

NEWS AND NOTES

CHANGE IN EDITORIAL OFFICE

Upon completion of this issue of *The Condor* the editorship of the journal passed to Ralph J. Raitt. Manuscripts submitted for publication and correspondence concerning editorial matters should henceforth be sent to Dr. Raitt at the Department of Biology, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

The retiring editors are unable to express adequately their indebtedness to the scores of colleagues, and especially the members of the Editorial Advisory Committee, who have given generously of their time and experience in the review of manuscripts and in other advisory functions. A comprehension of the reasonableness, forbearance, and sagacity to be found in this cross-section of American ornithology has been one of the major rewards of service in the editorial office.

PUBLISHER'S STYLE IN AMERICAN JOURNALS OF ORNITHOLOGY

The editors of *The Auk*, *Bird-Banding*, *The Condor*, and *The Wilson Bulletin* have agreed to make some minor stylistic revisions leading to identical or very similar practices in the four journals in matters, principally, of abbreviations and bibliographic citations. The major objective of this concordat is to make it possible for authors to learn and to apply a single style in the preparation of manuscripts intended for publication in American ornithological journals. The following practices and standards will apply henceforth.

For bibliographic citations in a terminal list of references, authors should use forms stipulated by the *Style Manual for Biological Journals*, Second Edition (Council of Biology Editors, published by the American Institute of Biological Sciences, Washington, D.C., 1964).

For bibliographic citations in texts not having a terminal list of references, authors should conform with these examples: Foster (*Condor* 69: 169, 1967), or (Foster, *Condor* 69: 169, 1967). Citations of publications having three or more authors should be given in the form, for example, "Jones et al." in all cases in the text. Consult current issues of the journals for further details.

Abbreviations of mensural units should conform with the C.B.E. *Style Manual* except in the case of thermometric units, where the degree sign is to be retained, as, for example, 20°C (not 20 C, as given by the *Style Manual*).

Clock-time is to be designated in the 24-hour system and written, for example, as 08:00 or 17:25 (not as 0800 hours, or 1725 hours).

In cases in which both the common name and the Latin name of a bird species are given as a paragraph heading (for example, in annotated lists of species), the common name should be given first.

The Auk, *Bird-Banding*, *The Condor*, and *The Wilson Bulletin* will each retain numerous idiosyncrasies in publisher's style; but the editors believe that the concessions to uniformity mentioned above will significantly aid authors in the preparation of manuscripts, while not appreciably diluting the individuality of the journals.

PUBLICATION PRIORITY

It is the strict policy of the editors of *The Condor* to publish accepted manuscripts in the order of receipt insofar as this is consistent with the maintenance of a diversity of subject matter in each issue of the journal. Subsidized manuscripts are not exempt from this rule. The time interval between the receipt and acceptance of a manuscript is variable owing to differences in the time required for review and revision, and readers should note that the date of acceptance published at the end of each article is not indicative of the date of receipt of the manuscript.

OBITUARY: WILLIAM J. SHEFFLER

William J. Sheffler, Honorary Life Member of the Cooper Society and former President of the Board of Directors, died in Los Angeles, on 25 August 1967, at the age of 74. Mr. Sheffler joined the Society in 1930, became a Life Member in 1937, served as President of the Southern Division in 1949, and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1953. In 1960 he was elected to Honorary Membership and to the Presidency of the Board of Directors, serving in that office for three years. His knowledge of business affairs and investment policies was influential in the development of the Society's strong financial position.

Mr. Sheffler was a well-known aviculturist and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Avicultural Society of America from 1931 to 1946, serving as Vice President of the Board in 1949 and 1950. He was for many years a member of the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, and was Vice President and Fellow of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Sheffler established a large collection of birds' eggs and bird skins through sponsorship of field collectors and by personal field activity. He was a partner in the ownership of Rancho Guirocoba, Sonora, Mexico, a locality familiar to all students of Mexican birds. Specimens from Mexico were strongly represented in his skin collection, all of which was donated to the Museum of Zoology of Louisiana State University. His oological specimens are incorporated in the collections of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology.

Two subspecies of birds were named for him: *Ara militaris sheffleri* van Rossem and Hachisuka, 1939, and *Dendrocolaptes certhia sheffleri* Binford, 1965.

OBITUARY: ROBERT S. WOODS

Robert S. Woods, a member of the Cooper Society since 1920, died in Covina, California, on 21 September 1967, at the age of 81. Mr. Woods was the author of several articles published in *The Condor* and *The Auk*. Shortly before his death he had completed "An English-Classical Dictionary for the Use of Taxonomists," published by Pomona College (1966), and very favorably reviewed in the scientific press.

ARTHUR A. ALLEN AWARD

James Fisher, a prominent British ornithologist and conservationist, was honored at Cornell University on 21 September 1968 as the recipient of the second annual Arthur A. Allen Award for distinguished service to ornithology. The award, in the form of a medal, was established in 1966 in the memory of Professor Allen, a well-known teacher at Cornell for nearly 50 years.

NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A committee consisting of Ned K. Johnson, Stephen M. Russell, and Thomas R. Howell (chairman) proposes the following slate of nominees for election to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society: Oliver P. Pearson, Ralph J. Raitt, and Robert W. Storer. Retiring members of the Board, to be replaced at the forthcoming election, are Eugene Eisenmann, James R. King, and Edgar Stone. Article IV Section 2 of the amended bylaws (see *The Condor* 69: 613-620, 1967) stipulates the process for nomination and election of members of the Board.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Every member of the Society may publish free of charge one short advertising notice (6 lines or less) in any issue of *The Condor*. Members will be charged 50¢ per line for any excess over 6 lines. This service is reserved for the convenience of members and is not available for regular commercial purposes. Send advertising copy to the Editorial Office, Department of Biology, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

INFORMATION WANTED—California Gulls have been marked with round, orange wing tags bearing a black number and symbol. We would appreciate receiving reports of any sight records of these birds and will supply information blanks and a list of codes.—K. Diem and J. Smith, Department of Zoology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming 82070.

WANTED—Benedict, F. G. (1932). *The Physiology of Large Reptiles with Special Reference to the Heat Production of Snakes, Tortoises, Lizards, and Alligators*. Carnegie Inst. Washington, Publ. no. 425. State condition and price.—Ian F. Spellerberg, Zoology Department, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, Australia.

EBBA MEMORIAL AWARD

To stimulate ornithological research using bird-banding techniques or available banding data the Eastern Bird Banding Association will make an award of \$100 to a student who uses banding as a research tool. Stipulations and mode of application are as follows. The applicant must be affiliated with a college or university in the United States. If he is an undergraduate student he must be a major in biology or zoology and must have a B average. If he is a graduate student he must be a major in ornithology. In either case he must use bird banding as part of his research. To apply for the award, submit a description of the project, particularly including information on the way in which banding will be used. No specific format is required for the project description, but to be considered as an application it must be endorsed by the signature of the applicant's department head. Preference in selection will be given to projects that are already in progress. Address applications and questions to F. R. Scott, Chairman, Memorial Grant Committee, Eastern Bird Banding Association, 115 Kenondale Lane, Richmond, Virginia 23226. Applications must be received before 25 February 1969.

FOR EXCHANGE—Bent's Life Histories of North American Birds: Cuckoos, Goatsuckers, Hummingbirds, and Flycatchers, Larks, Swallows offered. Diving Birds, and Blackbirds, Orioles, etc. wanted.—M. D. F. Udvardy, Department of Biological Sciences, Sacramento State College, Sacramento, California 95825.

FOR SALE—A Lifetime with the Birds—An Ornithological Logbook, by Earle R. Greene, 404 pages, 114 photographs, clothbound, new. Price \$6.00 per copy. A few on hand.—Earle R. Greene, 1600 West Fifth Street, Oxnard, California 93030.

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHERS—Super-D Graflex, Graflok back, automatic Ektar 190 mm f5.6, pre-set Dallmeyer Dallon 17 inch telephoto, pre-set Wollensak 15 inch telephoto (both f5.6), excellent condition. \$250.—R. Mazzeo, Route 1, Box 213, Carmel, California 93921.

BOOKS AND REPRINTS NEEDED—The Point Reyes Bird Observatory needs, for its growing research library, donations of books, reprints, and scientific journals. Any natural history items will be welcomed, and especially those pertaining to ornithology. All donations are fully tax-deductible at retail value.—PRBO, Mesa Road, Bolinas, California 94924.