

BULLETIN BOARD

FIRST ANNUAL WFO PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT- 1980 ANNUAL MEETING

It was obvious, to those who attended the 1979 annual meeting in Monterey this February and partook of the marvelously illustrated presentations on bird biology, distribution and identification, that we have some very talented wildlife photographers within our membership. In fact, we suspect that there is even more talent lurking out there among our members than is manifest by the photography skills exhibited at our gatherings. To coax these "shrinking violets" out into the open, we announce the first annual WFO Bird Photography Exhibit, which will be open to all WFO members at our annual meeting in Santa Barbara, California, 16-17 February 1980.

The exhibit coordinators especially solicit entries from those who have a few excellent bird photos, but perhaps not enough on one subject to prepare a slide presentation for our paper sessions.

We suggest entries of either black-and-white or color prints of at least 5 by 7 inch size (preferably larger). We ask each member to limit his entries to no more than six prints. These entries may be of various unrelated birds, or perhaps a short 'picture-story' featuring a single species. Good quality "Mystery Bird" quiz photos are definitely welcome and will provide enjoyment, education and perhaps heated discussion.

Members who care to submit photos, but who are unable to attend, may forward their entries to the exhibit coordinators shortly prior to the annual meeting (exactly when and where to be announced). Their entries will be returned by mail after the meeting.

For further information (or to submit suggestions) write: Bruce Elliott, 9825 Clover Trail, Salinas, CA 93907.

Here is a superior opportunity to get that "great shot" before a group that will *really* appreciate it!

SYMPOSIUM ON ESTIMATING POPULATIONS OF TERRESTRIAL BIRDS

A symposium will be held 27-30 October 1980 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds near Monterey, California to bring together biologists and statisticians interested in estimating bird populations in terrestrial communities. Expected to sponsor the symposium are the Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest Service, as well as other agencies and organizations. The symposium will focus on: 1) the methods of estimating populations (both absolute and relative measures of density); 2) design of censuses and sampling; 3) data collection and analysis; 4) assumptions and biases; 5) special problems of species groups.

Additionally, a series of overview papers will assess the validity and applicability of various census methods in areas of current active research. Interchange of ideas will be facilitated by invited and voluntary papers, poster sessions and field trips. The proceedings of the symposium will be published promptly.

The members of the organizing committee are: John T. Emlen, Joseph Hickey, Cameron Kepler, C. J. Ralph, Fred Ramsey, Harry Recher, Chandler S. Robbins, J. Michael Scott, Jared Verner and John A. Wiens. For further information contact the co-chairmen, Drs. Ralph or Scott at: Bird Census Symposium, P. O. Box 43, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii 96718.

Botteri's Sparrow in California

... No, not yet. But since the Arizona population of the species is migratory, a vagrant Botteri's *could* reach California ... or Washington ... or Colorado ...

The available field guides suggest that Botteri's can hardly be distinguished from Cassin's Sparrow except by song. Suppose you find one of these nondescript *Aimophila* in your territory: how will you identify it?

Field Identification

is a major topic in *Continental Birdlife*, the dynamic new journal of North American field ornithology. The Botteri's/Cassin's Sparrow complex is just one of the many field problems to be treated in forthcoming issues. Also featured are timely articles on distribution, notes on rarities, updates on endangered species, and reviews of recent literature.

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