

west long distance transects, birds were observed to migrate on very broad fronts, with increased traffic along certain expected major routes. One unexpected finding: the birds seemed to prefer to fly in strata of turbulent rather than calm air, when there was a choice.

The March, 1971 issue of *The Wilson Bulletin* (Vol. 83, No. 1) is devoted in large part to the birds of Latin America, where the climate is warmer, living costs lower, and it is easier to find species not well known in distribution, habit, and habitat. Major papers include studies of the Dwarf Jay in Mexico, of the Blue-backed Manakin (in Guyana and Trinidad), motmots in Costa Rica, and rails in Mexico. But all is not foreign: Douglas Morse tells what happens when a new species of thrush (the Wood) intrudes upon a habitat formerly inhabited only by Hermit Thrush and Veery. (They coexist, with very little hostile interaction and territorial overlap.) A study of nesting Henslow's Sparrows by Jerome D. Robins sheds light on the habits of this secretive species.

The *Condor* for Spring, 1971 (Vol. 73, No. 1), goes south of the border too, with papers on Little Hermits in Trinidad, Long-tailed Hermits in Costa Rica, distribution of birds verti-

cally in a dry tropical forest in Peru, notes on some Central Panama Birds, and even on a colony of Adelie Penguins in Antarctica. A major paper by Lowell Spring investigates anatomical differences between the Common and Thick-billed Murres, and their effects in competition between the two species for nesting sites and food. White-crowned Sparrows are the subjects of two studies, as is the Alaskan Red-backed Sandpiper (=Dunlin; the A.O.U. Check-List seems to be losing its grip) and the Yellow-headed Blackbird. In the latter paper, banding recoveries are analysed for the 246 birds recovered from 40,000 blackbirds banded, to show that mid-Mexico seems to be the favored wintering ground for the species.

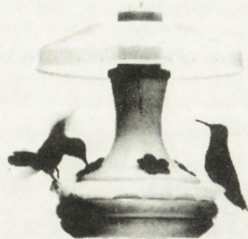
Going Places

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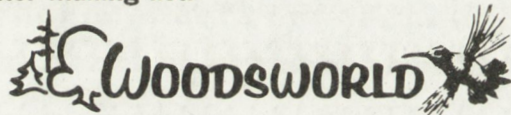


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AUGUST

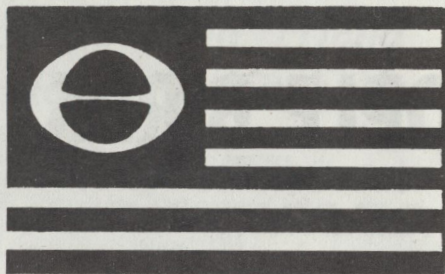
- 1—Guianas, N. Brazil. 15 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, N.O. Poonai, Ira Joel Abramson. \$1150. BB.
- 1—Guianas. 6-10 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, N.O. Poonai, Ira Abramson. \$675 to \$845. BB.
- 1—Siberia. Nature, sights. 21 days. Leader not given. \$995*. CN.
- 2 (and weekly). Grand Canyon. Nature, sights. 10 days. Complete canyon traverse. Leader not given. \$395*. Also 7-day trips (\$255*), and 4-day trips (\$185*). CE.
- 2 thru Oct. Dinosaur Nat'l Monument, Lodore Canyon, Green River. 10-days (\$195-\$325*), 6 days (\$205*), and 4 days (\$139*). Leaders not given. CE.
- 8—East Africa. Nature. 21 days. Details not announced. CN.
- 8—Vancouver Is. 14 days. Canoeing, birds. Leader John Philip. \$475*. JP.
- 9 (and later) Grand Canyon, cataract trips. Nature, camping, etc. 5-days \$195*, 8 days \$335*. CE.
- 28—Colombia, Venezuela. 30 days. Details not announced. CN.

SEPTEMBER

- 2—Central Africa. 19 days. Birds, nature. Leaders, Doris Mager, Ira Weigly, \$1995. FA.
- 8—Pacific Northwest. B.C. to Oregon. 17 days. Nature. Leader, John Philip. PT.
- 26—Ecuador, Peru. 21 days. Nature. Details not announced. CN.

OCTOBER

- 3—Northeastern U.S. 14 days. Nature, photography. Details not announced. CN.



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- 8—Islands of the Orient. Birds, natural history. 23 days. Leaders, C. R. Mason, Nina Steffee. \$3195. FA.
- 17—Chile, Argentina, 21 days. Nature. Details not announced. CN.
- 17—Southeast U.S. 14 days. Nature. No details announced. CN.
- 19—East Africa. 21 days. Birds, nature. Leader, Jennifer Horne, \$1995. BB.
- 22—Nepal, with Annapurna-Dhalangiva Trek. 24 days. Leader not announced. \$1495. TT.
- 25—Bermuda. 8 days. Birds, nature. Leader, David Wingate. \$465. MA.

NOVEMBER

- 6—Brazil. 21 days. Nature, photography. No details. CN.
- 7—Eastern Australia. Birds, seashore life, 25 days. Leader, John Philip. \$815*. JP.
- 7—Sierra Madre, Mexico. 12 days. Camping, exploring, nature. Leader, Mitch Williams. \$442 from Tuscon. TAL.
- 12—Sikkim and Nepal via India. 24 days. Nature, sights. Leader not announced. \$1599. TT.
- 19—Nepal, with Annapurna - Dhalangivi Trek. 24 days. Nature, sights. Leader not announced. \$1485. TT.
- 20—Africa. Birds, nature. 21 days. Leader, Peter Alden. No price announced. MA.
- 25—Harbour Island. 4 days. Birds, nature. Leader, Doris Mager, Ira Weigly. \$395*. FA.
- 26—Jungles of Asia, Gir Forest, etc. 23 days. Nature, sights. Leader Kenneth Anderson. \$1784. TT.

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