

NOTES AND NEWS

The University of California and the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology will serve as hosts for the annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in April of 1962. Local members of the Society are making arrangements for sessions on April 20 and 21 with a field trip on Sunday, April 22.

In 1963 the annual meeting of the Society will be at the University of Texas at the invitation of the University of Texas, the Texas Ornithological Society, The Travis Audubon Society, and the Wilder Wildlife Foundation. Dates will be announced later.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is January 15, 1962. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the spring meeting of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the January 15, 1962, deadline will be reviewed following the summer closing date of May 15, 1962.

The Museum of Comparative Zoology has just reprinted Volume III of the late J. L. Peters' "Check-list of Birds of the World." This volume, long out of print, lists the Columbidae and Psittacidae, and related families. The only other volumes available are V, VII, and IX, but if sufficient interest is indicated we hope to reprint additional volumes.

With the cooperation of specialists throughout the world, work is progressing rapidly toward completing the unpublished volumes. Volume XV, containing the Ploceidae, Sturnidae, Oriolidae, Dicruridae, Paradisaeidae, Corvidae, and others, is in press and should be ready early in 1962. The proposed sequence for the remaining volumes is: X, XII, XIV, XIII, XI, VIII.—RAYMOND A. PAYNTER, JR.

Members are requested to forward unusual or "out of range" records of the Clark Nutcracker for the fall and winter of 1961-1962 to John Davis, Hastings Reservation, Carmel Valley, California.

Several thousand eggs collected over a period of about forty years by the late Frank M. Phelps

of Elyria, Ohio, have been presented to the University of Massachusetts by Mrs. Phelps. The collection, to be known as the Frank M. Phelps Memorial Egg Collection, will be catalogued in the Zoology Museum and will be available for study at the University. Western areas represented in the collection are Alberta and the Chisos Mountains in western Texas. It is anticipated that this will form the nucleus of a growing collection.—L. M. BARTLETT.

The Cooper Ornithological Society's A. Brazier Howell Award of \$150 is given each year for the best paper presented at its annual meeting by a member who does not possess the Ph.D. degree in biological sciences. The Society's Harry R. Painton Award of \$500 is presented every other year at the Annual Meeting for the best paper appearing in *The Condor* during the preceding four years. This latter award will next be made in 1963.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided some \$600. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually.

Application forms may be obtained from Harvey I. Fisher, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 1962.

The new edition of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature is due for publication in November, 1961. The Code, in its new form, consists of a volume of about 200 pages and has English and French parallel texts on facing pages, English and French glossaries, Index, Introduction by Dr. Norman Stoll and a Preface by Professor J. Chester Bradley. The price is one pound sterling, post free. Orders should be addressed to the Publication Office, The International Trust

for Zoological Nomenclature, 19 Belgrave Square, London, S.W. 1.

Recent major works published include the following: Bannerman and Lodge's volume X of the *Birds of the British Isles* (Oliver and Boyd Ltd.) dealing with the second part of the Shorebirds; David W. Johnston's *Biosystematics of American Crows* (University of Washington Press); Bellrose, Scott, Hawkins, and Low's *Sex Ratios and Age Ratios in North American Ducks* (Illinois Natural History Survey); and Yamashina's *Birds in Japan*, a Field Guide (Tokyo News Service Ltd.).

At the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Washington, D.C. in October of 1961, the Brewster Award was made to Harold Mayfield for his book on the Kirtland Warbler. The officers elected for 1962 are: President, George H. Lowery, Jr.; First Vice-President, John T. Emlen, Jr.; Second Vice-President, Roger Tory Peterson; Editor, Donald S. Farner; Secretary, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw; Treasurer, Charles G. Sibley. Newly elected council members are Eugene Eisenmann, W. Earl Godfrey, Olin Sewall

Pettingill, Jr., and S. Dillon Ripley. Fellows elected were M. A. Carriker, Jr., E. Thomas Gilliard, Kenneth C. Parkes, and Allan R. Phillips. Persons designated elective members were Donald J. Borner, Paul A. Johnsgard, Karl W. Kenyon, Peter Marler, Andrew J. Meyerriecks, Walter P. Nickell, Frank Richardson, J. Dan Webster, and Glen E. Woolfenden.

Programs of divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society in recent months included the following: "Birds and Animals of Australia," by William H. Moore, in Los Angeles on May 31; "Aspects of the Biology of the Orange-fronted Parakeet," by John William Hardy, in Los Angeles on September 27; "The Classification of Birds as Indicated by Protein Structure," by Charles G. Sibley, in Berkeley on May 4; "Geographic Variation in the White-crowned Sparrow," by Richard C. Banks, in Berkeley on October 5.

James P. Chapin delivered the Lida Scott Brown lecture in ornithology at the University of California at Los Angeles on June 5, 1961, speaking on "Bird Study in Central Africa."