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PETERSEN FIELD GUIDE

Herman D'Entremont regrets to announce that the new Petersen field guide to the birds of eastern North America will not be available this spring, as advertised in Bird Observer, Volume 8, No. 1. The field guide will not be available until late fall at the earliest. Herman will continue to take orders for this book (at a 25% discount), and wants everyone to know that all orders will be filled promptly when the book is published.

TAKE A SECOND LOOK

Take a Second Look (TASL) will conduct two surveys this summer, of herons on July 20 and shorebirds on August 3, as part of its Year of Boston Harbor Project. Observers will be asked to make species counts and track the birds' movements for several hours at specific feeding or roosting sites. A compilation will follow each survey. A barbecue will follow the heron survey, after which we will drive to different vantage points to observe the evening heron flights to the harbor islands. As with all TASL activities, there will be a participation charge of \$1 for each survey. There will be a small additional charge for the barbecue (for hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.) and people will be asked to bring a cold salad, fruit, or beverages.

If you want to participate or need additional information, please contact a TASL coordinator: Craig Jackson, 864-1979; Soheil Zende, (home) 628-8990, (work) 923-0941.

In Volume 7, No. 6, Bird Observer published a letter from George W. Gavitis, Manager of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, regarding the conduct of birders at Plum Island. The letter concluded with a facsimile of a Permit for Birding on the refuge. We hope that no readers have mistakenly thought this facsimile was a valid permit. If you desire a permit as shown in the letter, please apply at the refuge headquarters or at the gatehouse on the refuge proper.