

BULLETIN BOARD

BIRD CENSUS SYMPOSIUM

The Symposium on "Estimating Populations of Terrestrial Birds" will be held 26-31 October, 1980 at Asilomar near Monterey, California. The invited papers, given by authors from the United States, Canada, Europe, New Zealand and Australia, will cover a wide range of subjects. The principal topics will be the problems, methods and analyses of bird censusing. There will be a variety of field trips during and after the Symposium to explore methods of censusing and habitats of coastal and interior California. The Asilomar conference grounds, located in a state park on the coast near Monterey Bay, provide an attractive and stimulating setting. For further information write the Symposium organizers: Dr. C. John Ralph and Dr. J. Michael Scott, Bird Census Symposium, P.O. Box 43, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii 96718.

WESTERN FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

FALL PELAGIC TRIPS

MONTEREY BAY—SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER 1980

Storm-petrel numbers peak at the beginning of October in Monterey Bay, usually with thousands of Ashy and Black storm-petrels. Wilson's, Fork-tailed and Least storm-petrels have been found in recent years associating with the great storm-petrel flocks. Galapagos Storm-Petrel has also been recorded. Other species we will likely encounter are Black-footed Albatross, Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed, New Zealand (Buller's), Manx and Sooty shearwaters, South Polar Skua, Parasitic and Pomarine jaegers, Sabine's Gull, Arctic Tern, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Rhinoceros and Cassin's auklets and Xantus' Murrelet. Past trips have also produced Short-tailed and Flesh-footed shearwaters, Tufted Puffin, Craveri's and Ancient murrelets, Long-tailed Jaeger and Thick-billed Murre. Streaked Shearwater has been observed three years in a row (1976-78). Whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions and Sea Otters are usually seen.

LEADERS: Joe Morlan, Richard Webster

MONTEREY BAY—SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1980

Shearwater numbers will still be high, with an increased probability of observing Short-tailed Shearwaters. The number of Northern Fulmars will have increased. Alcids numbers will be increasing; Ancient Murrelets are more likely on this trip. The storm-petrel flock will have decreased since the beginning of the month, but most species should still be easily found. Otherwise, expected species are similar to those of the 4 October trip.

LEADERS: Lee Jones, John Luther

INFORMATION FOR BOTH TRIPS:

Leave 8 a.m., return 3 p.m. Two boats. \$18.50 per person for WFO members and their families; \$26.00 per person for non-members. * Reservations will be accepted POSTMARKED 18 August 1980 OR LATER, in order of postmark dates (see below). Weather is unpredictable and can be very rough.

RESERVATIONS:

Reservations for either trip may be made on or after 18 August 1980 by sending a check or money order payable to Western Field Ornithologists, c/o Don Roberson, 1141 Lighthouse Ave. #421, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. The full name of all persons for whom you are making a reservation and a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE must accompany your request. If you are becoming a new member, be sure to include your full name and address. Send reservations for each trip separately. No verbal reservations will be accepted. Refunds CANNOT be made if notification of cancellation is not made at least 72 hours before departure time.

*Includes one-year membership and subscription to WESTERN BIRDS.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

We missed those of you who could not attend our 1980 annual meeting in Santa Barbara. The following excellent talks were presented:

An Armchair Pelagic Trip - Rich Stallcup

Range Expansion of the Brown-headed Cowbird in the Sierra Nevada:

Potential Threat to Avifauna? - Stephen I. Rothstein

Past and Present Status of California Condor in Santa Barbara County -

Janet Hamber

Identification of Pipits in North America - Jon Dunn

Tricking Tundra Terrorists: Crypticity and Predation in the Arctic -

Brian J. McCaffery

'Special Concern' for the Snowy Plover - Nancy L. Spear

Santa Barbara County: Status Report on Bell's Vireo and Photo Tour of Recent Vagrants - Jim Greaves

The Heermann's Gulls and Elegant Terns of Raza Island - Mike Evans

Pterodroma Petrels in the Northeast Pacific - Guy McCaskie

The Grouse of North America, photographed and presented by Ken Fink, was our fantastic evening banquet presentation.

These presentations were all of high quality, the birds were exceptional (including Grace's, Cape May, Tennessee and Black-and-white warblers, Harris' Sparrow, Ruff, Oldsquaw, Broad-billed Hummingbird and Orchard Oriole to mention a few), the weather was RAIN and our spirits were high.

Your officers for the next year are John Luther (President), Terry Wahl (Vice-President), Phyllis Laymon (Recording Secretary), Garth Alton (Treasurer), and Elizabeth Copper (Membership Secretary). Jeanne Conry of Colorado is your nominations committee chairperson for next year. She needs your suggestions. Look for her announcement.

Our next annual meeting will be in Colorado in the summer of 1981. We look forward to seeing many of you who have not been able to travel to California or Arizona for previous meetings. We also expect that the lure of beautiful Colorado and its mountain-to-prairie bird life will draw members from the west coast.

I plan on seeing you there.—John Luther



“... and what we haven’t see in the way of birds, I’m sure you will agree, has been amply compensated for by just being out in the fresh air.”

Arnold Wiles
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