

NOTES AND NEWS

Beginning with this issue of *The Condor* the printing of the journal will be done by The Allen Press of Lawrence, Kansas. This firm, which makes a specialty of scientific journals, and which has extensive experience in these matters, has established favorable price and operational arrangements for the major publications of the Cooper Ornithological Society.

The dates of the annual meeting of the Cooper Society in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1965 have been set for June 14 to 16.

Beginning in January, 1965, the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University will operate a nest-record card program on a continent-wide basis and would like the assistance of everyone.

Through the cooperation of Dr. David B. Peakall and the Onondaga Audubon Society, the Laboratory has carried on a nest-record card program on a local basis for two years. The aim of the program, which is similar to one used in Britain (see Mayer-Gross, *Bird Study*, 9, 1962:252-258), is to collect specific data on bird reproduction in a form convenient for statistical analysis. The results of this two-year trial have been so gratifying that we are encouraged to make the program continent-wide.

For this to be a success we will need the cooperation of all bird observers in all parts of the continent, particularly the United States and Canada. We will also need—because we are certain that regional centers can handle the distribution of data cards and their return to the Laboratory better than individuals—the cooperation of all bird clubs and other societies whose members make field observations of birds.

The Laboratory will provide bird clubs or individuals with cards. The observers will record the contents of each nest found on a separate card and make dated notations on the same card for each subsequent visit to the nest. Each card will then contain all the data from a single nesting. While one observation of a nest will be valuable, additional observations over a period of days or weeks will increase the worth of the record. Our goal is to have hundreds, possibly thousands, of cards containing data on each species from all parts of its range.

We are well aware that there are other local nest-record card programs in this country and in Canada (see Peakall, *Audubon Field Notes*, 18, 1964:35-38) and, naturally, we do not intend to infringe on them in any way. We only hope that they will cooperate with us and help broaden the scope of the whole endeavor. The net result should be the accumulation of far more data on every species than heretofore and the centralization of these data for comprehensive and intensive study, much as is true of the bird-banding program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. All of the information from our program will, of course, be available to anyone who is interested.

Clearly this is an endeavor in which every person seriously interested in birds can participate, be he a seasoned nest finder or one who merely watches a nest from a window. Local organizations, or individuals not members of local groups, may address all inquiries and communications to the NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD PROGRAM, *Laboratory of Ornithology* (Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Director), *Cornell University, Ithaca, New York*.

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided some \$600. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100-grant annually.

Since their inception, the Fuertes Research Grants have been awarded to 20 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

Completed applications must be received by March 1, 1965. Application forms may be obtained from HARRISON B. TORDOFF, *Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan*.