

## NEWS AND NOTES

### 1994 ANNUAL MEETING

The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its 1994 annual meeting jointly with the American Ornithologists' Union and Wilson Ornithological Society, 21-26 June 1994 at the University of Montana, Missoula. This is the first joint meeting of the three major ornithological societies and over 1,000 participants are expected. A variety of symposia and special events are planned. Don't miss it.

### NOMINEES FOR 1994 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 1994, the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society shall elect to the Board of Directors three people to replace retiring members Howard L. Cogswell, Michael L. Morrison and Carol M. Vleck.

The Nominating for Directors Committee, chaired by Michael L. Morrison, nominates William M. Block, Stephen M. Russell, Thomas A. Scott, Kimberly A. Sullivan and Wesley W. Weathers for three-year terms to the Board. A ballot will be distributed to all members 45 days prior to the 1994 annual meeting.

**William M. Block** is Acting Project Leader and Research Wildlife Biologist for the Rocky Mountain Research Station of the Forest Service in Flagstaff, Arizona. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1989, and has been a member of the COS since 1984. Dr. Block chaired the COS Conservation-Resolutions Committee from 1990-1993 and was the Scientific Program Chair for the 1993 Centennial Meeting in Sacramento. His research interests include habitat use and selection, foraging behavior and conservation biology. Presently, he is the Team Leader for the Mexican Spotted Owl Recovery Team. He has published papers in *The Condor* and in numerous other journals, books and proceedings.

**Stephen M. Russell** has recently been granted Emeritus status in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona but will continue to teach ornithology for a few more years. His Ph.D. was from Louisiana State University in 1962. Dr. Russell has been a member of the COS since 1957 and has served in a number of capacities, including President (1976-1978). His current research interests include the biology of hummingbirds and the ecology of the birds of Sonora.

**Thomas A. Scott** has been a member of the COS since 1984 and has served the Society in several capacities: member of the Membership Committee (1987-1989); member of the Committee on Local Arrangements, 1990 annual meeting; Chair of the Paper Awards Committee, 1990 annual meeting; organized a GIS workshop for the 1989 annual meeting. Dr. Scott holds a BS in Zoology and an MS in Ecology from San Diego State University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology in 1987 from the University of California, Berkeley. For the past 16 years, he has worked as a wildlife ecologist—nine years with agencies and seven with the University of California.

**Kimberly A. Sullivan** is Associate Professor of Biology at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1984 and has been a member of the Society since 1980. Dr. Sullivan has served on, and chaired, the Paper Awards Committee. She attends annual meetings, contributes papers, publishes in, and reviews manuscripts for, *The Condor*. Her research interests include avian behavioral ecology, energetics, dispersal and gene flow, and ecological aspects of development in juvenile birds.

**Wesley W. Weathers** is Professor of Avian Sciences at the University of California, Davis, and Vice Chair of the Ecology Graduate Group at Davis. He is Manager of Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve, an ecological reserve located in northern California. He received his Ph.D. in Zoology from UCLA in 1969 and has been a member of the Society since 1964. Dr. Weathers regularly attends COS meetings and chairs program sessions. He has served on the Paper Awards Committee, Nominating for Honorary Membership Committee, and the Committee on Local Arrangements for the 1986 annual meeting. He has published several papers in *The Condor* and regularly reviews manuscripts for the journal. Dr. Weathers has published about 70 journal articles and one book, *Birds of Southern California's Deep Canyon*. Ecological energetics and thermal ecology of birds are his primary research interests. He has conducted field research on avian energetics in Australia, Borneo, Costa Rica, Panama, and several locations in North America.

### NEW EDITOR NEEDED FOR *THE CONDOR*

The Cooper Ornithological Society is seeking a new editor for *The Condor*, to take over from the current editor in approximately August, 1995. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and curriculum vita to the Chair of the Publications Committee, Carol Vleck, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. If you wish to nominate someone for the editorship, please send a letter of support including the name and address of the nominee. Selection of the new editor will take place at the annual meeting in Missoula, Montana in June, 1994.

### HUMANE CARE AND USE OF BIRDS IN RESEARCH

Humane treatment of animals is an important responsibility for biologists. Although almost all authors are sensitive to the ethical and scientific importance of proper animal care, on rare occasions I have had to reject papers submitted for publication in *The Condor* because animals were not treated acceptably in procedures requiring anesthesia or euthanasia. These exceptions were particularly unfortunate both because of the fashion the animals were treated and because the research reported represented substantial effort by the

authors. Helpful references for avian biologists to aid them in the ethical and humane treatment of birds include "Report of Committee on Use of Wild Birds in Research," published in *The Auk* (1988, Vol. 105, No. 1, Suppl.:1A-41A) and *Laboratory Animal Management: Wild Birds*, published by the National Acad-

emy of Sciences, Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, Committee on Birds (1977; ISBN 0-309-02621-0).

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