

BULLETIN BOARD

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON FERAL OR INTRODUCED BIRDS IN CALIFORNIA?

The California Bird Records Committee of the Western Field Ornithologists is seeking information on the status of non-native populations of the following species in California: Common Peafowl, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Ringed Turtle-Dove, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Black-hooded Parakeet, Canary-winged Parakeet, Red-crowned Parrot, Lilac-crowned Parrot, Yellow-headed Parrot, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Oriental White-eye, and Northern Cardinal. Anyone with information on the history of release or escape, population size, distribution, nesting success, attempts to manage or eradicate these populations, or other factors bearing on the question of their establishment, or of the establishment of other introduced species not on the California state checklist (Western Birds 17:1-16, 1986) is urged to report to Kimball L. Garrett, Section of Birds and Mammals, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Raptor Research Foundation is an organization whose purpose is to stimulate the dissemination of information concerning raptorial birds among interested persons worldwide and to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the value of birds of prey. Toward this objective, we are holding our annual meeting 28-30 October 1987 at Boise, Idaho. The meeting will feature a symposium on the migration of raptors in western North America. General paper and poster sessions will follow the symposium. For further information contact the Conference Committee Chairperson, Rich Howard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4696 Overland Road, Room 576, Boise, Idaho 83705; telephone (208) 334-1888.

AVAILABLE: PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1985 CRANE WORKSHOP

The Proceedings of the 1985 Crane Workshop is available for \$6 from Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, 2550 North Diers Avenue, Suite H, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803. This hardbound 415-page publication contains 51 papers. The papers are grouped by workshop sessions titled population factors, behavior, hunting, disease and mortality, winter habitat and activities, reproduction, aspects of migration, habitat and management, and captive propagation.

REQUEST FOR OBSERVATIONS OF SWIFT COLONIES IN MEXICO

White-naped Swifts nest and roost in colonies in caves, at waterfalls, and perhaps on vertical rock walls above streams. There are no published accounts of colonies of this bird other than of one at Las Grutas de Cacahuamilpa, Guerrero. Any information you can lend on the location or possible location of sites where White-naped Swifts nest or roost would be an important contribution to the knowledge of the distribution and status of this enigmatic bird. I would also appreciate any information on colonies of Chestnut-collared or Black swifts in Mexico. Please send information to David F. Whitacre, Zoology Department, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 or call me at (916) 756-7682 (home) or (916) 752-1115 (work).

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