

THE NATURALIST'S FIELD JOURNAL. By Steven G. Herman. Buteo Books, Vermillion, S.D., 1986:vii + 200 pp. 1 photo. \$14.00 (paper).—The author has prepared a "Manual of Instruction based on a system established by Joseph Grinnell." A list of equipment, as well as detailed instructions (down to how to fill the technical pen) and a number of sample pages from the author's own journals are given. I expect that every experienced field worker has long since adopted his own system of keeping notes, but I recommend that all professors keep a copy of this book on hand for beginning graduate students to read.—G.A.H.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPOSIUM ON FOOD EXPLOITATION BY TERRESTRIAL BIRDS

A symposium on food exploitation by terrestrial birds will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove (Monterey), California, on 19 March 1988. The symposium will be held in conjunction with the 58th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society. The intent of this symposium and subsequent published proceedings is to bring together for presentation and discussion scientists involved with the design and analysis of studies exploring how birds exploit food resources. Topics must be limited to nonraptorial, terrestrial birds. *Abstracts, due 1 March 1987*, are solicited that review the particular subject area as well as presenting new data. The symposium is being organized by Michael L. Morrison, C. John Ralph, Jared Verner, and William M. Block, with sponsorship from several private, state, and federal organizations. For instructions on submission of abstracts, and other information on the symposium, write: Michael L. Morrison, Dept. Forestry and Resource Management, Univ. California, Berkeley, California 94720. Phone: 415/642-5344.

1987 ANNUAL MEETING OF COLONIAL WATERBIRD SOCIETY

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Society will be held at the Red Oak Inn in Thunder Bay, Ontario, 10–13 September 1987. Lynn Hauta and John P. Ryder are in charge of local arrangements. Announcements of the schedule and call for papers will be mailed to members at a later date.

AVIAN FAMILY-GROUP NAMES

The Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Committee has prepared a list of established names of avian family-group taxa (subtribes to superfamilies) and their synonyms as the first step in the process of writing an application to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to stabilize use of these names. The SCON wishes to obtain input from all interested ornithologists and zoologists on this list of avian family-group names and its proposed application to the ICZN. The list is available to all interested ornithologists and zoologists who are willing to examine

it carefully and provide the SCON with corrections, additions, comments, and suggestions. This list of avian family-group names is unofficial and should not be used for any purposes other than that just mentioned. Copies of the list may be obtained by writing to Professor Walter J. Bock, Chairperson SCON; Dept. Biological Sciences, Columbia Univ., New York, New York 10026, USA.

**WANTED: ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE USE FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

In 1988, The Wilson Ornithological Society will celebrate its first 100 years. As part of the celebration activities, a history of the Wilson Society is being prepared. We are most anxious to examine papers, photos, or other materials that would be useful in preparation of that history.

At the Centennial meeting we will have a display of items of historical interest to the society such as old photos, letters, art work, advertisements, banquet favors, etc. The WOS once even had an official lapel pin. Does anyone have one?

If you have items that are of potential use in preparation of our history or the Centennial display, please contact: Jerome A. Jackson, Chairman, WOS Centennial Committee, Box Z, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762.

WANTED: COPIES OF *THE WILSON BULLETIN*

The Environmental Sciences School of the National University of Costa Rica is setting up the first graduate wildlife management program in Latin America with assistance from World Wildlife Fund-US (WWF-US); the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, International Affairs Office (USFWS); and the Organization of American States (OAS), among other organizations. The program, which is similar to a North American graduate program and leads to a Master's Degree in Wildlife Management, is scheduled to begin in February 1987 with 12 students from Central and South America. Four foreign professionals will be assisting the program during the first three years as visiting professors. Emphasis will be broad based and focus on endangered, nongame, and pest species, and on the management of genetic resources and systems in tropical environments. Students will work closely with human communities and government organizations during their three-year training period.

Over the past two years the program has been able to accumulate a respectable collection of wildlife related materials that presently includes nearly 300 book titles, over 5,300 reprints, approximately 700 non-periodical documents, and incomplete collections of 17 scientific journals. The center is pleased to report that previous appeals have resulted in the donation of Volumes 83-96 of *The Wilson Bulletin*. The coordinators of the program are particularly interested in completing the collection and ask members of the Wilson Ornithological Society for donations of numbers prior to Volume 83, as well as for back issues of other ornithological journals and books in the field. Donations should be sent in boxes weighing less than 40 pounds to Herb Raffaele, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240. All donations will be formally acknowledged by the wildlife program.

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