

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Your attention is directed to the "Preliminary Call for Papers" for the 1973 meeting appearing on the back cover of this issue. It is absolutely imperative that all applications for a position on the program be in the hands of the Chairman, Dr. Andrew Berger, Department of Zoology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, before 1 March. Because of Dr. Berger's location it is essential that all correspondence with him be carried out by (domestic) air mail.

The final number of another volume is once again the place to show appreciation to the large number of ornithologists who have aided in the preparation of this volume by refereeing papers, by offering advice, and in countless other ways. Special thanks are due to Treasurer William Klamm for his preparation of the Membership List that accompanied the September issue, and to Emma J. Messerly and John F. Messerly who prepared the index to this volume.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contribution to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to amateurs, i.e., those whose research is not associated with their livelihood and is not being done in pursuit of an academic degree.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to Val Nolan, Jr., Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Completed applications must be received by 15 April 1973. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 17-20 May 1973.

RED CROSSBILLS

Little has been done to implement Griscom's suggestion (Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., 1937) that specimens of Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) be preserved from every major flight; but a new study of this unpredictable bird emphasizes this necessity. Any material, including road, net, and window casualties, will be welcome. If whole skins cannot be saved, the heads alone (with bills closed in their natural form, if possible) will be useful—especially if sewed, not too tightly, to the same individual's wing(s) and preferably tail as well. Even skeletons of birds long dead may be very helpful. Please be sure to tag each with the standard data: collector; locality (if this is some distance from the nearest conifers, please so state); date; if found dead, an estimate (from the bird's condition) of how long it had been dead; and its weight, in grams, if fresh.

Kindly submit material for study to the undersigned. It will be returned later, after identification of the subspecies, if you so request. Shipments from outside the United

States should be marked "Scientific specimens. No commercial value." Please give your return address, in all cases.

I would especially prize records of movements of banded crossbills, or measurements of birds banded, accompanied by a sketch of how the measurements were taken, and weights.—ALLAN R. PHILLIPS, *Delaware Museum of Natural History, P. O. Box 3937, Greenville, Delaware 19807.*

Dr. George M. Sutton has been honored by the President of Iceland by the award of the Knight Cross of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon.

On 21 October 1972 the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology awarded the sixth Arthur A. Allen Award to Allan D. Cruickshank.

Hoyes Lloyd is the latest addition to the roster of 50-year members of the Wilson Society.

Members who know students that are interested in ornithology should send nominations to the Student Membership Committee addressed to Douglas James, Department of Zoology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. The nominees will be invited by the Committee to apply for membership in the Wilson Ornithological Society.

The Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University is offering a college-level course in ornithology to be undertaken at home. In nine seminars the course gives a substantial background in readable style for the appreciation and enjoyment of birds.

Each seminar has been prepared by one or more eminent ornithologists and profusely illustrated by well-known bird artists and photographers. The course is offered sequentially, with each seminar mailed to the participant for his study and completion before progressing to the next one. Upon his completion of the course, the participant will receive an appropriate certificate.

For further details including the procedures and costs of enrollment, write to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid for ornithological research and also post-doctoral fellowships. Applications are due on 15 September and 15 February. Information on form and content of applications may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, N. Y. 10024.

Request for Specimens. The University of California at Santa Barbara conducts a large scale program in the natural history of terrestrial vertebrates. However, our small collection of specimens severely limits the program. We would like to acquire additional specimens, especially of western North American forms but other forms, even foreign ones, would be desirable. We would welcome the donation of specimens no matter how small the collection and could probably use the specimens more valuably than institutions maintaining large collections. Stephen I. Rothstein, Department of Biological Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara, California 93106.