

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND GRANTS

Two grant programs are available from NALF for support of new or current research, management, or education projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America.

The Robert J. Lurtsema Research Award offers a \$1000 stipend annually for a suitable research project focused on a member of the Family Gaviidae. Preference will be given to students and independent researchers whose other sources of funding are limited.

Modest grants in support of research, management, or educational projects directly related to the conservation of Common Loons as a breeding species are also available. Proposals in the range of \$500 to \$3000 are most likely to be considered for funding. Further guide-

lines are available upon request from the NALF Grants Committee. Deadline for submission of proposals is January 31, 1987. Funding awards will be announced by March 15. Submit guideline requests to: North American Loon Fund Grants Committee, North American Loon Fund, Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253.

## WISCONSIN LOON PROJECT

Wisconsin Project Loon Watch is offering a \$1000 grant for research on Common Loons in the Lake Superior/Michigan region. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their potential to better understand and manage Common Loon populations in the Upper Great Lakes. A description (no more than 10 pages) of the proposed research

and a *curriculum vitae* should be sent to: Paul I.V. Strong, Coordinator, Wisconsin Project Loon Watch, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Northland College, Ashland, WI 54806. Students applying for the grant should include two letters of recommendation. Deadline for proposals is February 15, 1987.

## MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION GRANT AVAILABLE

The Maryland Ornithological Society announces one year research grants for ornithological research to be conducted in the state of Maryland. Either ornithological research anywhere in the state or ecological research at one of our sanctuaries is acceptable. Grants are for not more than \$500. If the research is to be done at or near one of our sanctuaries, it may be possible to provide accommodations at nominal cost.

This year there are two application periods. The deadlines are December 1, 1986 and May 1, 1987.

For application guidelines and further information write to Margaret Hubbard Jones, Chairman, M.O.S. Research Committee, Route 1, Box 325, Golts MD 21637. Applicants will be notified approximately two weeks after each deadline.

## CONSERVATION EXPEDITION COMPETITION

The International Council for Bird Preservation will contribute up to \$1000 to the two best proposals for conservation based ornithological work abroad. Proposals must have clearance from the host government as well as a local counterpart. For details and entry forms, send \$3.00 to ICBP, 219C Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3, ODL, England. Proposals must be submitted no later than January 31, 1987. University teams are encouraged to enter.

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#### 4th ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY GRANTS

Three annual grants totalling \$5000 are available for research on cavity nesting species, particularly on the genus *Sialia*. Applications and guidelines can be obtained from Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, ND 58746. Deadline for applications is December 1, 1986.

#### DOVE ORIGINS AND AFFINITIES UNDER STUDY

Now that it is recognized that more than one species of *Streptopelia* dove is present in Florida, their origins and affinities are being investigated. Any sightings of Ringed Turtle-Doves or similar species, exclusive of the colony at St. Petersburg, should be reported to: William Smith, P.O. Box 1341, Homestead, FL 33090. Please include locations and dates.

#### HERON GROUP ORGANIZED

A Heron Specialists Group has been organized under the auspices of the International Council for Bird Preservation and the International Waterfowl Bureau. A similar group for the eastern hemisphere has been operating since 1982. Anyone with an interest in the conservation, management and biology of herons should contact James A. Kushlan, Dept. of Biological Sciences, East Texas State University, Commerce, TX 75428.

#### BLUEBIRD GRANT RECIPIENTS

The 1986 winners of the North American Bluebird Society's third annual research grant awards were: R. Craig Hensley and Anthony J. Saverno (Bluebird Grant); Barry A. Bermudez, Jeffrey R. Waters, and Gregg Zuberbier (General Grant); and Karen J. Wilson (Student Grant).



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Report of the Advisory Panel  
on the  
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**AUDUBON REPORT ON THE  
SPOTTED OWL**

The Advisory Panel that was jointly appointed by the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society and the National Audubon Society has issued its report on the Spotted Owl (Audubon Conservation Report #7).

The report assessed the status of the Spotted Owl, specifies priorities for future research, and identifies management strategies for maintaining a viable Spotted Owl population over the long-term.

Copies of the report can be obtained by sending \$7.50 to: The National Audubon Society, 115 Indiana Mound Trail, Tavernier, FL 33070.

**BARN OWL BROCHURE**

"A Closer Look—Portrait of a Barn Owl" was recently published by ICI Americas, Inc. This publication is available free-of-charge and includes a recording of owl calls. To obtain a copy, write to ICI Americas, Environmental and External Affairs, Wilmington, Delaware 19897.

**NEW NAME FOR  
JAPANESE JOURNAL**

The Japanese ornithological journal *Tori* is changing its name beginning with the 1986 volume (Vol. 35). The first issue of *The Japanese Journal of Ornithology* will be published in the fall.

**MANOMET PRESENTS AWARDS**

The winners of the 1986 Kathleen S. Anderson Award for ornithological research have been selected by the Manomet Bird Observatory. They are: Carlola A. Haas (Cornell) and Gonzalo Castro (University of Pennsylvania).



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