

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

A sum of \$500 is available in 1962 for research grants from the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund. Any student of birds is invited to apply for part or all of this amount. Young men or women just starting their careers, or others not eligible for grants from government or other agencies are especially invited to apply.

Ten duplicate copies of applications should be submitted for distribution to members of the Research Committee who will determine how the funds will be distributed. The applicant should give a full description of the proposed research, the type of help required, the amount of money desired, and the background and training of the applicant. A letter of support from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

Applications should be submitted not later than 1 June 1962, to S. C. Kendeigh, Chairman, Vivarium Building, University of Illinois, Wright and Healey Streets, Champaign, Illinois.

Ornithologists from other continents intending to work on African birds are invited to make use of the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, as their base. Office or limited laboratory accommodation would be made available; use could be made of the Institute's reference library; access to the collection of the South African Museum could be arranged; and the advice of the staff on matters requiring local knowledge would be at the visitor's disposal. Anybody interested should write to the Director, Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Cape Province, South Africa.

A study of the Bufflehead is under way, and information on the migration of that species is needed. Data required include first arrival dates, peak date of migration and peak numbers, and departure dates. Only birds actually believed to be migrants should be listed, but, where pertinent, other data on wintering or summering numbers should be included. If only infrequent visits are made to areas frequented by Buffleheads, the statement "present by (date)" is preferable to "arrival (date)," and "last seen (date)" to "departure (date)." Information is solicited particularly for the spring migration of 1962, but it is hoped that interested observers will report any data they may have obtained in the past; requests for fall migration data will be made later. Some Buffleheads were color-marked in Maryland, New York, and Oregon during the winter of 1961-62, and observers should take particular note of any Buffleheads bearing bright patches of red, yellow, or orange. Please send information to: A. J. Erskine, Canadian Wildlife Service, P. O. Box 180, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

The National Science Foundation announces the following changes, effective immediately, in the Graduate-level Research Facilities Program (formerly the Graduate Research Laboratory Development Program):

- 1) Educational institutions having graduate programs in the life, physical, social, or mathematical sciences, or engineering, and offering at least the master's degree in these areas, are now eligible. Previously, only those departments offering Ph.D.'s were eligible.
- 2) Funds may now be requested for general purpose research equipment up to a maximum of 10 per cent of total funds otherwise requested in the facility proposal to the Foundation. General purpose research equipment is defined as movable equipment

such as microscopes, centrifuges, calculators, X-ray diffraction equipment, shop equipment, desks, etc. Under the previous rules, institutions could request funds only for construction and fixed laboratory furnishings.

3) Non-profit, non-degree-granting research institutions are now eligible under the program provided they are associated with institutions of higher education in matters of graduate research and training. No non-degree-granting institutions were previously eligible.

It should be noted that there has been no change in the requirement that the institution provide matching funds of at least 50 per cent of the total costs of the project.

Copies of the brochure outlining the requirements for submission of proposals are available without cost upon request to the Office of Institutional Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

The National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is 15 May 1962. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the summer meeting of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the 15 May 1962 deadline will be reviewed following the fall closing date of 15 September 1962.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Biological and Medical Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

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