

## NOTES AND NEWS

**Opportunities to help NEBBA: the Goetz and Bergstrom funds.**—Persons wishing to support NEBBA beyond the usual forms of membership may want to consider donations, bequests, or memorial gifts to two important funds: the Goetz Fund and the Bergstrom Fund.

The Goetz Fund supports this publication. We wish to build the Goetz Fund to the point where its income will support editorial expenses and honorarium, thereby making these expenses independent of the dues-derived operating income.

The Bergstrom Fund, named in honor of a former editor, supports the annual Bergstrom Research Awards granted to applicants engaged in research in avian biology. Again, it is our intent to make the fund self supporting with annual income designated for awards.

Your generosity in contributing to the principals of both funds will be appreciated. When you write your dues check, you may designate an additional sum for either or both of these funds. All such gifts are tax deductible. Contributions to these funds are fitting ways to honor the memory of deceased banding associates. Beside cash, gifts of common stock on which you hold long-term gains may create favorable tax positions for you or your estate. By whatever form you choose to support these funds, any gift will give you the satisfaction of seeing income from your gift benefiting ornithological research and understanding. Please contact the treasurer: Ms. Elissa Landre, 278 Eliot Street, So. Natick, Mass. 01760.—Robert P. Yunick.

**Colonial Waterbird Group: Fifth Annual Meeting.**—The fifth annual meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Group will be held 22–25 October 1981. A symposium on the factors affecting reproductive success in colonial birds is planned, and papers may be submitted to our new journal—Colonial Waterbirds. Anyone wishing to contribute to the symposium should send an abstract to J. Burger by 1 August 1980. For information on contributing papers, please contact J. Burger, Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Abstracts for other papers must be received by 1 September 1980. For information on registration, please contact Brian Chapman, Department of Biology, Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412.

**Southeastern Coastal and Estuarine Birds: A Conference-Workshop** will be held 11–13 September 1981, near Georgetown, SC, at the Field Laboratory of the Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine Biology and Coastal Research, University of South Carolina. The meeting will focus on a total ecosystem approach and will assemble past and present federal, state, and academic researchers from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida in an attempt to determine levels and directions of current research. Anyone who has or is working on coastal and/or estuarine species in the region is invited to present original research results, either as a conventional or poster presentation. Preliminary results and presentations by graduate students are especially welcome, as are presentations concerning avian prey bases, avian competitors, etc. We hope the conference will serve as an information exchange as well as a forum on current coastal and estuarine bird research. A limited number of graduate student awards (room and registration fee waivers) are available. Questions concerning presentations and graduate student awards should be directed to Keith L. Bildstein, Program Chairman, Department of Biology, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC 29733 (803-323-2111). Information on registration and housing will be mailed to AOU, COS, and WOS members in the southeast, all others may be placed on a mailing list by writing Bobbie Christy, Local Chairman, Baruch Field Laboratory, P.O. Box 1630, Georgetown, SC 29440 (803-546-3623).

**Request for assistance: Yellow Warblers.**—I am interested in the apparent decline of Yellow Warblers (*Dendroica petechia*). Recently (1978), this species has been placed on the American Birds Blue List of species that appear to be declining in numbers. I am

interested in obtaining banding data to determine if a decline is occurring. If you have data on Yellow Warblers banded during the years 1970–1980, I would appreciate your urgent reply. Please indicate the number of birds banded, the location banded, the sex of the birds (if possible), and the year banded. Dominick A. DellaSala, 5200 Anthony Wayne Drive, Apt. 317, Detroit, MI 48202.

**In memoriam: Parker Reed.**—Parker Reed died of an apparent stroke 7 January 1981. During the 50s and 60s he was very active in NEBBA. He built simply beautiful traps for other banders. Several years ago, he donated part of his library to NEBBA. This donation included two complete sets of Bird-Banding, and a number of sets of other journals. Some of these were sold and part of the money was used to have these sets bound, one for the Editor, and one for the treasurer. His loss will be felt by many.