

ly with present sets of systematic data. Much effort is being brought to bear on utilization of continuous data for phylogenetic reconstruction, and as the methods are further refined, the application of their approach will become more commonplace.

The experienced systematist interested in comparative studies would do well to read both books, Brooks and McLennan first. Ecologists will find the statistical approach used by Harvey and Pagel familiar and I hope become convinced that history, as in phylogenetic

relationships, is the necessary criterion to evaluate comparison. I suggest that the budding comparative biologist should learn systematics by any of the other excellent texts now available, or better yet, hire a systematist and begin an exciting collaboration in comparative studies.—DOUGLAS SIEGEL-CAUSEY, Museum of Natural History and Department of Systematics and Ecology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2454.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### MEWALDT-KING STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

The first Mewaldt-King Student Research Award will be presented at the 1993 (Centennial) meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society. The \$1,000 award is designated, in honor of L. Richard Mewaldt and James R. King, to support research that relates to the conservation of birds. Research may be in any area of ornithology (e.g., ecophysiology, population genetics, behavior, and ecology); studies that involve demographics, breeding biology, or dispersal biology may be particularly relevant, especially if the species is endangered, threatened, or otherwise "sensitive."

Proposals must be received by the Mewaldt-King Award Fund Committee on or before 15 January 1993. Only graduate students accepted to or enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program are eligible for the award. Proposal format is as follows: (1) abstract, (2) introduction, including a) relevant background, b) specific hypotheses to be tested or questions asked, c) relevance of proposed research to conservation biology; (3) proposed methods, analyses, and timetable; (4) general categories of expenditures; and (5) literature cited. The proposal text, not including literature cited, plus abstract should not be longer than six single-spaced pages. Applications must also include a curriculum vita and letter of support from a faculty advisor. Please send three copies of the entire application to Diana F. Tomback, Mewaldt-King Award Fund Committee, Department of Biology, Campus Box 171, University of Colorado at Denver, P.O. Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217-3364.

### NEW EDITOR NEEDED FOR STUDIES IN AVIAN BIOLOGY

The Cooper Ornithological Society is seeking a new editor for its monograph series, *Studies in Avian Bi-*

*ology* (SAB). The new editor will be given considerable freedom to influence the nature of this series. Possibilities range from continuing it in its current traditional monograph format to major changes involving a shift to publication via electronic media. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, a vita, and any ideas they have on future directions for SAB to the Chair of the Publications Committee, S. I. Rothstein, Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

### NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS—1993

The North American Bluebird Society announces the tenth 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 research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird in the genus *Sialia*.

*General Research Grant.* Available to student, professional or individual researcher for a research project focused on any North American cavity nesting species.

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

Completed applications must be received by 1 December 1992; funding decisions will be announced by 15 January 1993. 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, NY 12043.