

NOTES AND NEWS

Hawk Mountain Conference. The Hawk Migration Association of North America will hold its 1976 Conference at the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus. The campus is within a 10-minute drive of Hawk Ridge, one of the great hawk migration lookouts. Dates of the conference will be 2-5 September. Further details may be obtained from DR. P. B. HOFSLUND, *Biology Department, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minn. 55812.*

NSF/AOU Workshop on a National Plan for Ornithology. The National Science Foundation is supporting a two-year project, sponsored by the American Ornithologists' Union, entitled "A Workshop on a National Plan for Ornithology." The Workshop, financially administered by Washington State University and coordinated by James R. King and Walter J. Bock, will include 25 participants from throughout the United States and Canada. Its purpose is to inventory the resources, both intellectual and physical, of North American ornithology, to identify current strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend guidelines for its future development and support. The first conference session of the Workshop will convene at the 94th Stated Meeting of the AOU, at Philadelphia, in August 1976. This will be followed by two meetings of each of the six Workshop Panels (The Role of the Ornithological Societies and the Amateur Ornithologist; Ornithological Education; Communications Resources; Special Data Banks; and Obtaining and Utilizing Birds), and will conclude with a final conference meeting for the integration and summary of results in a report to the National Science Foundation and the ornithological community at large. Part of the Workshop inventory will consist of a questionnaire to be circulated as widely as possible among North American ornithologists. The success of the Workshop will be greatly aided by thoughtful and thorough responses from professionals and amateurs alike. An important goal of the Workshop will be an assessment of the role of amateur ornithologists, who are an important but under-utilized scientific resource.

The Workshop plan was originated by the AOU, but it is to be hoped that it will be regarded as a joint effort of all of the ornithological societies and of the ornithological community at large. It represents a unique opportunity for introspection, critical assessment, and identification of future directions.

New Banding Periodical. The Eastern and Western Bird Banding Associations have entered into a cooperative venture of publishing their quarterly journals together. *EBBA NEWS* and *Western Bird Bander* have been suspended; instead, a new periodical has emerged, *North American Bird Bander*. The new publication is professional in every way. It is photo-typeset, mostly in 10 pt. Melior, dual columns, with a section for EBBA, for WBBA, and a common section for both associations. The two editors, Mrs. Donald F. Radke (WBBA) and Frederick S. Schaeffer (EBBA) have more than 16 years combined experience in editing and coordinating bird banding publications. To receive this new publication, you must join either EBBA or WBBA (but not both). Active membership dues of \$6 for 1976 (*North American Bird Bander*, Vol. 1) may be mailed to MR. DAVIS H. CORCRAN, *EBBA Treasurer, 154 Lake Avenue, Fair Haven, N. J. 07701.*

Back Issues of Bird-Banding. Recently Jim Baird sent the Editor a memorandum dated 18 November 1966 which he (Jim) had mailed to Alex Bergstrom, the long-time former Editor of *Bird-Banding*. It read: "It seems to me that since back issues are apparently as scarce as they are that you ought to run a box in every issue of *Bird-Banding* requesting 1) that subscribers never throw *Bird-Banding* away but return copies to NEBBA and 2) that any individual with a complete set make provisions to will the set to NEBBA or otherwise provide for their safekeeping." Today some back issues and complete sets of *Bird-Banding* are either nonexistent or exceedingly difficult to obtain for individual purchasers or libraries. Please return any unwanted copies or address inquires to the Treasurer, MRS. LYDIA KENNARD, *R. R. 5, Box 150, Bedford, N.H. 03102.*