

NOTES AND NEWS

NOTICE—In order to comply with EPA safety requirements for fumigation with DOWFUME 75, the bird collection of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution will be closed to all investigators without exception twice annually from Thursday through Tuesday of the first weeks of April and October.

The Secretary of the Interior has announced that only steel shot ammunition will be used for waterfowl hunting on selected areas in the Atlantic Flyway starting in the 1976 season. The use of steel rather than lead shot will be extended to areas in other flyways in following years. The purpose of the steel shot requirement is to prevent the accumulation of spent lead pellets in areas where they cause lead poisoning problems in waterfowl. We remind scientific collectors that the taking of specimens of waterfowl in the hunting season must be done in accordance with hunting regulations; this will include the use of steel shot in the areas designated. We suggest, further, that ornithologists comply with the spirit of forthcoming regulations by using steel shot ammunition whenever possible when collecting waterfowl or other species in wetlands where lead accumulation might constitute a problem.—*A.O.U. Committee on Public Responsibility*

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The **Hawk Migration Association of North America** will hold its 1976 Conference at the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus 2–5 September. The campus is within a 10-minute drive of Hawk Ridge, one of the great hawk migration lookouts. Further details may be gotten from DR. P. B. HOFSLUND, *Biology Department, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota 55812.*

The **Trumpeter Swan Society** will hold its biannual conference at Triangle X Ranch, Moose, Jackson Hole, Wyoming 8–10 September 1976. For additional information contact DAVID K. WEAVER, SECRETARY-TREASURER, *Box 32, Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359.*

The **World Wildlife Fund Fourth International Congress** will meet in San Francisco, California at the St. Francis Hotel, November 28–December 1, 1976. The theme of the Congress is "The Fragile Earth: Toward Strategies for Survival." Conservationists from 26 nations, and representatives from government and industry will convene to discuss the principal issues affecting the environment of our world. Over 1000 registrants are expected to attend. For further information, interested persons should contact *The World Wildlife Fund, Fourth International Congress, 1319 Eighteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.*

Scientific collecting and importation permits.—The AOU Committee on Scientific and Educational Use of Wild Birds is now communicating with federal, state, and provincial regulating agencies relative to collecting and importation permit matters. Needed are details of specific problems encountered by ornithologists regarding their permits. Persons that have had such problems are urged to inform the Committee chairman, JOHN ALDRICH, *Room E 606, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D. C. 20560*. Information supplied will guide the Committee in discussing more intelligently the impact of specific regulations on the scientific and educational use of birds.

The American Association of Zoo Veterinarians will hold its annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on October 24–28, 1976 at Stouffer's Riverfront Towers, 200 South Fourth St., St. Louis, Missouri 63102. Special sessions will be presented dealing with reptiles, cage birds, marine mammals, and nursery care. Nutrition, restraint, reproduction, and behavior of Zoological Animals will all be discussed. Anyone interested in the medical problems of captive wild birds, mammals, and reptiles is invited to attend. Contact: DR. WILLIAM J. BOEVER, *St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis, Missouri 63110*.