

## NEWS AND NOTES

### SYMPOSIUM ON VULTURES

In recent years, worldwide interest and concern has grown for the carrion-eating vultures of both the Cathartidae and Accipitridae. It has been proposed that a symposium be held within the next two years to discuss their status and problems. If you are interested in participating in such an exchange, either in person or by submitting a paper for the published proceedings, please contact: Sanford R. Wilbur, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1190 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, California USA 93023. Please indicate your particular areas of interest.

### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

*Birds of prey.*—Color-coded vinyl wing markers have been placed on Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks and Ravens in the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Areas, Idaho (Condor 78:146, 1976). Sightings should be reported to D. Bibles or M. Kochert, Bureau of Land Management, 230 Collins Rd., Boise, Idaho 83702. This information will be reported to the Bird Banding Laboratory.

*Semipalmated and Least sandpipers.*—Last year the Surinam Forest Service color-banded nearly 3300 Semipalmated and Least sandpipers, resulting in 14 spring and summer sightings and recoveries from the United States and Canada. In 1977 again, large numbers of these species will be color-banded along the Surinam coast. As in 1976, birds will be banded above the tarsus ("knee") with a standard aluminum band and two orange plastic bands of about the same size as the aluminum band. We again ask birders to look out for these birds and to send reports of observations to Arie L. Spaans, Surinam Forest Service, P. O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America. Please report, species, date and location of observation, the position of the aluminum and color-bands—left or right leg, and, if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above, which below, and which in the middle (some birds have all three bands on one leg)—and number of color-banded birds involved.

*Owl literature.*—R. J. Clark, D. G. Smith, and L. H. Kelso are compiling a working bibliography on owls. They request authors of articles which contain material on owls (either wholly or in part) to send them reprints, in order to insure their inclusion. Particularly sought are articles in local journals for birds, wildlife, animal science (e.g. veterinary medicine) and sportsman publications. Any article dealing with owls is suitable except that faunal lists will not be included. The bibliography will attempt to cover the world literature and will be distributed worldwide. All suitable reprints received before 1 July 1977 will be listed. Two reprints of each article should be sent to Dr. Richard J. Clark, Department of Biology, York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA 17405.

### LAURA BAILEY

Mrs. Laura Bailey died September 18, 1975, at Lexington, Virginia, at the age of 89. A native of Maryland, she moved to California and married John Eugene Law, a well-known early member of the Cooper Ornithological Club and student of the

fauna of California and Arizona. After Mr. Law's death in 1931, she met Harold H. Bailey, a famous ornithologist-author-collector (*The birds of Florida*, 1925, The Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore). She later married him, and they moved to Rockbridge Alum Springs, not far from Lexington, where they constructed a museum to house their extensive collections. Mr. Bailey died in 1962. Mrs. Bailey saw to the curating of the collections, and their presentation in 1969 to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Laura Bailey was a close companion to both her husbands in their ornithological endeavors, in the field with Mr. Law and working with the combined collections of both men.—Gale Monson.

### BALD EAGLE LITERATURE WANTED

The National Wildlife Federation's Raptor Information Center is creating a computer-based, working (i.e. keyworded) bibliography on the Bald Eagle. An attempt is being made to include all existing literature, both published and unpublished. Information on extant bibliographies and sources of unpublished literature (reports, theses, dissertations, etc.) is especially being sought. If you have pertinent articles that you wish to be included, please send them to: Dr. Jeff Lincer, Director, Raptor Information Center, National Wildlife Federation, 1412-16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Thank you.

### PURPLE MARTIN COLOR-MARKING

A large-scale Purple Martin color-marking project was initiated in 1975 for Prince George's and Montgomery counties, Maryland and in 1976 for Saxis, Virginia. Observers are asked to look for and report any color-marked (wing tags and/or plastic leg bands) Purple Martins. Please record the color of the band, which leg it is on, age and/or sex (if either is known), where and when observed, and whether the bird was in a roost, staging flock, migratory flock, or established at a nest site. We are especially interested in the movements of young birds and their return rate to the parent colony or nearby colonies. All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to Ms. Kathleen Klimkiewicz, 13117 Larchdale Rd. #2, Laurel, Md. 20811.

### ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY

Memorial University of Newfoundland will host the 1977 Northeastern Regional Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society from October 14-17 in St. John's, Newfoundland. Morning plenary sessions will concern the behavior of marine organisms (invertebrates, fish, birds and mammals) focusing on topics in development, navigation and social behavior. Donald Griffin will be the keynote speaker at the banquet. Papers and posters from all areas of animal behavior are invited for afternoon sessions. If you plan to present a paper or poster, inform us and give us a title when submitting registration fees (\$5.00, preferably Canadian) by August 30 (make checks payable to Animal Behavior Society Meeting). A call for abstracts will be made shortly. The meeting will be held at St. Bride's College in St. John's where room and board will be available at reasonable rates. Tours of local wilderness areas are planned. We are currently working on arrangements for group air fares with Eastern

Provincial Airlines for flights originating in Canada and for flights from the U.S. making transfers in Canada. Some partial travel stipends will probably be available for graduate students. Correspondence

may be directed to Gordon Barnes, ABS Meeting Secretary, Department of Psychology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5S7 Canada.

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WANTED: Mackworth-Praed, African Handbook of Birds, Ser. 2, Vol. 2 and Ser., Vol. 1. A. Schmitz, 2901 Holyrood Dr., Oakland, CA 94611.

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