

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for the receipt of proposals for basic research in the Life Sciences is 1 May 1965. Proposals received prior to that time will be reviewed at the summer meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels, and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after 1 May will be reviewed following the fall closing date of 15 September 1965.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Biological and Medical Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550.

Dr. Douglas James is seeking information concerning the annual breeding population levels of Eastern Bluebirds and thus would like to contact people who have established a number of bluebird nesting boxes. Anyone who is maintaining a series of nesting boxes and is interested in cooperating in the annual breeding survey of Eastern Bluebirds, should write Dr. James at the Department of Zoology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The Secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature announces the possible use of the plenary powers of the Commission in connection with the following cases of interest to ornithologists: (1) Validation of four specific names from the work "Ornithologia Britannica," 1771, *Z.N.* (S) 1636; (2) Suppression of Moehring's work "Geschlachten der Vogelen," 1758, *Z.N.* (S) 1637; (3) Validation of *Cacatua* Brisson, 1760, *Z.N.* (S) 1647; and (4) Validation of *Anthus roseatus* Blyth, 1847, *Z.N.* (S) 1654. Any zoologist wishing to comment on any of these cases should do so in writing before 26 May 1965 to: The Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7, England.

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