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REQUEST FOR HERONRY INFORMATION

Will you please bring the following statement to the attention of any of your contributors, or supply us with their name and address:

At the top of the aquatic foodchain, the Great Blue Heron may well be an important indicator species. The Laboratory of Ornithology is planning a nation-wide survey of this species.

The first step will be to compile an inventory of heronries. To this end, we appeal to all contributors with knowledge on this point to write to us. Information may be recent or old; detailed or sketchy. Even "I remember seeing a heronry as a boy" is helpful if the site is remembered well enough to locate on a topographic map.

We hope that this inventory will contain the exact locality of the heronry, a general description of the site, and as much history as possible. We hope that this stage of the program can be completed by the winter so that arrangements can be made for census work in the 1972 breeding season.

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BIRD ALERT – REQUEST FOR BROWN PELICAN INFORMATION

During the summers of 1970 and 1971, we banded and color-marked some 3000 young brown pelicans on their breeding grounds in the Gulf of California. The information to be gained from these efforts should provide, in the next few years, valuable data concerning year-round movements of brown pelicans on the Pacific Coast – providing that interested people report their observations to us. These data are of interest from two viewpoints:

1. to add basic ecological data to the literature of brown pelicans, and
2. to determine areas of possible pesticide contamination.

The plastic tags we used were of 6 colors: white, lavender, orange, pink chartreuse, and dark green; these represent pelicans banded and marked at Bahia Paballon, San Pedro Martir, San Loranzo Norte, Piojo, Puerto Refugio, and San Luis, respectively. The white, dark green, orange and lavender markers are streamers attached to leather pieces which are, in turn, attached to locking, aluminum leg bands. The leather piece usually shows up first, as a dark area or object on the bird's leg, then the color becomes evident (the color streamers are ½" by 7"). The pink and chartreuse streamers are simply knotted to the band and require closer observations. All markers should be visible on either flying or sitting birds.

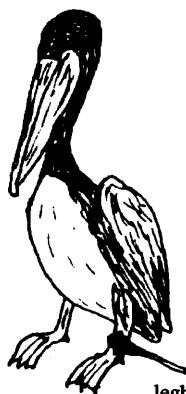
If you see any marked birds, we would greatly appreciate a report of your sighting. The information we request is: date of sighting, color(s) seen, number

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of birds of each color, location, and approximate flock-size the marked birds were in. If you really feel ambitious, additional information of interest would be the number of adult birds (white on head, dark on belly) and juvenile birds (dark or brown head, light colored belly) present. Any information you can provide will be deeply appreciated and we are counting on you. Even fragmentary reports may prove to be extremely valuable, so don't be bashful.

Please report sightings and any other pelican information to: Dr. D. W. Anderson, U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P. O. Box C, Davis, California 95616. Your reports will be acknowledged.

immature



legband
and streamer



adult in
winter
plumage



adult in
breeding
plumage

If you happen to find dead birds along the coast, we would appreciate being informed, as well. If possible, the bird should be frozen and we can then pick it up for autopsy and residue analysis. We are trying to obtain carcasses from the entire California coast to determine *all* causes of death for pelicans – so even accidental and oil-spill deaths are requested.

Again thank you, and remember – we are counting on you!
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

XVI INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The International Ornithological Committee agreed at the end of the XV International Ornithological Congress in the Hague, Netherlands, that the next Congress would be held in Australia in 1974. Professor J. Dorst was appointed President. The Australian invitation had been proffered jointly by the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union and the Australian Academy of Science.

The Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union appointed Dr. H. J. Frith as Secretary-General and an Australian Advisory Committee has been formed. After close examination of the possibilities the Australian Advisory Committee

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has decided that the XVI International Ornithological Congress should be held in the Australian National University in Canberra in the period 12 August to 17 August 1974. A programme of scientific sessions, major and minor excursions and ornithological exhibits will be organized.

Applications for membership will be accepted until March 1, 1974. Applications for the presentation of papers and for arranging Specialist's Meetings should reach the Secretary-General not later than February 1, 1974. It is probable that, apart from those presented by invitation in a Symposium, there will be some selection of the papers that are actually read. Accordingly it is essential that each offer of a paper should be accompanied by a summary of about 200 words.

Information regarding the XVI International Ornithological Congress can be had from —

The Secretary-General,
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Manuscripts should be sent to Guy McCaskie, San Diego Natural History Museum, Box 1390, San Diego, California 92112. Use of the Style Manual for Biological Journals is suggested as a guide in preparing manuscripts. Fifty reprints of each article are provided free of charge. Arrangements for additional reprints may be made at the time manuscripts are submitted; the additional cost will be borne by the contributor.

Rare bird reports should be sent to Jon Winter, Secretary, Rare Bird Committee, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Mesa Rd., Bolinas, California 94924.

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