

NEWS AND NOTES

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Cooper Ornithological Society will have its annual meeting from 8 to 13 September 1986 at University of California, Davis.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS

The Second International Symposium on Breeding Birds in Captivity, honoring the late Jean Delacour, will be held from 11 to 15 February 1987 at the Sheraton Premiere, Universal City, California. For further information contact Symposium Coordinator, International Foundation for the Conservation of Birds, 11300 Weddington Street, North Hollywood, CA 91601, (818)980-9818.

NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND GRANTS

The North American Loon Fund (NALF) announces the availability of two grant programs for support of new or current projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America. The first of these programs, the Robert J. Lurtsema Research Award, consists of a \$1,000 stipend available annually for a suitable research project focused on a member of the Family Gaviidae. Preference will be given to students and independent researchers with limited availability of other funding. The second program offers modest grants in support of research, management, or educational projects directly related to the conservation of Common Loons as a breeding species. Proposals in the range of \$500 to \$3,000 are most likely to be considered for funding. Further guidelines for prospective applicants are available upon request from the NALF Grants Committee. Deadline for submission of proposals is 31 January 1987. Funding awards will be announced by 15 March. Please submit guideline requests to NALF Grants Committee, North American Loon Fund, Main St., Meredith, NH 03253.

HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is accepting applications for its tenth annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$750 award, students should submit a brief description of their research program (maximum of five pages), a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation by 15 October 1986 to Stanley E. Senner, Executive Director, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, PA 19529. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision early in 1987. Only students in a degree-granting institution are eligible; both undergraduate and graduate students may apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to the conservation of North American raptor populations.

NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

The North American Bluebird Society announces the fourth annual grants-in-aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently, three annual grants of single or multiple awards totalling \$5,000 are awarded and include:

Bluebird Research Grants—Available to student, professional or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird from the genus *Sialia*.

General Research Grants—Available to student, professional and individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

Student Research Grant—Available to full-time college or university students for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application materials are available upon request from Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, ND 58746. Completed applications must be received by 1 December 1986; decisions will be announced by 15 January 1987.