

## NEWS AND NOTES

## 45TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C. O. S.

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 45th Annual Meeting jointly with the Wilson Ornithological Society 12–15 June 1975 at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Clifford Davis was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements and Douglas James was Chairman of the Committee on the Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Harold F. Mayfield, President; Kenneth Stager, Vice-president; Russell P. Balda, Secretary; Paul H. Baldwin, Assistant Secretary; Jane R. Durham, Treasurer; James G. Miller, Assistant Treasurer; Peter Stettenheim, Editor, *The Condor*; Mercedes S. Foster and Gary D. Schnell, Associate Editors, *The Condor*; and Ralph J. Raitt, Editor, *Pacific Coast Avifauna*. Three new members of the Board of Directors, Russell P. Balda, Thomas R. Howell, and J. David Ligon, had been previously elected by ballot to replace retiring members Barbara B. DeWolfe, Harold F. Mayfield, and Francis S. L. Williamson. Oliver Pearson (Chairman), Ed Harrison, and Edgar Stone were re-elected as members of the Investment Committee.

Officers of the Council were elected as follows: Miklos D. F. Udvardy, President; M. D. Arvey, Vice-president; and Jennifer M. White, Secretary. Carl E. Bock was elected as a new member of the Council. James R. King was elected an Honorary Member of the Society for his outstanding contributions to science and his work in the C. O. S.

Actions taken by the Board of Directors and the Council that are of general interest include endorsement of a special award to be given to Alexander F. Skutch and the allocation of extra funds to increase the number of pages in *The Condor* for the next four issues. The Council voted to hold the 1976 meeting at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, during the week of 31 March–6 April.

The Resolutions Committee, chaired by Ronald A. Ryder, proposed the following resolutions, which were approved:

1. WHEREAS the Cooper Ornithological Society and the Wilson Ornithological Society have assembled in their joint annual meeting at Bozeman, Montana, 12–15 June 1975, and, WHEREAS the members of the two societies have benefitted greatly from the dedicated efforts of the Committee on Arrangements chaired by Dr. Clifford Davis, and WHEREAS the excellent service, facilities and hospitality provided by Montana State University have contributed immeasurably to the success and enjoyable nature of this joint meeting, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cooper and Wilson Societies extend their grateful appreciation to the sponsoring organizations, Montana State University and the Sacajewea Audubon Society.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Cooper Ornithological Society and the Wilson Ornithological Society recommend that the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service request the assistance of a group of qualified zoologists as a basis for the granting of permits for scientific collection of birds, rather than delegating responsibility for approval or disapproval of such permit requests entirely to the Law Enforcement Division of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

3. WHEREAS many members of the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies have conducted avian

research in the Gulf of California and on the peninsula of Baja California, and WHEREAS recent developments and activities in those areas pose a serious threat to the well-being and survival of many birds there, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cooper and Wilson Societies endorse the Pacific Seabird Group's Policy Statement No. 1, of May 1974 concerning "Seabird Conservation in the Gulf of California" and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written endorsement be submitted herewith to the Government of México.

4. WHEREAS the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies represent an important cross section of the scientific community concerned with the serious study and conservation of birds in the United States, and WHEREAS the Kilauea Forest Reserve on the island of Hawaii and owned by the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate is valuable habitat for at least four species of endangered birds, the 'Io (Hawaiian Hawk, *Buteo solitarius*), the 'Akiapola'au (*Hemignathus wilsoni*), the Hawaii 'Akepa (*Loxops coccinea coccinea*), the Hawaii Creeper (*Loxops maculata mana*), and, possibly, a fifth endangered species, the 'O'u (*Psittirostra psittacea*), and WHEREAS the B. P. Bishop Estate plans to clear and log 200 acres of this valuable habitat, and WHEREAS this proposed habitat alteration will apparently be in violation of the intents and purposes of the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies urge the Board of Trustees of the B. P. Bishop Estate reconsider their proposed plans for logging and only permit logging to the extent as recommended by the Office of Endangered Species of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in order to provide adequate habitat for the abovementioned species of endangered birds.

The following papers were presented at the scientific sessions:

Mapping Montana bird distribution by Latilong, by P. D. Skaar.

Population trends of some common breeding birds in Colorado, by Ronald A. Ryder.

Densities of overwintering birds along the Salt and Verde Rivers, Maricopa County, Arizona, by Nancy Stamp.

Status of the Peregrine Falcon in the Rocky Mountains, by James H. Enderson and Jerry Craig.

Present status of Ospreys in northern Idaho and northeastern Washington, by Wayne E. Melquist and Donald R. Johnson.

Comparative ecology of Ring-billed and California gulls, by Patricia A. Baird.

Nest construction by Canaries—is the incubation patch involved?, by Michael D. Kern.

Noncyclic reproduction of Sooty Terns on Wake Island, by Robert W. McFarlane.

Second broods in Wood Ducks, by Leigh H. Fredrickson and James L. Hansen.

A comparative study of the breeding biology of Hammond's and Dusky flycatchers, by James A. Sedgwick.

Diet of nestling prairie passerines at Matador, Saskatchewan, Canada, by William J. Maher.

The influence of environment on the nestling feeding rate of the Tree Swallow, by Charles F. Leck and Martha S. Hughes.

Feeding ecology of the Williamson's Sapsucker in Colorado, by Allan B. Crockett.

Comparative feeding ecology of two populations of Rosy Finches in contrasting habitats, by Richard E. Johnson.

The effects of food availability on winter territorial behavior of Townsend's Solitaires, by Michael G. Salomonson.

Northern wintering of flycatchers and residency of Black Phoebes, by Nicolaas A. M. Verbeek.

Foraging ecology of urban birds in Vancouver, British Columbia, by Wayne C. Weber.

Seasonal shifts in avian utilization of tree species and foraging heights in three mixed mesquite communities, by William F. Laudenslayer, Jr.

Determination of circadian timing of migrants, by C. John Ralph.

Dispersal and migration of fledgling bald eagles, by James F. Harper and Thomas C. Dunstan.

Behavior and habitat use of fledgling bald eagles in north central Minnesota, by Thomas C. Dunstan and James F. Harper and John E. Mathisen.

Pre-roosting flights of the Clark's Nutcracker in the eastern Sierra Nevada: phototaxis or thermoregulation?, by Diana F. Tomback.

Roosting behavior of the Piñon Jay, by Russell P. Balda and Michael L. Morrison.

Prey selection in the Long-eared Owl, by Carl D. Marti.

Discrimination of flying predators by American Coots in nature, by Thomas C. Grubb, Jr.

Adaptive significance of certain predatory behavior patterns and their sequencing in the American Kestrel and Red-tailed Hawk, by Daniel Klem, Jr. and Gary L. Nunn.

A predictive model for occurrence of the fixed action pattern "killing bite" in the American Kestrel, by Gary L. Nunn.

Prey-attack behavior by young Turquoise-browed Motmots (*Eumomota superciliosa*), by Susan M. Smith.

Breeding bird communities of northern Rocky Mountain vegetation types, by Brent M. Haglund.

Seasonal habitat selection by White-tailed Ptarmigan, by Clait E. Braun.

Colony site selection, use, and abandonment by the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, by Jerome A. Jackson.

Junco habitats in the western United States, by John R. Haldeman.

Habitat co-occupancy in two interspecifically territorial vireos, by James C. Rice.

Marshes as breeding environments for passerine birds, by Gordon H. Orians.

Environments of fresh water feeding sites of waterfowl in autumn on the Wedler Wildlife Refuge in southern Texas, by Donald H. White.

Desert bird communities and their vegetational habitats, by Carl S. Tomoff and Stephen M. Russell.

Breeding bird diversity in structurally simple habitats: responses to vegetation growth, by George Kulesza.

Birds of three plant communities in the lower Colorado River Valley, by Bertin W. Anderson and Robert D. Ohmart.

Habitat partitioning in birds of the riparian community of southwestern Utah, by Robert C. Whitmore.

Vegetational habitats of African shrubland birds, by Douglas James.

Habitat partitioning by shrubland birds in Ar-

kansas and West Africa, by Alan F. Posey and Douglas James.

The effects of seasonality on bird communities in the ponderosa pine forest, by Robert C. Szaro and Russell P. Balda.

Distribution of summer birds along a forest moisture gradient in an Ozark watershed, by Kimberly G. Smith.

Avian population dynamics in some Hawaiian habitats, by Sheila Conant.

A comparison of bird community structure in two Panama forests, by Henry A. Hespeneheide.

The relation of bird community structure to foliage complexity on three Amazonian plots, by David L. Pearson.

Breeding behavior of Marsh Hawks in arid and mesic grassland habitats, by James R. Rees.

Reproductive adaptations in the Blue-footed Booby, by Thomas R. Howell.

Parental behavior of female American Jacanas, by B. J. Betts and D. A. Jenni.

Reproductive strategies of female Spotted Sandpipers, by Charles H. Black.

Vocabulary shifts during pair-formation in Great Blue Herons, by Douglas W. Mock.

Mating systems and intra- and inter-sexual selection in a population of non-parental birds, by Robert B. Payne.

Male-male pairs and reproduction in the Long-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia linearis*), by Mercedes S. Foster.

Plumage variety, female mimicry and 100 years of evolution in subadult Purple Martins, by Sievert Rohwer and David N. Niles.

An experimental study of the tendency to be social in the House Sparrow, by John R. Watson.

Development of temperature regulation in the House Swift (*Apus affinis*), in India, by Charles T. Collins.

Energetics of growth for Black-bellied Tree Ducks, by Brian W. Cain.

Seasonal adjustment of American Goldfinches to winter cold, by Cynthia Carey and William R. Dawson.

Energetics of wintering Falconiformes: an empirically-derived and tested model, by James R. Koplin, Michael W. Collopy and Albert R. Bammann.

House Finch pigmentation: carotenoid metabolism and the effect of diet, by Alan H. Brush and Dennis M. Power.

Geographic variation in the body composition of starlings, by C. R. Blem.

Sexual dimorphism and common factors in skeletal measurements of California Gulls, by Gary D. Schnell.

Patterns of size and shape in Moa hindlimb elements: a multivariate analysis approach, by Joel Cracraft.

A phenetic analysis of interspecific relationships in the subfamily Cardinalinae, by Jenna Jo Hellack.

Parallel evolution in stream-adapted birds, by Ronald I. Orenstein.

Factors influencing woodcock habitat longevity, by Robert L. Paterson, Jr.

Variation in the behavior of five avian species resulting from timber harvesting in a mixed-coniferous forest, by Kathleen E. Franzreb.

Methods of coexistence in insectivorous mixed species flocks, by Sandra E. Jones.

Sympatry among thirteen Malayan Woodpeckers—ecological and morphological aspects, by Lester L. Short.

Time and activity budget of a female Osprey nesting in northwestern California, by Howard Levenson.

Cost/benefit analysis of Mountain Bluebird foraging tactics, by Harry W. Power.

Dominance, territoriality, and energetics of some tropical hummingbirds, by F. Gary Stiles.

#### NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, consisting of B. B. DeWolfe, Robert T. Orr, and Robert W. Storer (Chairperson), proposes to the C. O. S. electorate for 3-year terms on the Board of Directors: *Joseph R. Jehl*, *Dennis M. Power*, and *Peter Stettenheim*. They will replace retiring directors E. N. Harrison, S. M. Russell, and K. E. Stager. Procedures for election of directors may be found in the C. O. S. Bylaws (Condor 69: 613-620).

#### C. O. S. TREASURER MOVES

Payments for dues and *Condor* charges, and notices of change of address should be sent to Jane R. Durham, Treasurer of the C. O. S., at her new address: P. O. Box 520, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

#### OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF C. O. S.

At the meeting on 29 May, 1975, the following officers of the Southern Division were elected: James R. Northern, President; Luis F. Baptista, 1st Vice-president; Barbara Massey, 2nd Vice-president; Lloyd F. Kiff, Secretary.

#### AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION NEWS

At the 93rd Stated Meeting of the A. O. U., held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 25-29, 1975, the following officers were elected: John T. Emlen, President; Wesley E. Lanyon, 1st Vice-president; Kenneth C. Parkes, 2nd Vice-president; George E. Watson, Secretary; John A. Wiens, Treasurer.

Alexander Wetmore was elected Honorary President. The Brewster medal for meritorious work on birds of the Western Hemisphere was awarded to Jürgen Haffer. The Coues Awards for contributions that have had important impacts on the study of birds within the Western Hemisphere were given to Walter Bock, Richard F. Johnston, and Robert K. Selander. Bernard Rensch of Germany was elected as an Honorary Fellow. Phillip A. Clancy (South Africa), Kai Curry-Lindahl (Sweden), Eberhard Gwimmer (Germany), Colin Pennycuik (United Kingdom), and William H. Phelps, Jr. (Venezuela) were elected Corresponding Fellows.

In 1976, the A. O. U. will hold its annual meeting at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, August 9-13.

#### WALTER J. BRECKENRIDGE HONORED

The administrative board of the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology presented the 1975 Arthur A. Allen Award to Walter J. Breckenridge at a dinner in his honor on October 4. Breckenridge spent most of his long career in association with the James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota. He was cited for "his talent for interpretation, his artistic taste and his scientific soundness (which) have left an indelible imprint on the museum—a legacy of ongoing instruction to countless people."

#### PEREGRINE BIBLIOGRAPHY

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is compiling a bibliography with abstracts of English language literature, both books and periodical, on the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*). Authors who wish to have their articles included in this work should send two reprints, copies, or abstracts to the senior author, Dr. Richard D. Porter, I. F. & R. E. S. Shrub Lab, 735 North 500 East, Provo, Utah 84601. Articles in which the Peregrine Falcon is mentioned but is not the main subject, and articles in foreign languages with English summaries are also wanted.

#### REQUESTS

*Eskimo Curlew skeletons*.—Were none saved? I would appreciate information on the location of skeletal material of this species, other than that in the U. S. National Museum, the Museum of Comparative Zoology, or the Peabody Museum. J. G. Strauch, Jr., Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

*Pictures of Central American animals*.—Interpretive programs for several pilot national parks in Guatemala are being planned by the Guatemalan National Institute of Forestry, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, and U. S. Peace Corps Volunteers. Pictures of native birds and mammals are wanted for use in displays and interpretive publications to educate the public about national parks and the need for conservation. Photographs, paintings, and line drawings, both monochrome and color, of good reproducible quality are desired, and will be returned if so requested. Gifts or loans of such pictures from North American naturalists will provide valuable support to the pioneer conservation program of a developing nation. For a list of species of which pictures are especially wanted, write to: Mrs. Cheri Pancake, c/o Steve Grossman, Peace Corps, ACTION, Washington, D. C. 20525. Pictures that are sent to this address will be forwarded by diplomatic pouch to ensure their safe arrival.

#### SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

**A new genus and species of bird from the island of Maui, Hawaii (Passeriformes: Drepanididae).**—Tonnie L. C. Casey and James D. Jacobi. 1974. Occasional Papers of Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, 24 (12): 215-226. \$2.00. Available: B. P. Bishop Museum, P.O. Box 6037, Honolulu, HI 96822. This paper presents a description of *Melamprosops phaeosoma* and a brief discussion of its affinities, habits, and implications for conservation.

**Checklist of the Birds of Australia. Part 1 Non-Passerines.**—H. T. Condon. 1975. Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, Melbourne. 311 p. \$A10.50. Available: R.A.O.U., GPO Box 5236BB, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, Australia. This list supersedes the second edition of the *Official Checklist* (1926) and its supplements as a standard reference for the nomenclature and range of Australian non-passerines—living, fossil, and introduced. Subspecies are taken into account for the first time and geographical distribution is treated in much greater detail than before. Synonymies for genera and species are given. The book includes lists of references, a gazetteer, and indexes of common and scientific names. Although this work will be used primarily by taxonomists, it is to