

with some northwestward flight noted (attributed to overwater migration from the gulf coast of Mexico) but that in this area the bulk of migration is overland. Stored fats in newly arrived migrants was lowest, as expected, in birds collected in the morning after trans-Gulf flights. A distributional note in this issue reports on the nesting of the Skylark on San Juan I., Washington State in 1970. Twelve pairs were estimated to be present, a presumed colonizing from the larger population on Vancouver I., B.C., fifteen miles distant. This is the first recent nesting on U.S. soil.

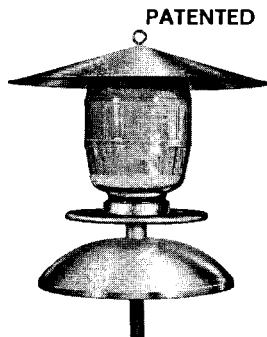
—R.S.A., Jr.

Work in Progress

Fifteen Ospreys and 5 Great Blue Herons were banded and color marked with yellow plastic jesses attached to the left leg. These birds are fledglings from the Cuoe d'Alene and Pend Oreille watersheds in n. Idaho. Sight records should be reported to D. R. Johnson, Dept. of Biol. Sciences., Univ. of Idaho., Moscow, ID 83843.

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equipped birds (blue left, orange-blue left, orange-blue right, and white-blue right) are noted, please call (612) 373-1715 or 644-0348 collect.

Going Places

Following is a partial listing of nature and bird-watching trips and tours scheduled for the months of December 1971, and January and February, 1972. It has been compiled from information supplied by tour sponsors and AMERICAN BIRDS is not accountable for any subsequent alterations in plans or prices. Prices are the base prices quoted: there are usually additional costs. Air fares, when included, are from New York, unless otherwise noted. Tour sponsors are listed by key initials; full names and addresses (to which all inquiries should be addressed) will be found at the end of the listings. Tours scheduled for March-August, 1972, will be found in the February issue of AMERICAN BIRDS. Deadline for information to AMERICAN BIRDS is January 2, 1972.

NATURE TOURS

Friends are reminded that we continue to operate group trips in the U.S. and most countries of the world at the rate of 30 to 40 tours a year.

These are general nature trips, with first emphasis on birds, second on botany. They are of 2 weeks' duration in North America, 3 weeks in the rest of the world. They are usually set up in chains so that more than one can be taken on a single departure.

UP-COMING DATES, 1972

NORTH AMERICA: Florida, Jan. 8; Arizona, May 27; Alaska South, June 17; Alaska North, July 1; Outposts, July 15.

MIDDLE AMERICA: Bahamas, Dec. 27; Yucatan I, Jan. 22; Yucatan II, Feb. 5; Central America, Feb. 19; Mexico East Coast, Mar. 25; Mexico West Coast Apr. 8.

SOUTH AMERICA: Colombia, July 22; Amazon Ext. one week; Ecuador/Peru, Aug. 19.

EUROPE: Scandanavia I, May 4; Ireland/Seminar 2 weeks; Scandanavia II, June 14; Highlands & Islands, June 14; S.E. Iceland, 4 days; Iceland, July 13; Balkans, May 25; Europe East, June 15.

AFRICA: North Africa, May 24; East Africa, Aug. 3; Central Africa, 2 weeks; South Africa, Sept. 6.

ASIA: Himalayas, June 28; Himalayas East, July 20.

PACIFIC: Melanesia, July 6; New Guinea, July 27; Indonesia, Aug. 24; W. Australia, Sept. 14; East. Australia, Oct. 5; New Zealand, Oct. 26.

CROWDER NATURE TOURS

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DECEMBER, 1971

13—Surinam, Guyana, Venezuela. 14 days (approx.) Birds. Leader, Major C.V. Bowes. Price not quoted. CVB.

24—Cozumel I., Mexico. 4 days. Birds. Leader, Walter George, \$285 from Miami. BB.

27—Bahama Is. 14 days. Birds, botany. Leader and price not announced. CN.

JANUARY, 1972

7—Western Mexico. 10 days. Birds, nature. Leader and price not announced. MAS.



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