

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in 1963 will be held in Austin, Texas, April 18 to 21. The meetings are being sponsored by the University of Texas, the Texas Ornithological Society, the Travis Audubon Society, and the Wilder Wildlife Foundation.

The National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals is January 15, 1963. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the spring meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the closing date will be reviewed following the summer closing date of May 1, 1963.

The 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. Since their inception the Fuertes Research Grants have been awarded to 17 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

Application forms may be obtained from Harvey I. Fisher, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 1963.

Programs of divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society in recent months included: "Salt-water Barriers and Their Potential Impact on Wildlife in the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta Area," by Robert L. Jones and W. H. Griffith, in Berkeley on May 3, 1962; "Birds and Army Ants," by Edwin O. Willis, in Berkeley on October 4; "How Hormones Influence Behavior in Birds," by Daniel S. Lehrman, at Los Angeles on May 31; "Barro Colorado Island and Observations on Central American Jacanas," by Gerald Collier, in Los Angeles on September 26; and "Geographic Variation in Behavior of *Cassidix* Grackles," by Robert K. Selander, in Los Angeles on October 31.