

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

THE 1976 WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The 1976 meeting of the Society will be held on the Cornell University campus from Thursday, June 3, to Sunday, June 6, and is being hosted by the Laboratory of Ornithology and the Cayuga Bird Club. The chairman of the local committee for arrangements is Dr. Douglas A. Lancaster, Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14853.

In the heart of the Finger Lakes Region, a summer resort area of New York state, Ithaca has a good variety of restaurants and lodging accommodations. The meeting headquarters will be Cornell's North Campus Union with adjacent dormitory facilities.

Alexander Wilson found this region so attractive that he made several visits by foot all the way from Philadelphia. He memorialized his experiences in a book in verse, "The Foresters." As with Wilson, you, too, can enjoy finding many of the 325 species recorded for the Cayuga Lake basin. Varied local habitats will yield such birds as Blue-winged and Golden-winged warblers along with their hybrids. Other warblers include Black-throated Green, Cerulean, Mourning, and Canada. The woods in the area resound with the songs of the Hermit Thrush, Veery, and Wood Thrush in early June. In the cool woods and gorges live both species of waterthrushes and an occasional Winter Wren. In addition to breeding waterfowl, of special interest at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, north of Ithaca, are Prothonotary Warblers and a colony of Black Terns.

AARON M. BAGG STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Student Membership Awards in the Wilson Ornithological Society have been made available through funds generously donated in the memory of the late Aaron M. Bagg, former president of the Society. The Student Membership Committee has designated the award recipients for 1976 as follows: John H. Alway, University of Alberta; Richard Balcomb, State University of New York at Albany; Gregory D. Bentz, University of Pittsburgh; Robert Bertin, University of Connecticut; Randall J. Breitwisch, University of Miami, Florida; Charles R. Brown, Sherman High School, Sherman, Texas; Carolyn Engel, Fort Lewis College, Colorado; Patricia A. Gowaty, University of Georgia; Juan Guzman, University of Calgary, Alberta; Barbara Lensing, University of Louisville, Kentucky; Stephen J. Maxson, University of North Dakota; Terry C. Maxwell, Texas A&M University; Richard E. McCamant, Texas A&I University; Linda Miller, University of Illinois; David J. Moriarty, University of Illinois; Mike Mossman, University of Wisconsin; Thomas L. Ritchie, University of Florida; Douglas W. Schemske, University of Illinois; James R. Sillman, University of Arizona; Gerald A. Smith, State University of New York at Oswego; Philip Unitt, San Diego State University; Daniel E. Varland, Eastern Illinois University.—Douglas James, Chairman, Student Membership Committee.

SYMPOSIUM ON AVIAN VOCALIZATIONS

One of the highlights of the 1976 Wilson Meeting at Cornell University will be a symposium on avian vocalizations. The symposium has been organized by John William Hardy and will include a series of invited papers.

SOUND ANALYSIS LABORATORY

The Museum of Vertebrate Zoology announces the opening of a sound analysis laboratory funded by the National Science Foundation. The laboratory will emphasize research

on geographic variation in vocalizations of birds in conjunction with studies of morphological variation. The facility will be available for use by qualified investigators engaged in studies of this type. Address inquiries to Dr. Mercedes S. Foster, Curatorial Associate in Ornithology, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

SURVEY OF AVIAN SOUND RECORDINGS

The committee on collections of the American Ornithologists' Union is commencing a survey of collections in North America of tape recordings of avian vocalizations and sounds. The committee will be grateful for the help of all recordists, professional and amateur, who have or are curators of such collections. Both research and nonresearch collections are of interest to the committee. For more information please contact: AOU committee on Collections, c/o Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Rd., Ithaca, NY 14853.

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Wilson Ornithological Society, through its Conservation Committee, intends to examine management practices on National and selected State Wildlife Refuges. In particular, the Committee is interested in learning of practices that have either beneficial or deleterious impacts on bird populations. All correspondence will be confidential and anonymous letters are solicited, provided that the data or allegations can be supported. Correspondence should be directed to: Clait E. Braun, Chairman, Conservation Committee, The Wilson Ornithological Society, P. O. Box 2287, Ft. Collins, CO 80522.

HAWK MIGRATION CONFERENCE

The Hawk Migration Association of North America will hold its 1976 Conference at the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus. The campus is within a 10 minute drive of Hawk Ridge, one of the great hawk migration lookouts. Dates of the conference will be September 2-5. Further details may be obtained from Dr. P. B. Hofslund, Biology Dept. UMD, Duluth, MN 55812.

NORTH AMERICAN WADING BIRD CONFERENCE

The National Audubon Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are sponsoring a conference on wading birds (herons, egrets, ibis, storks, spoonbills) in North America. The conference is scheduled for 14-17 October 1976 at the Mills Hyatt House in Charleston, S.C. There will be 4 general sessions on the broad topics of: Behavior, Conservation and Management, Populations and Surveys, and Ecology. Each session will contain several invited papers, followed by submitted papers in the appropriate fields. A series of workshops is also planned. It is further expected that a "Working Group on Wading Birds" will be organized to facilitate information exchanges and further studies on wading birds. For further information write: Research Department, National Audubon Society, 115 Indian Mound Trail, Tavernier, FL 33070, or Mr. Don Woodard, National Coastal Ecosystems Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Space Technical Laboratories, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

COLONIAL BIRD REGISTER

The National Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology have organized the Colonial Bird Register to facilitate the collection and dissemination of information concerning the location and productivity of colonies of birds in wetlands throughout North and Central America and the Caribbean. Individuals and agencies working with colonially nesting species are asked to contribute to the success of the Register by completing and submitting field survey forms detailing the location of colonies, their sizes, species composition, habitat, disturbance factors, and other information. For further information contact: Dr. Donald A. McCrimmon, Director, Colonial Bird Register, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14853.

NSF/AOU WORKSHOP ON A NATIONAL PLAN FOR ORNITHOLOGY

The National Science Foundation is supporting a 2-year project, sponsored by the American Ornithologists' Union, entitled "A Workshop on a National Plan for Ornithology." The Workshop, financially administered by Washington State University and coordinated by James R. King and Walter J. Bock, will include 25 participants from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Its purpose is to inventory the resources, both intellectual and physical, of North American ornithology, to identify current strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend guidelines for its future development and support. The first conference session of the Workshop will convene at the 94th Stated Meeting of the AOU, at Philadelphia, in August 1976. This will be followed by 2 meetings of each of the 6 Workshop Panels (The Role of the Ornithological Societies and the Amateur Ornithologist, Ornithological Education, Communications Resources, Special Data Banks, and Obtaining and Using Birds), and will conclude with a final conference meeting for the integration and summary of results in a report to the National Science Foundation and the ornithological community at large. Part of the Workshop inventory will consist of a questionnaire to be circulated as widely as possible among North American ornithologists. The success of the Workshop will be greatly aided by thoughtful and thorough responses from professionals and amateurs alike. An important goal of the Workshop will be an assessment of the role of amateur ornithologists, who are an important but under-used scientific resource.

The Workshop plan was originated by the AOU, but it is hoped that it will be regarded as a joint effort of all of the ornithological societies and of the ornithological community at large. It represents a unique opportunity for introspection, critical assessment, and identification of future directions.

XVII INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

On the occasion of the XVI International Congress in Canberra, the International Ornithological Committee accepted the invitation of the Deutsche Ornithologen-Gesellschaft to hold the XVII Congress in Germany. It elected Professor Donald S. Farner (Seattle) as president of the Congress. In consultation with the President the German members of the International Ornithological Committee decided to hold the Congress in the Kongresshalle in Berlin (West) from June 4-11, 1978; Mr. Rolf Nöhring of the Berlin Zoological Garden was designated as Secretary-General.

Those interested in participating in the Congress are urged to inform the Secretariate as early as possible in order to obtain more detailed information and communications

concerning the Congress. Communications should be addressed to the: Secretary-General Rolf Nöhning, Zoologischer Garten, Hardenbergplatz 8, 1 Berlin 30, Germany.

NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDER

The Eastern and Western Bird Banding Associations have entered into a cooperative venture of publishing their quarterly journals together. *EBBA News* and *Western Bird Bander* have been suspended; instead, a new periodical has emerged: *North American Bird Bander*.

In order to receive this publication, join either EBBA or WBBA (but not both). Active membership dues of \$6.00 for 1976 may be mailed to Mr. Davis H. Corkran, EBBA Treasurer, 154 Lake Ave., Fair Haven, NJ 07701 or Mrs. Shirley S. Spittler, P. O. Box 3128, Y.P.C., Yuma, AZ 85364.

SANDHILL CRANE DATA

Dr. Lawrence H. Walkinshaw has deposited a copy of his field notes on Sandhill Cranes in the southeastern United States and Cuba in the Archbold Biological Station Library. These field notes mainly relate to Florida during 1966–1974 but also cover Mississippi, Georgia, and Cuba during 1938–1974. The crane data include nesting season and habitat, nest site and construction, adult behavior at the nest, eggs, young, nest success, and local movements. Also included are some census data for other birds occurring in Sandhill Crane habitat in Florida, Mississippi, and Cuba. For further information write: Librarian, Archbold Biological Station, Rt. 2 Box 180, Lake Placid, FL 33852.

BIRDS BANDED IN ASIA

Single copies of the book entitled "Birds banded in Asia during the MAPS Program, by locality from 1965 through 1971" can be obtained free by writing to: Colonel Douglas J. Beach, Director, United States Medical Component, SEATO Medical Research Project, APO San Francisco 96346.

RANGE EXPANSION OF ANIMALS

The Smithsonian Institution has had translated from Polish and published in paperback *The Range Expansion of Animals and its Causes* (as demonstrated by 28 presently spreading species from Europe) by Eugeniusz Nowak. It was originally published under the title, "O rozprzestrzenianiu się zwierząt i jego przyczynach—na przykładzie 28 współcześnie rozprzestrzeniających się gatunków z terenu Europy" in *Zeszyty Naukowe*, No. 3, 1971, pp. 1–255. The work covers 7 mammals, 8 birds, 8 insects, 3 crustaceans and 2 mollusks and includes 388 references. Copies are available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22151 at \$6.75 domestic and \$9.25 foreign. Cite publication no. TT 74–54005. A limited number of free copies are available from the Smithsonian Institution. Send a sturdy preaddressed envelope at least 10 × 7½ inches to Translation Officer, Smithsonian Institution Library, Washington, D.C. 20560. For U.S. addresses please place 30 cents postage on the envelope; foreign requests will be mailed post free.