

NEWS AND NOTES

46TH ANNUAL MEETING OF C.O.S.

The 46th Annual Meeting of the C.O.S. will be held jointly with the W.O.S. at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, 11–15 June 1975. Paper sessions are scheduled for 12–14 June. Announcements and a call for papers will be mailed to members in March. The sponsoring organizations are Montana State University and the Sacajawea Audubon Society. Clifford V. Davis, 1620 S. 3rd., Bozeman, Mont. 59715 is chairman of the local committee and Douglas F. James, Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545 is chairman of the scientific program committee.

The scientific program will feature a symposium concerning birds and their vegetational habitats organized by Douglas James. The papers already scheduled span a wide variety of topics extending from the tundra to the tropics, from the Americas to Africa. The participants include Russell Balda, Edward Beals, John Emlen, Henry Hespeneheide, James Karr, Gordon Orians, Stephen Russell, H. H. Shugart, John Wiens, and Mary Willson.

OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF C.O.S.

The current officers are Charles T. Collins, President; James R. Northern, 1st Vice-president; Luis F. Baptista, 2nd Vice-president; and Lloyd F. Kiff, Secretary.

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION NEWS

At the 92nd Stated Meeting of the A.O.U. held in Norman, Oklahoma, October 14–18, 1974 the following officers were elected: Donald S. Farner, President; Charles G. Sibley, 1st Vice-president; Wesley E. Lanyon, 2nd Vice-president; George E. Watson, Secretary; John A. Wiens, Treasurer; Oliver L. Austin, Jr., Editor of *The Auk*.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to James R. King. The Elliott Coues Award was given to the late Robert H. MacArthur.

Boris Stegmann was elected as an Honorary Fellow. Edvard Barth, Norway; Boonsong Lekagul, Thailand; Richard Liversidge, South Africa; Stephen Marchant, Australia, Ian Newton and Christopher Perrins, United Kingdom were all elected Corresponding Fellows.

In 1975, the A.O.U. will meet at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 25–29.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Bald Eagle.—During the winter of 1974–75 a number of Bald Eagles will be fitted with patagial strips of colored plastic-coated nylon and released on the upper Skagit River in northwestern Washington. Some of these birds will also be wearing radio transmitters on their backs. They are being marked to determine the movements and origin of the population that winters on the Skagit River. Anyone sighting these eagles is asked to note the color of the markers and contact: Christopher Servheen, College of Forest Resources, AR-10, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195.

Least Tern.—As part of our research on the California Least Tern (*Sterna albifrons browni*), we are seeking information on (1) the location of breeding

colonies in Baja California, Mexico, and (2) the migration routes and wintering areas of the subspecies. We would appreciate hearing of any Baja California observations of Least Terns, and of any records of Least Terns along the Pacific coast of Mexico, Central America, and South America from September through March. Please send your information to: Sanford R. Wilbur, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1190 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, California 93023.

Gambian Birds.—A comprehensive checklist of the birds of the Gambia is currently being prepared by Jens Kirkeby and Jorn Vestergaard Jensen in cooperation with the Gambian Ornithologists' Society. It is intended that this checklist will bring together all bird records, published and unpublished, for the Gambia. Anyone having unpublished records for this area is requested to make them known to Jorn Vestergaard Jensen, Holtevej 13, DK-8000 Aarhus C., Denmark. All contributions will be fully acknowledged.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Handbook of Australian Sea-Birds.—D. L. Serventy, Vincent Serventy, and John Warham. 1971. A. H. & A. W. Reed, Sydney. 254 p. This book opens with a general account of the Australian sea-bird fauna, its past and present environment, and the distribution and categories of birds found there. Some aspects of the biology of these birds, current research, and sea-bird conservation problems in Australia are also discussed. Most of the book is devoted to 104 species accounts. The work is highly informative, organized clearly, and illustrated with endpaper maps and 142 photographs and drawings.

BIRDS Brain and Behavior.—Irving J. Goodman and Martin W. Schein, eds. 1974. Academic Press, New York. 273 p. \$15.00. This collection of 11 papers grew out of a 1971 conference. The first two papers deal with some theoretical and methodological questions involved in comparative studies of behavior and in brain-behavior relationships. David H. Cohen and Harvey J. Karten then review the structure of the avian brain. Other workers consider neural correlates or causes of various behavioral phenomena such as feeding, learning and memory, sleep, emotion, audition, vision, and vocalization. It is good to see neurobehavioral scientists with different specialties coming together but the mutual stimulation that must have ensued is not apparent in this book. The papers are each furnished with diagrams and a list of references, and the book is indexed.

Louisiana Birds. Third Edition.—George H. Lowery, Jr. 1974. Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge. 651 p. \$15.00. This is a completely revised edition of a fine state bird book last published in 1960. New species have been added to the state list, which now totals 411, and fresh information on the status of already-known species has been incorporated. The book is generously illustrated with drawings by Robert E. Tucker, John P. O'Neill, and H. Douglas Pratt, and photographs, mostly by Allan D. Cruikshank and Samuel A. Grimes. Detailed bar graphs show the seasonal occurrence of all Louisiana birds.