

NEWS AND NOTES

XVI INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The International Ornithological Committee agreed at the end of the XV International Ornithological Congress in the Hague, Netherlands, that the next Congress would be held in Australia in 1974. Professor J. Dorst was appointed President. The Australian invitation had been proffered jointly by the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union and the Australian Academy of Science.

The Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union appointed Dr. H. J. Frith as Secretary-General and an Australian Advisory Committee has been formed. After close examination of the possibilities the Australian Advisory Committee has decided that the XVI International Ornithological Congress should be held in the Australian National University in Canberra in the period 12 August to 17 August 1974. A program of scientific sessions, major and minor excursions and ornithological exhibits will be organized.

Applications for membership will be accepted until 1 March 1974. Applications for the presentation of papers and for arranging Specialist's Meetings should reach the Secretary-General not later than 1 February 1974. It is probable that, apart from those presented by invitation in a Symposium, there will be some selection of the papers that are actually read. Accordingly it is essential that each offer of a paper should be accompanied by a summary of about 200 words.

Information regarding the XVI International Ornithological Congress can be had from The Secretary-General, XVI International Ornithological Congress, P. O. Box 84, Lyneham. A.C.T. AUSTRALIA. 2602.

REPRINTED: *THE ZOOLOGICAL MISCELLANY*

The Zoological Miscellany, published privately in several parts from 1831 to 1844 in London by John Edward Gray, is one of the rarest yet taxonomically-important natural history periodicals. Articles are mostly by Gray himself and cover species from all parts of the world. Individual papers deal with mammals (2 articles), birds (17), amphibians and reptiles (12), fishes, and invertebrates, plus four plates (3 of birds). The facsimile reprint includes a new introduction and biography of Gray, plus a table of contents.

Copies are \$8 paperbound, \$10 clothbound, and may be ordered from Dr. H. C. Seibert, Publ. Secy, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Morton Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Among the publications recently received by the editorial office, the following are noted as having particular interest for avian biologists.

In the past several months we have received copies of a number of small, well turned-out, paper-backed volumes, published as part of the series: "Die Neue Brehm-Bücheri" by A. Ziemsen Verlag, Lucas-Cranach-Strasse 21, Postfach 22, Wittenberg Lutherstadt, East Germany. Information on them is as follows:

Vogelfang und Vogelberingung.—Hans Bub. Teil IV. 1969. 207 p., 15.20 M. Teil I. 1971. 222 p. 15.20 M.—These two volumes of a series on methods of capture and marking of birds contain numerous drawings and photographs which will increase their utility to readers with slight familiarity with German.

Der Schuhschnabel.—Wolfgang Fischer. 1970. 88 p. 6.50 M.—A well-illustrated monograph on the Shoebill, or Whale-billed Stork, *Balaeniceps rex*.

Die Schneehühner.—E. O. Höhn. 1969. 83 p. 7.50 M.—Descriptions of the life histories of the world's several species of ptarmigan (*Lagopus*).

Die Strandläufer Eurasiens.—S. M. Uspenski. 1969. 78 p. 6.40 M.—Concise summary of the taxonomy, distribution, habits, and ecology of the 14 species of calidrine sandpipers that occur in Eurasia (including several common North American species).

Die Ausgestorbenen Vögel Der Welt.—Dieter Luther. 1970. 208 p. 14.80 M.—Includes information on each species or subspecies of bird that has become extinct within historical times.

A Portfolio of New Zealand Birds.—Bruce Harvey. 1971. Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt. 58 p. \$17.50.—Colored paintings of 25 of New Zealand's native birds are the main attraction of this latest addition to the collection of beautiful bird books. Each painting is faced by a short account of the species and a black-and-white sketch.

A Field Guide to Australian Birds. Non-passerines.—Peter Slater in cooperation with J. Calaby, G. Chapman, J. Forshaw, H. J. Frith, P. J. Fullagar, E. Lindgren, Fred T. H. Smith, and G. F. van Tets. 1971. Livingston Publishing Co., Wynnewood, Pa. 428 p. \$10.—This attractive book is the first of two volumes designed to provide a complete guide to all species of birds occurring in Australia and nearby islands and ocean areas. The numerous illustrations include 43 colored plates and 21 in black-and-white by Peter Slater and range maps for nearly every species. Orders and families are briefly characterized for identification purposes, and species accounts include sections on "looks," voice, habitat, and range.

Vertebrate Biology.—Robert T. Orr. 1971. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia. 544 p. \$10.—This is a new edition of this familiar textbook, first published in 1961, updated with new material.