

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A cooperative International Shorebird Survey scheme has been organized by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Manomet Bird Observatory since 1974 to obtain information on shorebird migration and to identify and document areas of major importance. This scheme provided much valuable information on shorebird distribution and migration throughout eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America. Any observer able to participate in regular counts of shorebirds during spring and autumn migration periods, as well as during the winter, is asked to contact one of the undersigned. Counts from observers visiting shorebird areas on an irregular basis would also be welcome. For areas in Canada: Dr. R. I. G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ont. K1G 3Z7. For areas in U.S.A., Caribbean Is., Central and South America: Brian A. Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, MA 02345.

A new society whose purpose is to aid the conservation of the three bluebird species: eastern, western, and mountain has been organized. It was founded by Lawrence Zeleny, author of *The Bluebird How You Can Help Its Fight For Survival*, Indiana Univ. Press, 1976, and others concerned about the bluebird's plight. It will function throughout the continent. There are many individuals and groups now involved in erecting and monitoring bluebird nesting boxes. The value of coordinating these efforts and providing a clearinghouse of bluebird information, both of a scientific and popular nature, seems obvious. A quarterly publication is planned, as well as telling the bluebirds' story in other ways through the media.

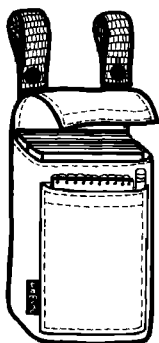
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