

NEWS AND NOTES

48TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 48th Annual Meeting 11-14 May 1978, at Arizona State University, Tempe. Robert D. Ohmart was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and Charles T. Collins and Stuart L. Warter were Co-chairman of the Committee on Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Dennis M. Power, President; Robert D. Ohmart, Vice-President; Laurence C. Binford, Secretary; Carl E. Bock, Assistant Secretary; Jane R. Durham, Treasurer; James G. Miller, Assistant Treasurer. Peter Stettenheim was re-elected Editor of *The Condor*, and Ralph J. Raitt was elected Editor of *Studies in Avian Biology*. Three new members of the Board of Directors, Charles T. Collins, Robert D. Ohmart, and Kenneth C. Parkes, were elected by ballot to replace Russell P. Balda, Thomas R. Howell, and J. David Ligon. Robert T. Orr (Chairman), Edgar N. Stone, and Thomas R. Howell were elected to the Investment Committee.

Officers of the Council elected were M. Dale Arvey, President; Ralph J. Raitt, Vice-President; and Jennifer M. White, Secretary. New Council members elected by ballot were F. Lynn Carpenter, Richard E. Johnson, and Richard E. MacMillan.

The Council voted to hold the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society at California State University, Humboldt, in Arcata the third week of June 1979; the 50th Annual Meeting as a joint meeting with the Wilson Ornithological Society at Corpus Christi State University, Texas, in 1980; and the 51st Annual Meeting at California State University, Hayward, in 1981.

Sixty-seven papers were presented at the regular scientific sessions; additional talks were given in four workshop programs.

The A. Brazier Howell Award went to J. P. Myers, University of California, Berkeley, for his presentation of a paper entitled "Determinants of winter territory size in the Sanderling." The Frances F. Roberts Award went to Carol M. Vleck, University of California, Los Angeles, for her paper, "Patterns of attentiveness in incubating hummingbirds."

The Council voted to change the title of its serial publication, *The Pacific Coast Avifauna*, to "*Studies in Avian Biology*" reflecting the expanded scope, wide circulation, and national importance of this serial.

The following resolution was proposed by the Resolutions Committee and approved:

Whereas, The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 48th Annual Meeting with the Western Bird Banding Association 11 to 14 May 1978; and

Whereas, We met in comfortable and spacious surroundings in the midst of a busy and beautiful student body in perfect weather; and

Whereas, There was presented such a bountiful number of fine scientific papers that concurrent sessions were essential for their accommodation; and

Whereas, We were privileged to participate in a variety of enjoyable social events and in field trips seeing a fine variety of Arizona birds and a superb collection of living waterfowl; therefore,

Resolved, That we the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society express our sincere appreciation to our hosts, the Department of Zoology of Arizona State University, the Maricopa Audubon Society,

and the Arizona Game and Fish Department, whose hospitality has made this meeting such an enjoyable and rewarding occasion for all of us. We are especially grateful to the Local Committee on Arrangements, chaired by Professor Robert D. Ohmart, for its careful planning and effective coordination of all events in our behalf.

NOMINEES FOR C.O.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, consisting of J. D. Ligon (Chairman), W. R. Dawson, and R. J. Raitt, proposes for 3-year terms, starting 1979, on the Board of Directors: Carl E. Bock, Martin L. Morton, and Robert B. Payne. They will replace retiring Directors Joseph R. Jehl, Dennis M. Power, and Peter Stettenheim.

Likewise, the Nominating Committee appointed by the Council, consisting of H. L. Cogswell (Chairman), L. R. Mewaldt, and J. R. Northern, proposes for 3-year terms, starting 1979, on the Council: Mary H. Clench, Lloyd F. Kiff, and Nicolaas A. M. Verbeek. Procedures for election of Directors and Council members may be found in the C.O.S. Bylaws (*Condor* 80:256-260). Persons may be nominated by petition and also by write-in on the ballot (which will be mailed out next winter).

PACIFIC COAST AVIFAUNA RECHRISTENED

The Cooper Ornithological Society announces the initiation of a new series of ornithological publications. *Studies in Avian Biology*, as the successor to *Pacific Coast Avifauna*, will continue to serve as an outlet for important papers that are too long for *The Condor*. This step was taken by vote of the Council at the 1978 meeting, following several years of consideration. The name change is intended to reflect the wider scope of the publication, thereby inviting authors to submit papers that would not have seemed appropriate under the former title. The series will be newly numbered, and will continue to be published at irregular intervals. Its first issue, "Status and distribution of Alaska birds" by Brina Kessel and Daniel D. Gibson, will be available this fall. Copies (\$7.00 postpaid if ordered before April 1, 1979; \$8.00 plus postage and handling thereafter) can be ordered from James G. Miller, Assistant Treasurer, C.O.S., Department of Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Manuscripts to be considered for the new series should be submitted to the Editor, Ralph J. Raitt, Department of Biology, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

C.O.S. ARCHIVES

Documents on the history of the C.O.S. are being kept under the direction of Mrs. Lois Stone at the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley. Members who have pertinent letters, photographs, or other material are invited to add them to these archives.

NATIONAL PLAN FOR ORNITHOLOGY

A group of ornithologists recently completed a four-year examination of the resources and needs of their

profession in North America. They constituted a Workshop on a National Plan for Ornithology, initiated by the A.O.U., supported by the National Science Foundation, and organized by James R. King and Walter J. Bock. The six panels of the Workshop considered: 1) the role of ornithological societies and the amateur, 2) ornithological education, 3) publications resources, 4) special data banks, 5) systematics collections, and 6) obtaining and utilizing birds. A wealth of information in each of these areas was elicited by questionnaires distributed to members of ornithological organizations. Analysis of the data yielded a statistical profile of North American ornithologists and a survey of their resources, both physical and intellectual. The result is a comprehensive, detailed picture of who we are, what we have, and what we lack. Based on these findings, the Workshop formulated recommendations to Council of the A.O.U. and to the N.S.F. for taking advantage of present strengths and overcoming deficiencies.

Copies of the final report of the Workshop have been sent to major ornithological museums and societies, as well as to the sponsors. Some copies are available for general distribution and will be sent without charge as long as they last. Requests should be addressed to Dr. James R. King, Department of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164.

WILDLIFE ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAM

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) is embarking on a new wildlife habitat preservation effort, referred to as "Unique Wildlife Ecosystems." The aims of the program will be to inventory, evaluate, and protect outstanding examples of wildlife ecosystems. Traditional wildlife values and concepts are part of the effort but considerable emphasis will be placed on protecting and managing wildlife habitat which attracted less attention in past FWS refuge management responsibilities. The general criteria for identifying areas are: 1) imminency of threat; 2) presence of endangered/threatened or species of concern; 3) species abundance/diversity; and 4) examples of rare, endemic, or unusual ecosystems.

The funds for this recent acquisition effort are derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is expected to back this effort for the next 10 years. The acquisition and management authorities are flexible and allow for easements, fee purchase, and land donations as well as possibilities for cooperative management. A variety of conservation groups and resource agencies who share wildlife concerns and philosophies are being asked for their advice. The FWS solicits your cooperation and help in identifying and evaluating candidate areas. For copies of nomination forms and more detailed information, please send requests to Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (DMN), Lloyd 500 Bldg., Suite 1692, 500 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232.

STATUS OF CALIFORNIA CONDOR

The California Condor, one of the rarest bird species in North America and inspiration for COS's journal name and logo, apparently is continuing to decline in numbers. The decline is the direct result of a ten-year production deficit, the population producing only one or two young each year during that period. Details are given in a recent report by Sanford R. Wilbur (North American Fauna 72, 1978).

The California Condor Recovery Team, a group of

biologists appointed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, prepared a "recovery plan" for the species in 1974. Included were proposals for preservation of key habitat, continued field studies, supplemental feeding of nesting birds, and public education. Unfortunately, implementation of the plan has not reversed the downward trend of the population, and the Recovery Team is currently working on a revised plan.

In January 1977, the Recovery Team requested an outside review of condor status and preservation programs. A nine-member panel, chaired by Dr. Robert E. Ricklefs (University of Pennsylvania) was established jointly by the National Audubon Society and the American Ornithologists' Union. Their recently released report (Audubon Conservation Report No. 6, available from National Audubon Society) concludes that the condor population is in immediate jeopardy, and recommends implementation of a captive propagation program leading to supplementing the existing wild population and establishing new subpopulations. The Fish and Wildlife Service is now completing proposals for further action. Suggestions from ornithologists are welcome, and should be directed to S. R. Wilbur, USFWS, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD 20811.

FIRST IBERO-AMERICAN MEETING ON ORNITHOLOGY AND WORLD MEETING ON ECOLOGY AND BIRD BEHAVIOR

This meeting will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the last week of November 1979 (11/25-12/1) under the sponsorship of the Asociación Ornitológica del Plata and the collaboration of various local and international institutes, schools, and research centers.

Work sessions and lectures will be held concerning: 1) Anatomy, physiology and genetics; 2) Paleontology, phylogeny, taxonomy and zoogeography; 3) Ecology and migration; 4) Ethology; 5) Protection and conservation; 6) Applied ornithology; 7) Methodology for ornithological investigation, management and education; and 8) History, bibliography and miscellaneous.

The official languages of the Meeting will be Spanish, Portuguese and English. Presentation of papers and communications are welcome. Their abstracts should be received before March 31, 1979, containing less than 300 words. Registration fees vary from US \$50.-US \$200., according to kind of membership.

Applications, suggestions and requests for more detailed information should be sent to: Prof. Juan Daciuk, President, Organizing Commission, 1er Encuentro Iberoamericano de Ornitología, Casilla de Correo 3368, 1000 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Wilson Ornithological Society cordially invites all individuals who are interested in birds to join the society. Founded in 1888, the society prides itself in the way both amateur and professional ornithologists take an active part in its organization and operation. Dues are \$14.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for students. Life Memberships can be obtained until 31 December 1978 for \$200.00. For information and application forms please write Robert C. Whitmore, Membership Chairman, Wilson Ornithological Society, Division of Forestry, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

COLOR-MARKED CORMORANTS

Information is requested on sightings of color-marked Double-crested Cormorants. Birds are marked with standard USFWS aluminum leg bands plus colored vinyl leg streamers, on either one or both legs. Data requested: Color and location of streamer, single

letter code if possible, date and exact location of sighting. I am especially interested in sightings from wintering areas. Please advise Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, MD 20811, and/or Marcella M. Bishop, Shoreline Route, Polson, MT 59860.

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WANTED: *Avian Energetics* by R. J. Paynter, Jr. (ed.). (1974. Publ. Nuttall Ornithol. Club No. 15). Send price and condition to K. A. Morehouse, 1607 Brookside Rd., McLean, VA 22101.

FOR SALE: *The Condor*, volumes 77-79, for a very nominal price. Sidney M. Gospe, Jr., Duke Medical Center, Box 2755, Durham, NC 27710.

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