

NEWS AND NOTES

44TH ANNUAL MEETING OF C.O.S.

The 44th annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held at California State University, San Francisco, 19–22 April 1973. Announcement of the schedule and arrangements, and a call for papers, will be mailed to members in January 1973. Robert I. Bowman, Department of Ecology and Systematic Biology, California State University, is chairman of the local committee.

NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee appointed by President William H. Behle, consisting of Frank Richardson (Chairman), Laurence C. Binford, and Stuart L. Warter proposes to the Cooper Ornithological Society electorate for three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society: *Ed. N. Harrison*, Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology; *Stephen M. Russell*, University of Arizona; and *Kenneth E. Stager*, Los Angeles County Museum. These nominees are proposed to replace retiring directors Keith R. Dixon, Frank Richardson and Miklos D. F. Udvardy, who may not succeed themselves. Procedures for election of directors may be found in the COS Bylaws (Condor 69:613–620, 1967).

C.O.S. COMMITTEES 1972–73

Investment Committee: Harold F. Mayfield, *Chairman*; Oliver Pearson, Edgar N. Stone.

Committee for Nomination of Directors: Frank Richardson, *Chairman*; Laurence C. Binford, Stuart L. Warter.

Membership Committee: Keith L. Dixon, *Chairman*; Gerald Collier, William J. Maher, Storrs L. Olson, Robert B. Payne, Gary D. Schnell, John A. Wiens, H. Warrington Williams, Mary F. Willson.

Committee on Archives: Lois Chambers Stone, *Chairman*; Enid Austin, Wilson C. Hanna, Thomas R. Howell, James G. Miller, Sidney B. Peyton, Raymond Quigley, Jr.

Local Committee on Arrangements for Annual Meeting: Robert I. Bowman, *Chairman*; David Ainley, Enid Austin, Laurence C. Binford, Darl Bowers, Howard Cogswell, Ned K. Johnson, L. Richard Mewaldt, Polly Thomas, M. D. F. Udvardy.

Program Committee: Richard F. Johnston, *Chairman*; Martin L. Morton, Robert D. Ohmart.

AOU: NEW OFFICERS, BREWSTER AND COUES AWARDS

At its meeting in Grand Forks, North Dakota, 14–18 August 1972, the American Ornithologists' Union elected the following officers: Joseph J. Hickey, President; George A. Bartholomew, First Vice-President; Harrison B. Tordoff, Second Vice-President; Richard C. Banks, Secretary; Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Treasurer. Elected to three-year terms on the Council were John W. Hardy, Lester L. Short, and Richard L. Zusi.

The William Brewster Memorial Award for the most important work on birds of the Western Hemisphere in the past ten years was given to David W. Snow

and Barbara K. Snow for their monographic studies on the biology of neotropical land birds.

The newly established Elliott Coues Award, for important contributions having an important effect on the study of birds in the Western Hemisphere, was awarded to Alexander Wetmore for his contribution to the systematics and classification of birds of the world, and to Niko Tinbergen for his ornithological work related to the development of the field of ethology.

ERRATUM

An error was made either in publication or final preparation of Prolonged and Bisexual Incubation by California Ospreys [Garber and Koplín, *Condor* 74(2): 201–202]. Table 1, Column "Hours incubation," the symbols for male and female were reversed.

RADIO TAGGING RAPTORS?

The Biotelemetry Committee of the Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., is conducting a survey in an effort to compile and make available information about recent studies utilizing biotelemetry in raptor research studies. If you are using telemetry techniques in raptor research work and would like to be included in the survey, please send your name and address to: Mark Roy Fuller, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Ecology & Behavioral Biology, Bell Museum of Natural History, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455. A questionnaire will be sent to you. A summary of the information obtained in response to these questionnaires will be sent to all respondents.

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. 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 contribution 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 *Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to amateurs, i.e., those whose research is not associated with their livelihood and is not being done in pursuit of an academic degree.

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 Val Nolan Jr., Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Completed applications must be received by 15 April 1973. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 17–20 May 1973.

THE NEOTROPICAL NEST REGISTRY

A Nest Registry system has been formed to record in a systematic fashion information on the breeding biology and nesting of neotropical birds. A detailed discussion of the rationale for, and the difficulties associated with, such a registry appears in *American Birds* for February, 1972 (vol. 26, pp. 18–20). Contributions from México, Central and South America, and the West Indies are needed, and nest reports for primarily neotropical species elsewhere would also be valuable. Contributions need not be in the form of a standard nest record card, although entries typed on 4 × 6 index cards, one card per species, would be desirable. Information to be published by the contributor will, of course, be respected. In lieu of submitting detailed nest records, a statement of for what species and in what countries nest information exists would help keep the Registry file complete. Part of the Registry file will consist of a library of reprints containing papers on life history studies or on specific aspects of reproductive biology of neotropical birds. Send requests for information, contributions of nest data, or reprints to Michael Gochfeld, Department of Ornithology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024.

RED CROSSBILLS

Little has been done to implement Griscom's suggestion (Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., 1937) that specimens of Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*) be preserved from every major flight; but a new study of this unpredictable bird emphasizes this necessity. Any material, including road, net, and window casualties, will be welcome. If whole skins cannot be saved, the heads alone (with bills closed in their natural form, if possible) will be useful—especially if sewed, not too tightly, to the same individual's wing(s) and preferably tail as well. Even skeletons of birds long dead may be very helpful. Please be sure to tag each with the standard data: collector; locality (if this is some distance from the nearest conifers, please so state); date; and, if found dead, an estimate (from the bird's condition) of how long it had been dead.

Kindly submit material for study to the undersigned. It will be returned later, after identification of the subspecies, if you so request. Shipments from outside the United States should be marked "Scientific specimens. No commercial value." Please give your return address, in all cases.

I would especially prize records of movements of banded crossbills, or measurements of birds banded, accompanied by a sketch of how the measurements

were taken.—Allan R. Phillips, Delaware Museum of Natural History, P.O. Box 3937, Greenville, Delaware 19807.

NEW REPORT

Draft copies of a Report entitled "Systematics Collections: A National Plan . . ." will be available at no charge until 31 January 1973 from Philip S. Humphrey, Interim Secretary, Association of Systematics Collections, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

The draft Report, soon to be available, represents the combined efforts of a great many systematists over a period of more than a year and takes into account the many constructive and thoughtful comments stimulated by the Symposium on "Systematic Biology—The Development of a National Program on Resources and Resource Management" held at the National Academy of Sciences in July 1972. Following the Symposium in late September, a Writing Conference was held at the Belmont Estate, chaired by representatives of the Association of Systematics Collections, with generous support from the Smithsonian Institution. The 24 members of the "Belmont Writing Conference," all of them systematic biologists, were unanimous in their feeling that the systematic community and other communities of "users" of systematics collections and associated resources should have an opportunity to review the Report and comment on it before its final publication and distribution, which is now scheduled for March 1973.

The Report presents a "National Plan" for making systematics collections and their associated resources a more effective national resource, better able to serve the needs of systematic biologists and those agencies of society which depend on systematic information in seeking solutions to various biochemical, environmental, agricultural, and other problems. The "National Plan" presented in the draft Report is an important first step which, hopefully, will lead soon to solutions to some of the most basic problems which have been plaguing systematics collections and their associated resources for a great many years.

The editors responsible for preparing the Report for publication will be doing so during the latter part of February 1973. It is hoped that all those interested in systematics collections and the services they provide will take the opportunity to read the Report in its draft form and provide the editors with thoughtful and constructive comments, all of which will be considered by the editors in their efforts to make the Report a more effective instrument for the communities it is designed to serve.—J. C. Dickinson, Interim President, Association of Systematics Collections.