

NOTES AND NEWS

A comprehensive bibliography of the North and South American martins (*Progne* spp.) is currently in preparation. It will include all papers dealing solely or partly with martins, except local annotated check-lists. Authors wishing to save material included should send an abstract or reprint to CHARLES R. BROWN, Box 1309, Austin College, Sherman, Texas 75090.

Bergstrom Research Fund—The E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Fund of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association promotes research on birds. Small grants, each usually not more than \$200, are available to cover expenses but not salaries or overhead charges to institutions. Further details and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary (Ms. DEBORAH V. HOWARD, Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, c/o Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, Mass. 01773). The deadline for filing completed applications is 15 February 1978.

Bergstrom Awards during 1977 were presented to Katherine E. Caldwell, Studies of a heron and ibis nesting colony; Russell A. Charif, Energetic adaptation of caprimulgid birds to crepuscular activity; Francesca J. Cuthbert, Colony site selection by Great Lakes Caspian Terns; Steven L. Ekern, Avian diversity and abundance in a Wisconsin hardwood forest; Christopher J. Herlugson, Biology of sympatric populations of Western and Mountain bluebirds; Ann G. Rivers, Two aspects of the breeding biology of the Tree Swallow (*Iridoprocne bicolor*); Jeremy S. Wasser, Comparative feeding ecology of colonial shorebirds.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

COLOR-MARKED SANDHILL CRANES

During summers of 1975 through 1977, researchers at Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range on the Yukon-Kushokwim Delta, Alaska, banded and color-marked Lesser Sandhill Cranes. In July and August of each year, chicks were marked with black-numbered yellow collars and leg bands as well as standard Fish and Wildlife Service bands. To date, 10 resightings have been reported, yielding valuable information on migration routes and wintering areas. More information is needed on timing and pathways of migration, however. Observers are asked to report the date and location of sightings, size of the flocks with which marked birds were seen, whether color bands were on the birds' right or left legs and, if possible, the numbers on the collars and leg bands. Report sightings to CHERYL BOISE, *Wildlife Research Unit, Irving Building, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701*.

DATA ON THE SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION OF NORTH AMERICAN GULLS

We are developing a procedure whereby the U.S. Air Force can predict the potential seasonal hazard to aircraft represented by gulls in parts of North America. This knowledge will be used to schedule missions around high risk areas, thereby reducing the likelihood of bird/aircraft collisions. Supplemental data on local gull populations are needed from all parts of the continent. The assistance of field workers is solicited to aid us in this task. Please submit reports of your gull observations to DR. WILLIAM E. SOUTHERN, *Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill. 60115*. Data will be gathered for a 2-year period beginning 1 September 1977.

For each observation, please provide the following information: list of species present, approximate number of each species, precise locality description, dates observed, any information about causes for concentrations (e.g., sanitary landfill operation), and any details about the frequency of such concentrations in the respective areas. Information is sought from inland as well as coastal localities.