

## NEWS AND NOTES

### COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY SETS 62ND ANNUAL MEETING

The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its 62nd Annual Meeting at the University of Washington in Seattle, June 22–26, 1992. The meeting will include a variety of events in addition to the scientific program, including a wildlife art exhibition, numerous social events, local excursions to the surrounding Seattle area, outdoor barbecue, pelagic birding, birding trips to Mount Rainier and North Cascades National Parks, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, San Juan Islands, and the eastern slope of the Cascades. Dr. David A. Manuwal (Wildlife Science Group, College of Forest Resources, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195) will be Local Arrangements Chair. Dr. Dennis Martin (Biology Department, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447) will be the Scientific Program Chair.

### NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS—1992

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

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

*General Research Grant.* Available to student, professional or individual researcher 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: Kevin L. Berner, Research Committee Chairman, College of Agriculture and Technology, State University of New York, Cobleskill, New York 12043.

Completed applications must be received by December 2, 1991; decisions will be announced by January 15, 1992.

### REPOSITORY FOR FROZEN TISSUES

The National Science Foundation and Louisiana State University announce the existence of the Collection of Frozen Tissues at the LSU Museum of Natural Science. The NSF and LSU are committed to proper curation and research use of frozen tissue samples and maintain the repository as a service to the research community. The Collection contains tissue samples of over 30,000 vertebrate animals preserved at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Although freezer space is limited, the Collection is offered as a repository for personal research collections or orphaned collections that are no longer needed but are still valuable to the research community, and are perhaps occupying needed freezer space. Materials donated to the Collection become the property of the Collection (the policy on Collection use is available upon request). Anyone interested in donating materials or borrowing materials from the Collection, please contact Dr. Robert M. Zink, Curator, Collection of Frozen Tissues, Museum of Natural Science, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

### NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND GRANTS

The North American Loon Fund (NALF) announces availability of 1992 grants in support of management, research, and educational projects directly related to the conservation of the family Gaviidae. In research, special consideration will be given to NALF priorities including studies concerning capture techniques, winter ecology, migration and subadults.

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 proposal is December 15, 1991. Funding awards will be announced by March 15, 1992.

Please submit guideline request to: North American Loon Fund, 6 Lily Pond Rd., Gilford, NH 03246.

## MEWALDT-KING STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

The Mewaldt-King Student Research Award will be presented for the first time at the Centennial Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in Sacramento, California, 13–17 April 1993. The amount of the award will change with the changing balance in the Society's endowment and the share of the endowment that has been separately accumulated for this award. The award will support student research in areas critically important to avian conservation biology, such as population ecology (e.g., demography, dispersal, and "floater" dynamics), population genetics, behavioral ecology (e.g., social systems, breeding behavior, and foraging), and ecophysiology (e.g., energetics and annual cycles).

This award honors the memory of Dr. L. Richard

Mewaldt and Dr. James R. King, both scientists well known for their significant contributions to ornithology and for their untiring service to the Cooper Ornithological Society.

If you wish to contribute to the award fund, please send your check to Donald R. Powers, COS Treasurer, Division of Natural Sciences, George Fox College, Newberg, OR 97132. If you have any questions about the award, please call or write Diana F. Tomback, Chair, Mewaldt-King Award Fund Committee, Department of Biology, University of Colorado at Denver, Campus Box 171, P.O. Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364, (303) 556-2657.