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WINTER WORKSHOPS and 1985 PELAGIC TRIPS

This is the third year that Bird Observer has offered these workshops and pelagic trips. We feel they are a convenient way for birders of all skills and interests (including our own staff members) to learn more about birds and to gain practical field experience.

WINTER WORKSHOPS: (Leader: Wayne R. Petersen)
Bird Biology January 24 & 31, February 7 & 14
Workshop on Mass. Gulls March 14, field trip-March 16
Fundamentals of Birding March 21 & 28, April 4 & 11, field trip-April 27

GEORGES BANK TRIPS: May 31-June 2, August 18-20, September 6-8
These trips are an excellent, and possibly the only, way in New England for the general birding public to see marine birds and mammals not usually seen on Stellwagen Bank and are a good chance to spot rarities such as White-faced Storm-Petrel.

DRY TORTUGAS TRIP: April 28-May 1
The Tortugas trip is a special excursion we are trying this year, and so far the response has been extremely enthusiastic. This trip is a good opportunity for New England birders to see unusual birds in the Keys and to bird southern Florida.

These workshops and boat trips are filling rapidly. If you need more information or brochures, please call Martha Vaughan at (617) 244-0166, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to her at 15 Elmwood Park, Newton, MA 02160.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For a special series of ornithological research projects to be carried out by Zoological Research Institute and Dr. John Kricher, ornithologist/tropical ecologist at Wheaton College. The expeditions will take place in the country of Belize, where Dr. John Kricher has worked for the past eight years banding and compiling data on species accounts. The country of Belize boasts over 400± species of birds and Dr. Kricher has now seen most of them. It is probable that we will easily see 150 or more species during each expedition. Some of the ecosystems we will visit are low land rain forests, pine savannahs, scrub thickets, mangrove swamps and coral reef islands.

As a volunteer you will assist in netting, recording data, and compiling species accounts. Birds to be expected include Jabiru Stork, Finfoot, several species of trogons and toucans, King Vulture, Laughing Falcon and many species of tanagers, woodcreepers and antbirds. We will also be visiting nesting colonies of Ibis, Boat billed Herons, boobies and Magnificent Frigate birds. All data collected on these expeditions will be published and made available to all participants.

Due to the research nature of this expedition, enrollment will have to be very limited. The dates for the first expedition are March 15 - March 23, 1985. The contribution of \$995.00 is tax deductible to the extent provided by law and includes round trip air from the U.S., all meals, lodging, etc. For more information write or call ZRI or during January call or write Dr. John Kricher, Wheaton College, Norton, MA 02766, phone (617) 285-7766.

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