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A **Symposium on Birds of the Sea and Shore** will be held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, on 19-23 November 1979. Both formal sessions and excursions are planned, and the formal proceedings will be published as a supplement to *The Cormorant* (bulletin of the Southern African Seabird Group). Persons interested in attending the symposium should write to the **Organizing Secretary, Mr. G. D. Underhill, 12 Roseberry Road, Mowbray 7700, South Africa**; those wishing to deliver a paper should also write **Mr. J. Cooper, Southern African Seabird Group, % FitzPatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa**, giving details of their proposed paper.

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A National Workshop on Mitigating Losses of Fish and Wildlife Habitats (**The Mitigation Symposium**) will be held at Fort Collins, Colorado, 16-20 July 1979. The losses of fish and wildlife habitat that occur as a result of development projects of many kinds and of land use changes constitute a major national environmental problem. This symposium proposes to assess the magnitude of this problem and to develop strategies and recommendations for achieving better mitigation, in the public interest. Sessions will deal with the problem in coastal as well as terrestrial and fresh water environments, and with all regions of the country. The event is sponsored by the American Fisheries Society, The American Society of Civil Engineers, The Wildlife Management Institute, and The Wildlife Society. Additional information is available from **Dr. Gustav A. Swanson, Program Director, The Mitigation Symposium, Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523.**

The second **North American Conference on Common Loon Research and Management** will be held at Syracuse University January 14-16, 1979, under the sponsorship of the National Audubon Society, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Syracuse University. Requests for further information should be directed to **Judith W. McIntyre, Biology Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York 13210.**