NEWS AND NOTES

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54TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 54th annual meeting 19–23 June 1984 at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. C. John Ralph was the Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, and Barry Noon was the Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Ralph W. Schreiber, President; Jon C. Barlow, Vice President; E. A. Schreiber, Secretary; Charles Collins, Treasurer; Kenneth Stager, Assistant Secretary; James Northern, Assistant Treasurer. Three new members of the Board of Directors were elected: Martha Balph, Ralph Moldenhauer, and Jared Verner, to replace Jon C. Barlow, Douglas James, and Richard MacMillen.

Two workshops were held: 1) Writing a scientific paper, organized by Peter Stettenheim, and 2) Ecology and management of the Spotted Owl in the Pacific Northwest, organized by R. J. Gutierrez and A. B. Carey.

Seventy-four papers were presented during two days of paper sessions. The A. Brazier Howell Award was presented to Stephen G. Pruett-Jones (University of California, Berkeley) for his paper entitled "The evolution of lek mating in the bird of paradise, Lawes' Parotia." The Frances F. Roberts Award was presented to Barbara Kus (University of California, Davis) for her paper entitled "The significance of flocking in wintering shorebirds: avoidance of predation." Directors' Awards were presented to Douglas Levey (University of Wisconsin) for his paper entitled "Seed size and handling techniques of tropical frugivorous birds," and to John Marzluff (Northern Arizona University) for his paper entitled "Predation, coloniality, and nest placement in Pinyon Jays."

The Board of Directors conferred Honorary Membership on Robert W. Storer for his outstanding service to the Society and to ornithology.

The Conservation Committee, chaired by Jared Verner, drafted two letters for consideration by the Board: 1) to Robert F. Burford, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, regarding continued monitoring of federal lands inventories, and 2) to R. Max Peterson, Chief of the Forest Service, USDA, commending the Forest Service for its planning to meet the requirements of the National Forest Management Act of 1976. These two letters were approved by the Board and will be sent out over the President's signature, with copies to appropriate people.

1985 MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The 1985 meeting will be held 5–9 June 1985 at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, jointly with the Wilson Ornithological Society. Rooms and meals will be available in the dorm as well as local hotels. Meeting Chairmen are Cynthia Carey, Local Chair, and Carl Bock, Program Chair.

JAPANESE FIELD GUIDE

The review of the *Field guide to the birds of Japan* (Condor 86:223) indicated that there would be no Japanese language edition. H. M. Brodkin informs us that such an edition does indeed exist. While birding in Japan and China in the summer of 1983, he saw the books in use by local ornithologists.

MUSEUM JOB

Applications are invited for the position of Assistant Curator in the Division of Birds of the Field Museum of Natural History. The position is a 12-month, full time, career track appointment scheduled to begin Summer, 1985, involving both research and curatorial responsibilities. Applicants must have a Ph.D. with primary interest in, and commitment to, systematic ornithology in the broadest sense. Preference given to candidates with the ability to perform imaginative research, who can develop an active field program, and whose interests are suited to a research career amidst one of the world's leading systematic collections of birds. Other duties may include participation in exhibition and education functions of the museum. Salary dependent on qualifications and experience. Send curriculum vitae, description of research experience and plans, reprints of publications and letters from three referees by 21 December 1984 to: Dr. James S. Ashe, Chairman, Search Committee, Department of Zoology, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60605. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

ASZ 1984 ANNUAL MEETING

The American Society of Zoologists, with the American Microscopical Society, Animal Behavior Society, The Crustacean Society, International Association of Astacology, Society of Systematic Zoology, and Western Society of Naturalists, will meet 27-30 December 1984 in Denver, Colorado and will offer the following symposia: (1) Patterns of dispersal among mammals and their effects on the genetic structure of populations, (2) Evolution of hormone diversity, (3) Phylogenetic origins of humoral immune mediators, (4) Cardiovascular adaptation in reptiles, (5) Cellcell interactions and the cell surface in neural retina development, (6) Territoriality: conceptual advances in field and theoretical studies, (7) Character weighting, cladistics, and classification, (8) The biology and evolution of lungfishes, (9) Photoperiodism in the marine environment, (10) Naturalists and natural history Institutions of the American West, and (11) Science as a way of knowing: human ecology. In addition, referesher courses will be offered on the biology of the lesser-known invertebrates, and on the lesser-known crustacea, and a workshop on techniques for comparative biomechanics. For more information, contact: Mary Wiley, Executive Officer, American Society of Zoologists, Box 2739 California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 (805-492-3585).

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