

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

We are happy to announce that Betty Carnes has become the third Patron of The Wilson Ornithological Society.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANT

Although it was not possible to make a grant this past year, the Research Grant Committee hopes to make an award for 1960. Application forms may be obtained from the Chairman, Harvey I. Fisher, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 1960.

The Committee wishes to emphasize that any type of ornithological research may be supported and that recipients need not be affiliated with educational institutions. In fact, the Committee hopes to encourage the development of research by amateur ornithologists. The important criterion in awarding funds will be the contribution to knowledge intrinsic to the work envisioned. It will be easier for the reviewers to judge the potential of a problem if work is already in progress. Consequently, applicants should prepare careful outlines of their projects and include information already obtained.

The Committee trusts that those interested in ornithology will encourage donations to the research fund and will stimulate qualified persons to apply for grants. It is felt that the amateur ornithologists of the United States constitute a virtually untapped source of research effort. We can increase ornithological knowledge a great deal by proper inspiration of and help for these workers.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

As part of a study of the shorebird population on the Florida Gulf coast, a large number of Short-billed Dowitchers, Semipalmated Plovers, Dunlins, and lesser numbers of other waders were trapped, banded and color-dyed in the spring, 1959. Birds caught in May were dyed a vivid golden color which is known to have remained unaltered after at least one month on a dowitcher. Birds trapped in June were dyed scarlet, though dyed birds seen two weeks later were only pinkish in hue. All birds dyed were presumed to be in northward migration. Other colors will be used in the fall, 1959.

It is earnestly requested that anyone observing such colored shorebirds please communicate promptly with me, stating color, species, and date and location of observation.—*Horace Loftin, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.*