

NEWS AND NOTES

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interest 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. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to persons not affiliated with a college or university.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years one. Amounts have been between \$100 and \$200. One Nice Award is made annually in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to Val Nolan, Jr., Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Completed applications must be received by 1 May 1972. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the society on June 13-16, 1972.

OBITUARY

Mr. Theed Pearse, the "grand old man" of western ornithologists, died 24 May 1971 in Comox, British Columbia. He was an honorary member of the COS and was about 100 years old at the time of his death. A resolution was passed at the 1969 annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society congratulating him on the appearance of his book, "Birds of the Early Explorers of the Northern Pacific" published in 1968.

Martin C. (Bud) Badger, a Life Member of the Cooper Ornithological Society and avid oologist, died on 1 December 1971 at the age of 79.

Frank N. Bassett died 30 May 1971 at the age of 88. He joined the COS in 1919 and was a sustaining member for many years. He became a 50-year complimentary Life Member in 1970.

ARTHUR A. ALLEN AWARD

On October 23, 1971, Peter Scott, noted British conservationist and son of the famed Antarctic explorer, Robert Falcon Scott, was presented Cornell University's fifth annual Arthur A. Allen Award for outstanding contributions to ornithology.

Established in 1966, the award honors the memory of Arthur A. Allen, ornithologist and teacher at Cornell for nearly 50 years. Allen's pioneer research and teaching inspired many of his students to enter the field of ornithology.

Scott is honorary director of The Wildlife Trust at Slimbridge, England. After World War II, Scott founded and directed the Trust, bringing together the largest and most representative collection of waterfowl in the world. Several species on the brink of extinction were saved by his initiative.

OFFICERS OF NORTHERN DIVISION OF COS

The following slate of officers for 1972, as proposed by the nominating committee, was endorsed at the January 6 Northern Division meeting:

President: Mrs. Harriet P. Thomas, 32 Stoddard Way, Berkeley, California 94708

1st Vice President: Miklos D. F. Udvardy, Professor of Biological Sciences, Sacramento State College, Sacramento, California 95819

2nd Vice President: Robert M. Stewart, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Palo Marin Ranch, Mesa Road, Bolinas, California 94924

Secretary: Harris Keston, 399 Moncada Way, San Francisco, California 94127

FRANK M. CHAPMAN FUND

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid for ornithological research and also post-doctoral fellowships. Applications are due on 15 September and 15 February. Information on form and content of applications may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, New York 10024.

ERRATA

Dr. William A. Calder calls attention to errors which appeared in his paper, "Temperature relationships and nesting of the Calliope Hummingbird," (*Condor* 73: 314-321). On page 320, Table 2, line 9, column 4, 5.29 kcal should read 5.55 kcal and in column 5, 1.760 kcal/g should read 1.848 kcal/g. Also on page 320, in the text, column 2, line 8, *C. stellula* should read *S. calliope*.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

A Naturalist in Costa Rica.—Alexander F. Skutch. 1971. University of Florida Press. 378 p. \$12.50. The author gives an account of his life, reflections, work, and observations during his 35 years in Costa Rica. Skutch deals mainly with the Valley of El General in the rainy southern Pacific portion of Costa Rica. Several chapters are on birds and Appendix I contains an annotated list of over 300 species of birds that the author has identified in the Valley of El General.

The Birds of Korea.—M. E. J. Gore and Won Pyong-Oh. 1971. Illustrated by Judy North and Peggy Long. Taewon Publ. Co., Seoul, and Charles E. Tuttle Co., Inc., Rutland, Vt. 450 p. \$17.50. Written in Korean and English this book serves as a thorough guide to Korean birds. The book contains chapters on the physical environment of Korea, migration patterns of birds, conservation, and ornithological history as well as the list of birds. Forty-one color plates and 24 pages of photographs illustrate the 366 species listed. Four maps are also included.