

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas

Are you planning a birding vacation to the Canadian Maritimes this summer? The Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas is looking for knowledgeable field birders or those with previous atlasing experience to help them map the distribution of the region's breeding birds. The work is of a volunteer nature, but the Atlas may be able to offer free accommodation in certain areas. A knowledge of canoeing and outdoor camping would be an asset, but is certainly not required.

For more information on how you can turn a birding vacation into an enduring scientific contribution, contact Brian Dalzell, Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas, % Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 3A6 (902-429-4610).

College of Natural Resources Symposium

The College of Natural Resources at Utah State University is sponsoring a symposium, "Global Climate Change and Natural Resource Implications for the Intermountain West."

The symposium will be held on April 21, 1989 in conjunction with Natural Resources Week. Guest speakers will be addressing the implications of global climate change relative to water resources, animal habitat, fire regime, rangeland and agriculture, and land management policy. For additional information, contact Dean's Office, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, 84322 (801-750-2445).

Private Grants for Field Research

In 1990, Earthwatch will award grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 for 110 projects addressing significant questions in the sciences and humanities. The Center for Field Research invites scholars engaged in ornithological field research to apply for awards of funds and volunteer staff. Proposals will be considered from scholars of

any nationality, covering any geographical region.

All funds are derived from the contributions of participating volunteers selected from the Earthwatch membership; therefore, non-specialist volunteers must be integrated into the research design.

Preliminary proposals can be made by telephone or by a detailed letter to the Center. Upon favorable review, full proposals will be invited to be submitted 12 months before the proposed fielding date of the project.

For further information, contact The Center for Field Research, 680 Mount Auburn Street, P.O. Box 403, Watertown, MA 02272 (617-926-8200).

Oriental Bird Club

The Oriental Bird Club is a new organization catering to all those interested in Oriental birds and their conservation. Established in 1985, the club now has a growing membership which presently stands at more than 700. The club's region of interest embraces the entire Indian subcontinent, South East Asia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and much of Indonesia and China.

The club is open to all ornithologists throughout the world who share an interest in the region's birds and their conservation. Members receive two bulletins and a journal "Forktail" annually, keeping them in touch with the latest developments in Oriental ornithology.

For more information, write OBC, c/o Dr. R. Kennedy, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, 1720 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Membership costs \$15 annually.

XX International Ornithological Congress Meeting

The XX International Ornithological Congress will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, on December 2-9, 1990. The congress program will include seven plenary lectures, 48 symposia, contributed papers (spoken and poster), workshops, round-table discussions and films.

There will be a mid-Congress excursion day. Longer tours are planned to interesting ornithological sites in New Zealand before and after the congress, including the post congress cruises to sub-antarctic islands.

The Second and Final Circular of the congress will be available from October 1, 1989 and will include the registration papers and forms for submitting papers. In late 1990, New Zealand will also host the 20th World Conference of the International Council for Bird Preservation in Hamilton on November 21-27, 1990 and a Pacific Festival of Nature Films in Dunedin on November 27 to December 1, 1990.

For more information, contact Dr. Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, XX International Ornithological Congress, School of Biological Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington, P.O. Box 600, Wellington, New Zealand.

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