

NOTES AND NEWS

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests in amateur ornithologists and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contribution to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards also apply to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years, one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to Frank B. Gill, Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th and the Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Completed applications must be received by 1 April 1974. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 6-9 June 1974.

TRAVEL FUNDS

Limited funds are available through the National Academy of Sciences for travel to the International Ornithological Congress in Canberra, Australia in August 1974. Selection will be made by a panel of the U. S. National Committee of the International Union of Biological Sciences. Direct inquiries about application for the funds to Mr. Harvey Sheppard, Division of Biological Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, D. C. 20418. Applications should be submitted by 1 May 1974.

MEETINGS

The annual meeting of NEBBA was held 2-4 November 1973 at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I. At the Council Meeting (14 Councilors present) on 2 November, reports from the Treasurer, Mist Net Committee, and Editor of *Bird-Banding* were presented and approved. Fiscal matters, the 1951-60 Ten-year index, and various features of *Bird-Banding* were discussed. In the latter category, plans are to be initiated for increasing the number of pages and an improved binding.

At the Business Meeting on 3 November, new officers and councilors for 1973-74 were elected. These include: *President*—James O. Seamans; *Vice-president*—James B. Hallett; *Secretary*—Mrs. Frank A. Howard; *Treasurer*—Mrs. James R. Downs; *Councilors* (terms expiring in 1977)—Dr. George A. Clark, Jr., Dr. Frederic W. Davis, Richard B. Farrar, Jr., Robert E. Gobeil.

Spring Meeting. A joint NEBBA-EBBA meeting is planned for 31 May-2 June at the Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Mass. Details of the meeting, including available accommodations, will be mailed to the NEBBA membership sometime in the spring.

AMERICAN BANDING DIRECTORY

The Editors of the Eastern Bird Banding Association are in the process of collecting data from interested participants in preparation for the AMERICAN BANDING DIRECTORY. Aimed at stimulating communication and cooperation between banding associations and members, research facilities and licensed banders, the AMERICAN BANDING DIRECTORY will be published as one of the regular issues in 1974, probably the Autumn 1974 issue of *EBBA News*.

Questionnaires will be mailed soon to all EBBA Members. If you are not an EBBA Member, and you would like to participate, please answer the following questions:

- a. Name
- b. Title
- c. Address and ZIP code
- d. (If you are a bander)—Permit Number; when originally issued?
- f. If you are banding in a professional capacity, please list name of institution sponsoring you.
- g. Station where you band? Coordinates? Location?
What made you choose this area?
- h. What are your main study objectives?
What species?
- i. (If not a bander)—Please list main interests and activities?
- j. About your background—present occupation?
Academic background (degrees, etc.)?
- k. Memberships in Ornithological Organizations or those in related fields.
- l. Your publications: Books? Papers and notes (in past year)?

Please return your answers to these questions as soon as possible but in any case prior to 1 May 1974. Only changes of address will be honored after that deadline. Please be as brief as possible for the sake of uniformity and expeditious handling on our part.

Please mail your data to: Mr. Harvey Farber, Co-Editor
Eastern Bird Banding Association
102 Wilson Place
Plainview, N. Y. 11803

Thank you very much for your cooperation. Should you wish to purchase a copy of the Directory, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard, so that we can advise you of the details when these become available.

ERRATUM

The excellent review (No. 53, p. 329-331 in *Bird-Banding*, 44(4), 1973) was erroneously attributed to Bertram G. Murray, Jr. when, in fact, the author was Alan H. Brush. The Editor apologizes to Dr. Brush whose incisive review of the Farner-King "Avian Biology" (Vol. II) was certainly a highlight of the Recent Literature section.

OBITUARIES

At press-time the Editor learned of the deaths of two longstanding American ornithologists—**Amelia R. Laskey** and **Albert F. Ganier**. Mrs. Laskey died suddenly at her home on 19 December 1973 and Mr. Ganier, the next day. Especially in years gone by, both contributed articles to *Bird-Banding* and were experts on the birdlife of Tennessee. Their loss from the ornithological world will be keenly felt.