg; "Some Aspects of Social Organization in the Carolina Chickadee," by Keith L. Dixon; "The Birds of Glen Canyon, Utah," by William H. Behle; "Orientation of Migratory Restlessness in the White-crowned Sparrow," by L. Richard Mewaldt; "Standard Metabolic Rate as a Function of Body Weight in Birds," by James R. King; "Experiments on Torpidity in the Poor-will," by Thomas R. Howell and George A. Bartholomew; "Report on the Meeting of the International Committee for Bird Preservation at Helsinki, Finland," by Junea W. Kelly; "Behavior of the Andean Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)," by Alden H. Miller; "Present Status of the Avifauna of the Hawaiian Islands; An Appraisal," by Richard E. Warner; "Molt in the Green Jay," by Frank A. Pitelka; "Molt and Age Determination in *Empidonax hammondi*," by Ned K. Johnson; "The Breeding Biology of *Empidonax* Flycatchers," by John Davis; "Does the Present Management of the Mourning Dove Endanger its Survival?" by Henry M. Weber; "Pairing and Hostile Behavior in a Covey of California Quail," by Ralph J. Raitt; "Observations on the Roosting Behavior of California Quail," by Ian I. McMillan; "A Shorebird Study on Humboldt Bay, California,"

by Richard T. Holmes; "Ant-Tanagers and Ant Swarms in British Honduras," by Edwin Willis; "Territory Size in the Bewick Wren in Relation to Chaparral Vegetation," by Howard L. Cogswell; "Life History of the White-winged Crossbill, *Loxia leucoptera*," by Wendell Taber; "Song Programing in Several Species of Birds," by William R. Fish; "Results of a Banding Study of Abert and Canyon Towhees in the Same Habitat," by Joe T. Marshall, Jr.; "Social Organization in Red-winged and Tricolored Blackbirds," by Gordon H. Orians; "The Function of the Male Display of the House Finch, *Carpodacus mexicanus*," by William L. Thompson; "Evolution of Nest-building in African Weaverbirds (Ploceidae)," by Nicholas E. Collias and Elsie C. Collias. "Galápagos Revisited" was the subject of Robert I. Bowman's address and motion picture presented at the annual banquet.

Request for Information.—In some kinds of animals having two or more distinct color phases, non-random mating occurs. I should like to investigate the possibility that this sort of preferential mating occurs in certain species of North American birds with two color phases. The question can be best answered by an analysis of records of a large sample of breeding pairs. I should therefore be glad to receive any records of the color phases of breeding pairs of the following species: Screech Owl (*Otus asio*), red and gray forms; Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*), dark and light forms; western Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis calurus*), dark and light forms. Instances of birds of intermediate coloration would also be valuable. For the purposes of this inquiry, records of definitely mated pairs are needed, no matter whether the members of the pair are the same or of different coloration. Further details can be supplied to anyone interested in participating in this work.—D. F. OWEN, *Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

The Smithsonian Institution has accepted for publication as a Bulletin of the United States National Museum "Life Histories of North American Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings, Finches, Towhees, and Allies, written by A. C. Bent and a large number of collaborating authors.—WENDELL TABER.