

was the origin of the name. Simpson points out, in contrast to the general belief, that the name penguin was first applied to the Great Auk, citing a letter written by Parkhurst dated 13 November 1578 on a voyage to Newfoundland. In an account of Thomas Candish's voyage around the world in 1586-88, Francis Petty, without explanation, starts to call the "goose-like foule" of the southern oceans "pengwins" which was quickly adopted in English and spread to other European languages. Thus, the original use of *Pinguinus* as the generic name for the Great Auk, and the title of Anatole France's book "Ile au Pingouins" are not misnomers. Simpson's "Penguins" is recommended to all ornithologists, but especially to amateurs as an excellent introduction to the biology of a fascinating group of birds.—WALTER J. BOCK.

The titmice of the British Isles.—John A. G. Barnes. 1975. North Pomfret, Vermont, David & Charles Inc. 212 pp., 12 pls. Cloth. \$13.95.—This well-presented survey of the titmice family as represented in the British Isles will be of interest to no one but a specialist in titmice or a resident of the British Isles. I was interested in the references because they so thoroughly ignored the world population of titmice. In the chapter entitled "Individuality and intelligence" I was amazed to find no reference whatsoever to the trained titmice of the Orient.—ELIZABETH S. AUSTIN.

NOTES AND NEWS

Timely creaks from the editor's uneasy chair.—With next January's issue (Vol. 94, No. 1), and with the Council's full approval, I am giving the venerable Auk a face-lifting that is more or less imposed on us by economic necessity. The new trim size will be $6\frac{7}{8} \times 10$ ", and the new type bed will be 30×48 picas, with 2 more picas for running heads. This will give us about 600 words to the page instead of 500 as previously and will cut down on the number of pages needed for the same amount of material. Best of all, the change should save us at least \$1000 per volume in printing costs and considerably more in postage as each number will weigh less.

The cover will be on the same yellow paper, with the Fuertes Auk slightly enlarged photographically. Type faces and sizes will remain the same, as will running heads and subheads. The only change in format will be running an introductory abstract in 8-point instead of the former final summary in 10-point.

As before, each paper received will normally be submitted for evaluation to at least two reviewers competent in its particular discipline and will be assigned a priority date when judged acceptable by the reviewers and the Editor. Articles are usually published in sequence by date of acceptance with occasional exceptions for timeliness or expedience. Articles are published without charge up to 12 printed pages, above which authors are assessed at current costs—presently \$60 per page.

At present we expect to be able to finance publishing about 750 pages annually in the new format. With our growing backlog the time lag from acceptance to appearance in Auk is now running 16-20 months. Authors willing to pay full page costs will have their articles published in the next issue following the article's routine editorial processing. Such pages are added to our 750-page quota and do not delay the appearance of unsubsidized papers.

Vol. 94 will be my tenth Auk and my swan song as your Editor. I have enough material edited and ready for the printer for January, April, and July 1977, and more

than enough scripts in the files either being refereed or accepted and awaiting editing to carry us well into Vol. 95. Hence unless you can meet full page charges if your paper is accepted, please submit all future manuscripts to my successor, colleague, and friend, **Dr. John Wiens**, *Department of Zoology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331*, whose editorship will start officially with Vol. 95, No. 1 (which should go to press by mid-September 1977 at the latest). I hope John enjoys his tenure as much as I have enjoyed mine and finds the work stimulating and rewarding. Above all I hope he finds the same warm friendliness and cheerful cooperation I have received from our authors, referees, printers, and staff.—OLIVER L. AUSTIN, JR., EDITOR.

The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature has recently published the following opinions: No. 1036—*Pternistes afer* var. *angolensis* Bocage, 1893, ruled to be a *lapsus calami* for *Pternistes afer* var. *benguellensis* Bocage, 1893 (Aves) and placed on Official Index. Bull. vol. 32, zool. pt. 2, nom. p. 101. No. 1037—*Curruca affinis* Blyth, 1845, suppressed under the plenary powers; *Sylvia althaea* Hume, 1878, and *Sylvia curruca blythi*, Ticehurst and Whistler, 1933, (Aves) placed on Official List. Bull. vol. 32, zool. pt. 2, nom. p. 103. No. 1046—The stem of *Drepane* Cuvier, 1831 (Pisces) (type-species *Chaetodon punctatus* Linnaeus, 1758) ruled under plenary powers to be DREPANE-DREPANEIDAE Gill, 1872 (Pisces) and DREPANIDIDAE Cabanis, 1847 (Aves) placed on Official List. Bull. vol. 32, zool. pt. 4, nom. p. 222. No. 1056—*Eudypetes atratus* Finsch, 1875 Ex Hutton MS (Aves) suppressed under the plenary powers in favor of *Eudypetes sclateri* Buller, 1888 and *Eudypetes robustus* Oliver, 1953. Bull. vol. 33, zool. pt. 1, nom. p. 16. No. 1060—*Diomedea leptorhyncha* Coues, 1866 (Aves) suppressed under plenary powers in favor of *Diomedea irrorata* Salvin, 1883. Bull. vol. 33, zool. pt. 1, nom. p. 27. Direction no. 107—Author and date of LORIIDAE (Aves) corrected to "Selby, 1836." Bull. vol. 32, zool. pt. 4, nom. p. 248.

Opening for Assistant Curator, in the Department of Ornithology, at the American Museum of Natural History. Appointment to be effective in July 1977. Qualifications include a Ph.D., a demonstrated ability to conduct collection-based research in avian biology, and the ability and interest to assist in curating one of the world's finest research collections of birds. In addition to laboratory and aviary facilities at the museum, field stations are operated by the museum in suitable environments for behavioral and ecological investigations. Opportunities are available for teaching and collaboration with graduate students at universities in New York City. Send résumé, complete bibliography, and names and addresses of three references no later than November 15 to DR. WESLEY E. LANYON, *Chairman, Department of Ornithology, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, New York 10024*. The museum is an equal opportunity employer.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes and Margaret Morse Nice awards.—Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered

primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* for consideration.

Most statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards also are applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years, one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to JARED VERNER, *PSW Forest and Range Experiment Station, 1130 "O" St., Fresno, California 93721*. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 1977. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 18-21 May 1977.

A limited number of Student Membership Awards are made available each year by the A.O.U. Students at any stage of their academic training who are not now or never have been A.O.U. members are eligible. In 1976, 38 of 70 applicants were given A.O.U. Student Membership Awards. The recipients came from 27 of the United States and 2 Canadian provinces.

Application forms will be mailed in November to ornithologists who normally have contacts with students. Application forms will also be available at that time from the SECRETARY or from the CO-CHAIRMEN, DR. SIDNEY A. GAUTHREUX, *Department of Zoology, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina 29631* or DR. LEWIS W. ORING, *Department of Biology, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201*. The deadline for receipt of applications by the committee is 10 December 1976.

The committee made 3 Marcia Brady Tucker Travel Awards totalling \$634 to attend the A.O.U. meeting in Haverford, Pennsylvania. The recipients were Christopher H. Stinson, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg; Jerre A. Stallcup, University of South Florida, Tampa; and Diana G. Matthiesen, San Jose State University, San Jose. Four applications were received, including letters of recommendation, vitae of the nominees, and copies of the paper each nominee planned to present at the meeting. Additional information on the Marcia Brady Tucker Travel Awards for 1977 will appear in the January Auk.

The Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund will yield several hundred dollars for research grants in 1977. Students of any aspect of avian biology are invited to apply for support. Especially encouraged are young people just starting their careers and others not eligible for government support. Applicants should send (1) a brief, three to five page, but comprehensive, description of their research objectives and proposed procedures, (2) particulars of the categories and amount of financial assistance needed, (3) a brief resume of academic and/or ornithological experience, and (4) one to three letters of recommendation from recognized ornithologists. Send four copies of your proposal (excluding letters of recommendation, which should be sent directly by the writers) before 1 March 1977 to DR. L. RICHARD MEWALDT, CHAIRMAN, *A.O.U. Committee on Research Awards, Avian Biology Laboratory, San Jose State University, San Jose, California 95192*.

The Smithsonian Foreign Currency Program, a national research grants program, offers opportunities for support of research in Burma, Guinea, India, Pakistan, Poland (through 1976), and Egypt in the following disciplines: archeology and related disciplines (including anthropology), systematic and environmental biology, astrophysics and earth sciences, and museum programs. The Program's appropriation for fiscal year 1977 totals \$2,500,000 equivalent in the currencies of the above-listed countries. Grants in those currencies are awarded to American institutions for the research of senior scientists. Collaborative programs involving host country institutions are welcome and frequently required. Awards are determined on the basis of competitive scientific review. The deadline for submission is November 1 annually. For further information write **THE FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM, Office of International Programs, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560.**

A review of the **NATURALIST'S COLOR GUIDE** appeared in **THE AUK** (Vol. 93, No. 2, April 1976). Among other matters, it stated that the author plans to add colors and identifying nomenclature to the guide. This statement is correct, but it needs some clarification.

The gathering of acceptable information, its analysis, and the complicated submission and cross-checking of printer's samples will, in the author's opinion, take 2 to 3 years before the results can be published. This means that the guide must stand on its own for an indefinite period.

It is not contemplated to alter or revise any part of the guide as it presently exists. Instead, new colors, with identifying names and new numbers, will be printed, to be added to the present looseleaf binder. Whether this will involve 15 or 50—or more—new colors will depend on developments.

The author has been working on this expansion for several months already and has become very conscious of the time-lapse problem. He herewith elicits specific color suggestions from interested parties who believe a desirable color has been omitted. Even disagreements with the present correlation between colors and color names will be carefully considered, although these tend to be of a subjective nature. The new work does not aim to cover every conceivable color. It does aim to depict clearly all colors essential to naturalists.

If at all possible, a printed or painted sample of the suggested color would be most helpful. If not possible, the author will endeavor to develop one, with some exchange of letters. Simply send all ideas to: Frank B. Smithe, 7 Center Drive, Douglaston, NY 11363, U.S.A. All accepted ideas will be duly acknowledged in the publication of additional colors.

In the meantime, for anyone who does not yet own the **NATURALIST'S COLOR GUIDE**, ordering information is given in the advertising section of this issue.

I am currently working on a monograph on the toucan family and would appreciate any information, published or unpublished, that others might be aware of. I am particularly interested in information that may have appeared in foreign language journals that I am not familiar with, particularly those in German, French, or Italian. Any field data, even such as number seen in a particular area on a certain date, would be extremely useful. So little has been published on the toucan family, especially those of South American distribution, that *any* information, however insignificant you might regard it, would be very helpful.—**STEVE WEST, Box 1248, Presidio, Texas 79845.**

The North Carolina State Museum of Natural History announces a new journal, *BRIMLEYANA*, *THE BULLETIN OF THE N. C. STATE MUSEUM*. Contents will emphasize the zoology and general ecology of the southeastern United States, especially North Carolina and adjacent areas. Consecutively numbered issues will appear at irregular intervals. Information for potential contributors to *BRIMLEYANA* may be obtained from the Editor (Dr. John E. Cooper, Director of Research and Collections), and purchase and exchange information from the Managing Editor (Mrs. Sarah S. Robinson, Director of Publications) at: *N. C. State Museum of Natural History, P. O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611*. Dr. John B. Funderburg, Director of the Museum, is Editor-in-Chief.

The Pacific Seabird Group will hold its next annual meeting on 6–9 January 1977, at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. Announcement of the meeting and a call for papers will be mailed to members in early fall. Those not members and wishing to receive this information may write to the Secretary, **KES VERMEER**, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 5421 Robertson Road, Delta, British Columbia V4K 3N2, Canada*. The Chairman of the Local Committee is **L. RICHARD MEWALDT**, *Avian Biology Laboratory, California State University, San Jose, California 95192*.

The meeting will include a symposium on shorebirds in marine environments, to be held Friday 7 January. It is being arranged by **FRANK A. PITELKA**, *Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720*. Persons interested in the symposium may write to him for information. Additional details regarding the annual meeting will also appear in the fall issue of the Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin.