

BULLETIN BOARD

VANCOUVER BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

In early 1981 the Vancouver Bird Records Committee was formed to review records of unusual birds in the vicinity of Vancouver, British Columbia. The area included extends from the International Boundary north to 49°35'N, and from Georgia Strait and Howe Sound east to 122°30'W, but also includes Point Roberts, Washington. Inasmuch as the Vancouver area is home to nearly half the population and half the birdwatchers of British Columbia, and includes a wide variety of avian habitats, it accounts for a large percentage of unusual bird sightings in the province. We feel that the establishment of the Committee is a major step in documenting occurrences of unusual bird sightings in B.C. As yet there is no provincial Records Committee for B.C., but we would strongly support the establishment of such a committee.

An Annual Report, covering records for 1981, will appear in the Sep.-Nov. 1982 issue of *Discovery* (published by the Vancouver Natural History Society).

A review list of species for which field notes or photos are desired will be available shortly. A copy of the review list, together with a Vancouver bird checklist and a Rare Bird Report Form, may be obtained from Wayne C. Weber (303-9153 Saturna Drive, Burnaby, B.C. V3J 7K1) or Richard J. Cannings (Cowan Vertebrate Museum, Department of Zoology, University of B.C., Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5). We would like to hear from anyone who has a sighting, recent or old, of a casual or accidental bird species in the Vancouver area.

BURROWING OWL STATUS IN CALIFORNIA

Information on the past and present status of the Burrowing Owl as a breeding species in California is needed for a paper dealing with the apparent population decline of that species in recent years. Please include the following information: 1) exact location of colony, 2) date of observation, 3) number of birds, 4) evidence of breeding, 5) current status of site, if known, 6) reason for abandonment, if known. All contributors will be gratefully acknowledged. — Jules Evens, Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory, 4990 Shoreline Hwy, Stinson Beach, California 94970.

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

The American Ornithologists' Union, oldest and largest of the ornithological societies in North America, is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of its founding in 1983. Its quarterly journal, *The Auk*, now includes about 1000 pages a year of papers on a wide variety of ornithological topics. The long-awaited sixth edition of the *AOU Checklist of North American Birds* will be published in time for the centennial meeting. If interested in knowing more about the AOU, please write to Membership Chairman Dr. Gustav A. Swanson, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523.