

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND GRANTS

The North American Loon Fund (NALF) announces the availability of two grant programs for support of new or current research, management, or education projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America.

The first of these programs, the Robert J. Lurtsema Research Award, consists of a \$1000 stipend available annually for a suitable research project focused on a member of the Family Gaviidae. Preference will be given to students and independent researchers with limited availability of other funding.

The second program offers modest grants in support of research, management, or educational projects directly related to the conservation of Common Loons as a breeding species. Proposals in the range of \$500-3000 are most likely to be considered for funding.

Further guidelines for prospective applicants are available upon request from the NALF Grants Committee. Deadline for submission of proposals is 31 January 1983. Funding awards will be announced by 15 March.

Please submit guideline requests to North American Loon Fund Grants Committee, North American Loon Fund, Meredith, New Hampshire 03253.

HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Board of Directors of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association announces its fifth annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$500 award students (undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a degree granting institution) should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vitae and two letters of recommendation by 31 October 1982, to Mr. James Brett, Curator, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary Association, Route 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529. Projects will be selected on the basis of their relevance to conservation of North American hawk populations and ability to improve understanding of raptor biology. Final decision will be made in February 1983.

A.O.U. ANNUAL MEETING

The 100th Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union will be held 10-15 October 1982 in Chicago, Illinois. For further information on the scientific program write James R. Karr, Program Chairman, Dept. Ecology, Ethology and Evolution, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

BEHAVIOR SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on "Optimizing behavior under ecological constraints: sex and food" will be held 11-14 November 1982, near Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, in conjunction with the annual meeting of Le Société Québécoise pour l'Étude Biologique du Comportement. Dr. Jon Ericksen, SUNY, and Dr. Don Kramer, McGill University, will be guest speakers. Potential contributors or anyone interested in attending should contact Dr. André Cyr, Biology Dept., University of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1K 2R1 Canada. Abstracts should be sent no later than 15 September 1982.

BREEDING BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY SYMPOSIUM

The Jean Delacour/International Foundation for the Conservation of Birds Symposium on Breeding Birds in Captivity will be held 24–27 February 1983 at the Sheraton-Universal Hotel, Hollywood, California. The program will emphasize natural history as it applies to the future of captive birds, their husbandry and management. Dr. Jean Delacour will be one of the hosts, and over fifty international speakers will participate. For more information contact Delacour/IFCB Symposium, % Gary Schulman, 11300 Weddington St., North Hollywood, California 91601 (telephone [213] 980–9818).

BIRDS AND MAN: A SYMPOSIUM

The Witwatersrand Bird Club is holding a symposium on Birds and Man 10–15 April 1983, in Johannesburg, South Africa. International guest speakers have been invited; topics will include exotic birds in cities, indigenous birds in cities, indigenous birds and exotic plants, exotic birds and indigenous plants, birds and man-made lakes and bird/man interactions. Excursions are planned. For further information write to Symposium Secretary, P.O. Box 72091, Parkview, Johannesburg, 2122, South Africa.

RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER NEWSLETTER

The “Red-cockaded Woodpecker News,” a newsletter dedicated to this endangered species is now available to interested individuals. Requests for subscription or further information should be sent to Anne Shapiro, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (telephone [904] 488–3831). The purpose of this newsletter is to summarize and promote the exchange of information about the conservation of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

**ANNUAL MEETING—THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY,
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Plan now to attend the 64th annual meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Society, 2–5 June 1983, at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin. The local chairman is Dr. Richard B. Stiehl, College of Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302.