

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COOPER MEETING

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will take place at Asilomar, California, on March 18-21, 1988.

## HAWK MIGRATION CONFERENCE

The Hawk Migration Association of North America will hold its Fifth Conference April 7-10, 1988, at The Grand Hotels, Cape May, New Jersey. For information, contact Clay Sutton, c/o Cape May Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 3, Cape May Point, New Jersey 08212. To obtain information on presenting papers and poster sessions, contact: Diann MacRae, 22622 53rd Avenue, Southeast, Bothell, MA 98021.

## ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Association of Field Ornithologists (formerly NEBBA) will hold its annual meeting May 13-15, 1988, at the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences in Woodstock, Vermont. Housing and the Saturday evening banquet will be at nearby Kedron Valley Inn. The meeting will include invited and contributed papers, workshops, and field trips. For information about the meeting, contact: Sarah B. Loughlin, AFO Local Committee Chair, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock, VT 05091 (802/457-2779). For information about the scientific program, contact: Peter F. Cannell, Program Committee Chair, Division of Birds, NHB 116, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560 (202/357-2334).

## WILSON MEETING

The Centennial Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society will take place at Rosemont College in suburban Philadelphia June 9-12, 1988. One of the main events of the meeting will be an international symposium, organized by Frank Gill and Millicent Ficken, on

the biology of the Paridae. There will be a complete program of historical talks, exhibits, social events, and more. The centennial day is to be held at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. Frank B. Gill will chair the Committee on Arrangements; Jerome Jackson chairs the Centennial Committee; and Richard C. Banks is Scientific Program Committee Chair.

## AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION TO MEET

The 106th Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will take place in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on August 15-18, 1988. Scientific Program Committee Chair is Gary Schnell. Douglas A. James and Kimberly Smith are co-chairing the local committee.

## XX ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The XX Ornithological Congress will meet in Christchurch, New Zealand, December 2-9, 1988. To obtain the First Circular and a pre-Congress questionnaire, contact Dr. Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, XX International Ornithological Congress, Department of Zoology, Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand.

## TWO GROUPS TO MEET

The American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society will hold a joint meeting in Los Angeles, California, in June 1990.

## ENDANGERED PRAIRIE SPECIES WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

One-third of all the rare, threatened, and endangered species in Canada were once regular inhabitants of the prairie grasslands. Plowing native prairie for agriculture virtually eliminated the grassland habitat on which these species

depend. A three-day workshop was held to discuss the conservation and management needs of endangered prairie habitats and wildlife at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, Edmonton, in January 1986. Sponsored by the Federation of Alberta Naturalists, the workshop included 90 speakers from 30 organizations. Proceedings from this workshop are now available.

The Proceedings include 83 papers on endangered habitats and most threatened and endangered wildlife in the three prairie provinces. The papers on habitat confirmed that over 75% of all prairie habitats have been plowed, grazed or urbanized. Over 95% of mixed grass prairie has been irreparably disturbed. The papers on individual species discussed the status of each species, its current management, the need for a recovery plan, and future conservation needs. To order copies of the proceedings of the Workshop on the Endangered Species in the Prairie Provinces, Occasional Paper #9 (1987), send \$10 per copy (U.S. orders add \$3.00 postage; overseas orders add \$8. postage for each order) to: Edmonton Natural History Club, Box 1582, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N9.

## MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1988 RESEARCH GRANT

The Maryland Ornithological Society announces the availability of 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 the Society's sanctuaries is acceptable. Grants are usually \$500. or less. If research is to be done at one of the Sanctuaries, it may be possible to obtain accommodations at a nominal cost. Students are encouraged to apply. For application guidelines and further information, write: Maryland Ornithological Society, Attn: Research Committee, Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209. Deadline for applications is May 1, 1988.

## PEREGRINE FALCON SURVEY

During the summer of 1988, serious birders can join a unique research expedition in southeast Utah. Co-sponsored by the Utah Audubon Society, Four Corners School of Outdoor Education, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, the project expects to survey half a million acres over the next three years. Teams of 8 to 12 individuals will survey the red rock canyon country of Utah for nests of the endangered Peregrine Falcon and other raptors. The cost of participating is \$740. (tax deductible according to current IRS regulations). Dates are: June 11-20 and June 24-July 3.

From a remote basecamp outside of Monticello, Utah, searchers will travel by foot and 4-wheel drive to backcountry areas to seek out raptor nests. Some nights will be spent away from basecamp in the cool pines near Kigalia Guard Station at an elevation of 8400 feet. Participants will search in groups of three with one specialist. Search areas include Arch Canyon, Texas Canyon, and the canyons of the upper Dark Canyon Plateau Wilderness Area. To date, no work has been conducted on raptors on public lands in southeast Utah. Interested individuals should contact: Janet Ross, East Route, Monticello, UT 84535 (801/587-2859).

## PIPING PLOVER WINTER DISTRIBUTION SURVEY

A winter ecology and distribution study is being conducted which involves extensive surveying of both the Atlantic and Gulf coast states during two consecutive field seasons: December-March 1986-1987 and December-March 1987-1988. Please report any sightings (date, location, and banding information) to: Janice Nicholls, Department of Zoology and Wildlife, 331 Funchess Hall, Auburn, Alabama 36849-4201

## INFORMATION ON RUFF MIGRATION SOUGHT

I am interested in obtaining detailed descriptions and/or color photographs of spring Ruffs in breeding plumage, as well as the dates and locations of these sightings. I am primarily concerned with the United States and Canadian occurrences east of the Rocky Mountains and in northern Alaska since 1983. I hope to use this information for an article in *American Birds* on migration and possible breeding of ruffs in North America. All contributions will be acknowledged whether or not they appear in print. Please send all material to: Jim Hayes, 33 Harley Place, Saddle Brook, NJ 07662.

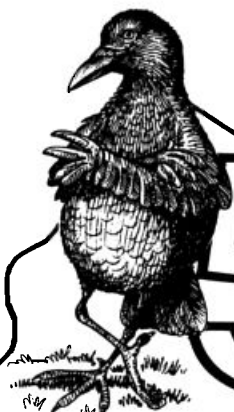
## ENDANGERED SPECIES

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service added the Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) to the Endangered Species List in October 1987. Habitat losses as well as Cowbird parasitism are considered the two major threats to the species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also plans to propose the populations of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo west of the Rocky Mountains as Endangered. The Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*) is also expected to be listed as Endangered.

## ICBP NEWSLETTER

The United States Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation publishes *U.S. Birdwatch*, a newsletter sent to members and contributors to the Section. Information can be obtained from Frances Spivey-Weber, ICBP, National Audubon Society, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

The New Jersey Audubon Society challenges the birders of North America and the United Kingdom to cross this line . . .



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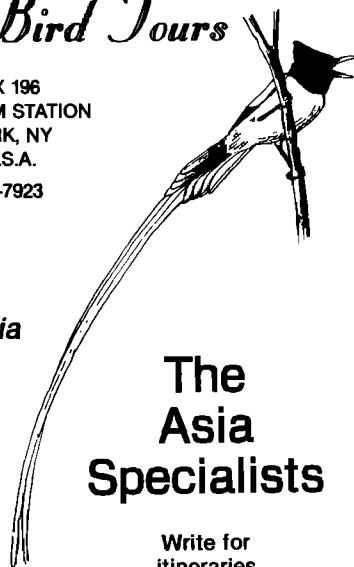
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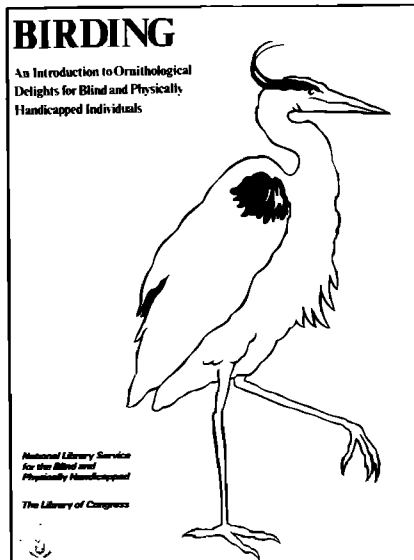
2-24 January  
Leaders: Ben King,  
Phil Round

### WEST CHINA Tour (NO camping!) Giant Panda Reserve

West Sichuan (Szechuan)  
29 April-22 May  
Leader: Ben King

## NEW BIRDING BOOKLET FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped recently published the first in a projected series of leisure activity booklets, "Birding: An Introduction to Ornithological Delights for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals."



The booklet discusses the "possibilities of birding" as a hobby for blind and physically handicapped people. It includes the importance and variety of bird sounds; a selection of recorded and braille books available through regional and subregional libraries; sources of commercial bird song recordings, and birding clubs. The booklet also introduces a group of visually impaired mid-western birders.

The birding booklet is available upon request from the Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542.



## "SPLENDID PLUMAGE" BIRD ILLUSTRATION EXHIBIT

An exhibition of ornithological illustrations is currently on display at the New York Public Library. The exhibition, "Splendid Plumage: Bird Illustrations, 1550-1900 from the New York Public Library" is being sponsored by Christian Dior and the National Endowment for the Arts. Approximately 160 illustrations from books and plates devoted to the depiction, description, and classification of birds are presented chronologically. These range from woodcuts and wood engravings to uncolored and colored metal engravings, and lithographs. Included are illustrations by John James Audubon, Charles Darwin, John Gould, and Francois Levaillant, among others. The exhibition will remain on view through May 7.



A hand-colored lithograph of a magnificently feathered pheasant from Daniel Giraud Eliot's "A Monograph of the Phasianidae" (1870-1872) from the New York Public Library Exhibition—"Splendid Plumage" (reproduced here in black and white). Photo/Philip Pocock.