

# American Birds

March 1981



March 1981, Vol. 35, No. 2

# American Birds

*A bimonthly journal devoted to the birds of the Americas*

*Published by the National Audubon Society / Russell W. Peterson, Publisher*

## EDITORIAL ADVISORS

John W. Aldrich  
Mary H. Clench  
Eugene Eisenmann  
Thomas R. Howell  
Frances C. James  
Robert J. Newman  
Roger Tory Peterson  
Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.  
George Miksch Sutton  
Dale A. Zimmerman

## EDITORS

Robert S. Arbib, Jr./ *Editor*  
Susan Roney Drennan/ *Associate Editor*  
Lois Heilbrun/ *Christmas Bird Count*  
Chandler S. Robbins/ *Technical Editor*  
Willet T. Van Velzen/ *Breeding Bird Censuses*  
Calvin L. Cink and Roger L. Boyd/ *Winter Bird-Populations*  
Debra Bergen/ *Circulation Manager*  
Cheryl Boise/ *Assistant Editor*  
Karen Slotnick/ *Assistant Editor*  
Phyllis Lutyens/ *Editorial Assistant*

## INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS, ARTISTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS

AMERICAN BIRDS welcomes the submission of articles and photographs for publication.

Our major areas of interest are the changing distribution, population, migration, and rare occurrence of the avifauna of North and South America, including Middle America and the West Indies. We solicit articles on problems in field identification, in our "Site Guide" series of birding locales, in our "Centers of Learning" series that profiles institutions concerned with ornithology.

**ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS**—AMERICAN BIRDS is now able to publish more pages of illustrative material, both in color and black-and-white. We welcome submission of photographic essays or series of topical interest, high quality single photographs of significance, transparencies of paintings in color, as well as line or wash drawings that can be used in an illustrative or even decorative manner. We would like to hear from (with a sample or two) artists who might be willing to illustrate articles for us. As usual, documentary photographs will be used, when space permits, in our Changing Seasons and Regional Report sections.

For a "Work in Progress" column, we welcome notices of research projects seeking field reports or other collaboration; we publish advance notices of important conventions, meetings, symposia, seminars, and conferences.

All submissions will be carefully considered, but authors considering major submissions should correspond with the editors first. AMERICAN BIRDS publishes papers of a technical nature but only when written in a less-than-technical, easily readable style: *i.e.*, no complicated equations, lengthy tables, or complex graphs. Major articles should be limited to 3000 words; exceptions may be agreed upon after consultation. All material submitted should be original, and previously unpublished. Manuscripts should follow accepted rules of format and style, be typewritten, double-spaced, on white paper, with generous margins. Photographs should be glossy black-and-white or transparencies, clearly marked with author's name and address. We require the original typescript and one carbon copy. All manuscripts will be acknowledged, but authors must recognize that a backlog exists which may entail delayed publication after acceptance. Manuscripts are refereed before acceptance.

For further information address the editors at the American Birds offices, 950 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Telephone: 212-546-9189.

AMERICAN BIRDS is published six times a year. Editorial and business offices are located at 950 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Subscriptions: \$15 a year for the U.S.A. and \$18 (\$U.S.) foreign and Canada, \$16 libraries and institutions. Single copies: Christmas Bird Count (July) \$7.50 (\$9.50 foreign and Canada); Fall Migration (March), Winter Season (May), Spring Migration (September), Nesting Season (November), Winter Bird-Population Studies and Breeding Bird Censuses (January) \$2.00, (\$2.50 foreign and Canada). Checks and money order should be made payable to AMERICAN BIRDS. Second class postage paid at New York, N.Y. and additional Post Offices. Copyright © 1981 by the National Audubon Society, Inc.

*Postmaster: if undeliverable, please notify American Birds on Form 3579 at 950 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. ISSN: 004-7686*

The Table of Contents for this issue will be found on the inside back cover.

## Market Place

### BIRD ART

AMERICAN SONGBIRDS hand carved, hand painted. From \$60.00. Write for listing: Roderick Spangle, 24 Fifth Ave., Apt. 211, New York, NY 10011. \$1.00 brings photo.

ORIGINAL AUDUBON PRINTS Handcolored original bird and animal prints from all editions. Also Catesby. Write for catalogue: Audubon Prints, 9720 Spring Ridge Lane, Vienna, VA 22180.

### BIRDING GUIDE SERVICES

"APACHERIA GUIDE SERVICE" Quality guiding to the best birding areas of Southeastern Arizona. Brochure: P.O. Box 861, Patagonia, Arizona 85624. (602) 394-2456.

### STAMPS

BIRDS ON POSTAGE STAMPS from many countries. 25 different 35¢. Free list. GEO. FORD, P.O. Box 5203-A, Gulfport, Fla. 33737.

### OPTICAL EQUIPMENT

LEITZ, ZEISS, B&L, SWIFT, BUSHNELL, NIKON, OPTOLYTH OPTICS and accessories. Send stamp for discount list. Specify literature desired. Large stock. Orders filled day received. Postpaid. BIRDING, Box 5-E, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

### "THE BEST OF THE REST"

## *Birding News Survey*

A handy collection of practical birding articles. Quarterly. Over 500 sources. \$8 a year. Outside U.S., add \$2. FREE sample.

Avian Publications, Inc.

P.O. Box 310

Elizabethtown, KY 42701

### SLIDES

BIRDERS—Supplement your slide collection, enhance your presentations. Highest quality 35mm slides from the collection of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Most North American species, leading bird photographers. Free list. Write PHOTOS, 159 Sapsucker Woods, Ithaca, NY 14850.

BIRD IDENTIFICATION SLIDES: Hand held and close-up by professional photographer. Catalog and sample slide \$1. Hundertmark Associates. Dept. AB. 223 Morningside NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

### FEEDERS

WILD BIRD FEEDERS. 99% Squirrel-proof! Free catalog. Chunk suet feeders, \$10.ppd. DIALABIRD, 554B Chestnut St., Westwood, NJ 07675.

### BOOKS

BIRD BOOKS are our specialty. Please send \$1., for a comprehensive catalog. BUTEO BOOKS, P.O. Box 481, Vermillion SD 57069.

BOOKS on Birds and Natural History subjects, new and out-of-print. Free Catalog. PETERSEN BOOK CO., Box 966, Davenport, IA 52805, formerly Pierce Book Co.

BIRDING EAST OR WEST AFRICA, SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE GALAPAGOS? Send \$2.00 for an extensive, annotated catalogue of out of print, rare and new bird books (including latest foreign field guides). Bird books bought. PATRICIA LEDLIE—bookseller, Box 46, Buckfield, ME 04220, 207-336-2969.

SPECIALIZED AND IMPORTED BIRD BOOKS. We are the nation's largest supplier of bird books. We offer 350 titles covering all aspects of aviculture and ornithology. Many titles on birds of foreign countries. Please send \$1 (refundable) for our latest catalog. Avian Publications, Dept ABM, 310 Maria Drive, Wausau, WI 54401, 715-845-5101.

### TRAVEL

FLORIDA KEYS YACHT FLOTTILLA—a luxury sailing adventure for single travelers, Jan 11-17, 1982. Blue Sky Adventures, Dept. AB3, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

*Now Available*

## Pelagic Birds in the Gulf of Maine

*with notes on the identification of 28 species of western North Atlantic pelagics*

*Davis W. Finch, William C. Russell and Edward V. Thompson*

AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAN BIRDS, 950 THIRD AVE., NEW YORK,  
N.Y. 10022 \$3.00 Post Paid

MARCH 1981, VOLUME 35, NUMBER 2

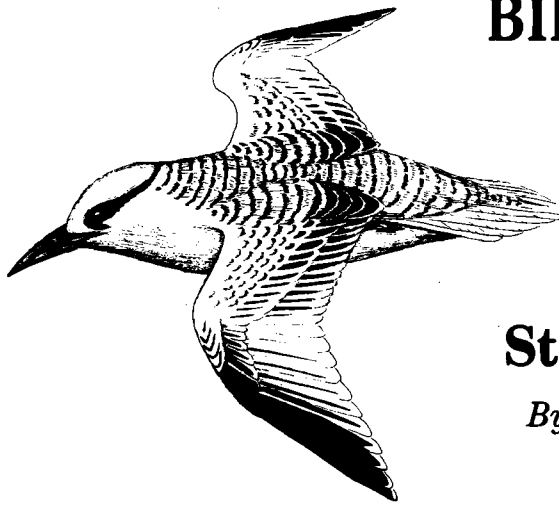
CONTENTS

- 119 The avifauna of the Pond Inlet region, N.W.T./*Wayne E. Renaud, W. Gavin Johnston and Kerwin J. Finley.*
- 130 Ninth in the Fuertes print series, with notes by Frank M. Chapman
- 132 Site Guide: Pond Inlet, Baffin Island, N.W.T./*Wayne E. Renaud*
- 135 The diurnal migration of passerines along an Appalachian ridge/*George A. Hall and Ralph K. Bell*
- 139 An avian fallout and the first Massachusetts records for Black-chinned Hummingbird and Lucy's Warbler/*Richard S. Heil*
- 142 New records of bird species for Puerto Rico and one for the West Indies/*Herbert A. Raffaele*
- 144 Additional records and notes of birds in the Virgin Islands/*Robert L. Norton*
- 147 First North American photographic record of the Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*)/*William A. Montevocchi, Bruce Mactavish and Ian R. Kirkham*
- 148 Nesting of the Great-tailed Grackle in Nebraska/*Craig A. Faanes and Wayne Norling*
- 150 The Changing Seasons/*George A. Hall*

*The Autumn Migration: August 1-November 30, 1980*

- 157 Northeastern Maritime Region/*Peter D. Vickery*
- 160 Quebec Region/*Normand David and Michel Gosselin*
- 162 Hudson-Delaware Region/*Robert O. Paxton, William J. Boyle, Jr., and David. A. Cutler*
- 166 Middle Atlantic Coast Region/*Henry T. Armistead*
- 170 Southern Atlantic Coast Region/*Harry E. LeGrand, Jr.*
- 172 Florida Region/*Lyn S. and Brooks H. Atherton*
- 176 Ontario Region/*Clive E. Goodwin*
- 179 Niagara-Champlain Region/*Douglas P. Kibbe*
- 181 Appalachian Region/*George A. Hall*
- 184 Western Great Lakes Region/*Daryl D. Tessen*
- 187 Middlewestern Prairie Region/*Vernon M. Kleen*
- 191 Central Southern Region/*Robert D. Purrington*
- 195 Prairie Provinces Region/*Wayne C. Harris*
- 196 Northern Great Plains Region/*Esther M. Serr*
- 198 Southern Great Plains Region/*Frances Williams*
- 201 South Texas Region/*Fred S. Webster, Jr.*
- 204 Northwestern Canada Region/*Helmut Grünberg*
- 205 Northern Rocky Mountain-Intermountain Region/*Thomas H. Rogers*
- 208 Mountain West Region/*Hugh E. Kingery*
- 211 Southwest Region/*Kenneth V. Rosenberg, John P. Hubbard and Gary H. Rosenberg*
- 214 Alaska Region/*Daniel D. Gibson*
- 216 Northern Pacific Coast Region/*Eugene S. Hunn and Philip W. Mattocks, Jr.*
- 219 Middle Pacific Coast Region/*Jules Evens and Ron LeValley*
- 225 Southern Pacific Coast Region/*Guy McCaskie*
- 230 Hawaiian Islands Region/*Robert L. Pyle and C. John Ralph*
- 231 West Indies Region/*Robert L. Norton*
- 233 The Great Black-backed Gull: a Gulf Coast status review/*Robert A. Duncan*
- 235 Caution needed in use of playbacks to census bird populations/*Martin K. McNicholl*
- 236 Sooty Tern nest found near Cape Lookout, N.C./*John O. Fussell, III, T.L. Quay and R.J. Hader*
- 237 The Last Word

COVER PHOTOGRAPH—Nest and eggs of Baird's Sandpiper, the most abundant breeding shorebird at Pond Inlet, Baffin Island, N.W.T. During the breeding season the species is surprisingly "tame" and will often allow approach to within 20-30 feet of the nest. The flowering plant is Woolly Lousewort, *Pedicularis lanata*. Photo/*Wayne Renaud*.



# BIRDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Status and Distribution

*By Kimball Garrett and Jon Dunn*

*with line drawings by Lee Jones*

Not since Grinnell and Miller's *The Distribution of the Birds of California* was published in 1944 has there been such a definitive treatment of the status and distribution of southern California's birds. This 400 page book contains species by species accounts of the 500+ birds recorded in this rich area. Essential for the casual birder as well as the serious student of distribution; a must for the occasional visitor as well as the long-time resident.

### Featuring:

- Bar Graphs: Month by month status of each species for quick reference
- Maps: Showing the breeding ranges of selected species
- Complete Species Accounts: Information on breeding range, habitats, seasonal movements, unusual records, and more
- Additional Material on habitats, population trends, bird movements, literature, species recorded only from northern California, etc.



The **Birds of Southern California** is available in hard cover for \$18.95. Add \$1.25 for postage and handling. California residents add 6% sales tax (\$1.14).

Send checks payable to LAAS to:  
"Southern California Birds"  
Los Angeles Audubon Society  
7377A Santa Monica Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

*Published by the  
Los Angeles Audubon Society*