

NEWS AND NOTES

FRANK M. CHAPMAN FUND

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid for ornithological research and also for 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.

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An unusual program supporting international cooperation and wildlife conservation takes place in 1973. It will re-enforce endeavors of the new Environmental Secretariat at Nairobi. On four diplomatic missions, concerned Americans and Canadians will be conducted to East Africa and prepared for a voluntary educational endeavor aimed at the inhuman scourge of poaching. Off-beaten-path itineraries with privileged meetings, and postmission assistance on appearances and publicity, feature personalized guidance. There are unusual tax-deductible aspects, modest group costs, and opportunities for personal fulfillment. Here is a unique chance to start a gratifying avocation in aid to undeveloped peoples, environmental preservation, and visual-aided communication for worthy causes. Three weeks: \$1715; two weeks: \$1395. This may be one of the most fortuitous road-signs in your life. Your participation will also benefit our organization. Inquire: Friends of AFRICA in America, 330 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591.

PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP

The Pacific Seabird Group has been formed by the participants in a seabird symposium held at the December 1972 meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists. The aims of the group are to promote and coordinate needed research on marine birds of the Pacific Basin, to make systematic studies of pollution effects upon birds, and to promote a greater awareness of this marine resource. Anyone interested in further information should contact the group's Acting Secretary, George Divoky, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1412 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

ERRATUM

On the inside covers of Vol. 74 of *The Condor*, the Secretary of the Northern Division was listed as Stephen B. Ruth. This is incorrect. Harris J. Keston has been Secretary of the Northern Division since December 1971. This will be corrected on inside covers of Vol. 75.

OBITUARY

Francis Harper, noted vertebrate zoologist and a long-standing COS member, died November 17, 1972 on his 86th birthday. He published two monographs on the avifauna of northern Canada following expeditions there in the 1940s and 50s.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

The Birds of the Republic of Panama. Part 3. Passeriformes: Dendrocolaptidae (Woodcreepers) to Oxyruncidae (Sharpbills)—Alexander Wetmore. 1972. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 150, Part 3. 631 p. \$15. This is another volume in the four part comprehensive treatise on the avifauna of Panama. Although information on natural history is included, it is taxonomic in organization with descriptions of each subspecies. It is illustrated by Walter A. Weber with 48 line drawings and one color plate.

Ptaki Polski [The Birds of Poland]—Ludwik Tomialojc. 1972. Panstwowe Wydawnictwo Nankowe. Warsaw. 304 p. \$5.85 (paperbound). This book contains a distributional checklist of the birds occurring in Poland from 1800 to 1970. It is written in Polish, but the 20-page English summary includes a complete species list and abbreviated information on species distributions within the present boundaries of Poland. This publication may be obtained through Ars Polona-Ruch, Warszawa, Krakowskie Przedmieście 7, Poland.

Birds of North America. A Personal Selection—Eliot Porter. 1972. E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc., New York. 144 p. \$25 (clothbound). This book contains 80 pages of excellent photographs by this well-known bird photographer. Most of the photographs show the nests or adults at the nest. The text includes narratives of the author's experiences in photographing birds, as well as descriptions of nest sites and incidental life history observations.

Sexual Selection and the Descent of Man 1871-1971—Bernard G. Campbell, ed. 1972. Aldine Publishing Co., Chicago. 378 p. \$14.75 (clothbound). This collection of 11 papers by as many authors was written at the centennial anniversary of Darwin's *The Descent of Man*. The authors discuss the concepts presented by Darwin in the light of recent genetic theory and behavioral observations. The book includes a chapter by R. K. Selander, "Sexual Selection and Dimorphism in Birds," in which he discusses selected examples of avian sexual dimorphism.

A Symposium on Ecosystematics—Robert T. Allen and Frances C. James, eds. 1972. Univ. of Arkansas Museum Occasional Paper No. 4. 235 p. \$3.00 (paperbound). The seven papers in this symposium present research in which ecological theory and techniques are applied to systematics. Richard F. Johnston's contribution "Ecological Differentiation in North American Birds" discusses species-specific adaptation with particular reference to House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*).