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## NEWS AND NOTES

### 47TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 47th Annual Meeting 18-22 May 1977, at Idaho State University, Pocatello. Charles H. Trost was Chairperson of the Committee on Arrangements, and Robert D. Ohmart was Chairperson of the Committee on Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Stephen M. Russell, President; J. David Ligon, Vice-President; Paul H. Baldwin, Secretary; Ronald A. Ryder, Assistant Secretary; Jane R. Durham, Treasurer; James G. Miller, Assistant Treasurer. Peter Stettenheim was elected Editor of *The Condor*, and Ralph J. Raitt was elected Editor of *Pacific Coast Avifauna*. Three new members of the Board of Directors, Luis F. Baptista, James R. King, and Robert T. Orr, were elected by ballot to replace William R. Dawson, Oliver P. Pearson, and Edgar N. Stone. Robert T. Orr (Chairperson), Oliver P. Pearson, and Edgar N. Stone were elected to the Investment Committee.

Officers of the Council elected were James R. King, President; M. Dale Arvey, Vice-President; and Jennifer M. White, Secretary. New Council members elected by ballot were Alan H. Brush, George L. Hunt, and Stephen I. Rothstein for 3-year terms; Joel L. Cracraft for a 2-year term, and Charles H. Trost for a 1-year term.

The Council voted to hold the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society at Arizona State University, Tempe, during the 3rd week of May 1978, and the 49th Annual Meeting at California State University, Humboldt, in Arcata the 3rd week of June 1979.

Sixty-one papers were presented at the scientific sessions. A list of the papers can be had from the Secretary.

The Harry R. Painton Award went to H. Rahn and A. Ar for their outstanding paper, "The avian egg: Incubation time and water loss," published in *The Condor*, vol. 76, No. 2. The A. Brazier Howell Award went to Carol Vleck, University of California, Los Angeles, for her presentation of a paper entitled "Oxygen consumption of avian embryos." The Frances F. Roberts Award went to Larry Clark, Northern Arizona University, for the paper, "Development of endothermy and metabolism of nestling Piñon Jays."

The following resolution was proposed by the Resolutions Committee and approved:

Whereas, The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 47th annual meeting at Idaho State University in Pocatello from 18-22 May 1977, hosted by the Department of Biology, the Idaho Museum of Natural History, the Portneuf Valley and Snake River Audubon Societies;

Whereas, The local committee, ably chaired by Dr. Charles Trost, and supported by I.S.U. President Dr. Myron Coulter, superbly arranged varied and stimulating activities, including an outstanding art exhibit; excellent food, drink and accommodations; evening programs, field trips, and invigorating weather; and

Whereas, The scientific program committee, chaired by Dr. Robert Ohmart, performed outstanding service in assembling a stimulating array of technical papers; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cooper Ornithological Society congratulate and extend sincere appreciation to all those organizations and individuals who worked long and hard together to make this a successful and smoothly functioning meeting.

### NOMINEES FOR C.O.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, consisting of R. P. Balda (chairperson), R. B. Payne, and R. J. Raitt, proposes to the C.O.S. electorate for 3-year terms, starting 1978, on the Board of Directors: *Charles T. Collins*, *Robert D. Ohmart*, and *Kenneth C. Parkes*. They will replace retiring Directors Russell P. Balda, Thomas R. Howell, and J. David Ligon. Procedures for election of Directors may be found in the C.O.S. bylaws (*Condor* 69:613-620).

### NOMINEES FOR THE C.O.S. COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee appointed by the President of the Council, consisting of J. L. Cracraft, D. A. Jenni, and M. L. Morton (chairperson) proposes for 3-year terms, starting 1978, on the Council: *F. Lynn*

Carpenter, Richard E. Johnson, and Richard E. Mac-Millen. Procedures for election of Council members are the same as for election of Directors.

#### INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following Opinions have been published recently by the I.C.Z.N.

Opinion No. 1068 (Bull. Zool. Nom. 33:159) LEPTOSOMATIDAE in Aves and Nematoda: resolution of homonymy arising from similarity in the names of the type genera.

Opinion No. 1069 (Bull. Zool. Nom. 3:162). Request to use plenary powers to suppress all uses of family-group name THRAUPIDAE (Aves) prior to its use by Wetmore & Miller, 1926 refused: correction of entry for Name No. 428 THRAUPIDAE in Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

Opinion No. 1070 (Bull. Zool. Nom. 33:165) *Archaeopteryx lithographica* von Meyer, 1861 (Aves) under plenary powers given precedence over *Pterodactylus crassipes* von Meyer, 1857.

The required six months' notice is given of the possible use of plenary powers by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in connection with the following name listed by case number: (see Bull. Zool. Nom. 33, parts 3 & 4, 31 March 1977).

Z.N.(S.) 2117 *Cotyle* Boie, 1826

(Aves, HIRUNDINIDAE): request for suppression.

Comments should be sent in duplicate (if possible within 6 months of the date of publication of this notice), citing case number to: R. V. Melville, The Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, LONDON, SW7 5BD, England. Those received early enough will be published in the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature.

#### HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Board of Directors of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary takes pleasure in announcing an annual award of \$250 for support of raptor research. The Hawk Mountain Research Award will be granted annually to a student engaged in research on raptors (Falconiformes).

To apply, students should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation by October 31, 1977 to: Mr. Alex Nagy, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Route 2, Kempton, PA 19529.

A final decision will be made by the Board of Directors in February 1978.

Only students enrolled in a degree-granting institution are eligible. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. Projects will be judged competitively on the basis of their potential contribution to improved understanding of raptor biology and their ultimate relevance to conservation of North American hawk populations.

#### SUPPLEMENT TO BULL'S "BIRDS OF NEW YORK STATE" PUBLISHED

The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs has just published a 52-page supplement to John Bull's

"Birds of New York State." The cut-off date for records in Bull's book was December 31, 1972. The supplement has been compiled by Mr. Bull and includes additional records up to July 31, 1975. Included are three new breeding records for the state: Gull-billed Tern, Chuck-will's-widow and Bewick's Wren.

Single copies are available for \$2.50 plus 50¢ for postage. Institutions and organizations may purchase copies in lots of 10 or more for \$2.00 per copy with the stipulation that they be sold for no less than \$2.50 per copy. Bulk orders should include payment of \$1.00 for postage. Order from Stephen B. Dempsey, 533 Chestnut Street, West Hempstead, New York 11552.

#### NEW WILDLIFE DATA BASE SEARCHES (1934-1976)

The Biological Information Service announces the completion of a retrospective data base of published literature in wildlife, from 1934 through 1976. Coverage includes North American and Holarctic species of waterfowl, upland game birds, raptors, big game, carnivores, rabbits and hares, squirrels, and other furbearers. These searches are available by taxon (\$35.00 and up) and by subject interest (20¢ a citation—\$5.00 minimum search fee). Each citation will be printed on a standard library card, using the same format as our current-awareness profile cards (author(s), date, title of article, title of journal or publisher, pagination, and descriptors). For further information, contact Julie L. Moore, Bibliographer—Biological Information Service, 5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1008, Los Angeles, CA 90036, 213-938-1566.

#### COLONIAL WATERBIRD CONFERENCE

The Colonial Waterbird Group, organized during the Wading Bird Conference at Charleston, South Carolina last October 1976, will hold its first annual meeting on 21-23 October 1977, at Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb. The conference will include paper sessions, subgroup meetings (surveys, conservation, etc.) and an important business session. Any person wishing to present a paper on an aspect of research or management of pelicans, cormorants, herons, ibises, gulls, terns, alcids or other colonial waterbirds should submit a single page abstract no later than 15 August 1977 to the National Audubon Research Department, 115 Indian Mound Trail, Tavernier, FL 33070. Additional information on the conference will appear in the mid-summer CWG newsletter, or may be obtained by writing the above address.

#### SHOREBIRD SURVEYS AND COLOR-MARKING

*Participants wanted.* A cooperative International Shorebird Survey scheme was started in 1975 to obtain information on shorebird migration and to identify and document areas of major importance. This scheme has been highly successful, with much very valuable information on shorebird distribution and migration coming from contributors throughout eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America. Information from the scheme will be valuable in assessing requirements for the future protection and conservation of the birds

and their habitat. In 1977 we are anxious to continue and extend the scheme in as many areas as possible. Any observer who may be able to participate in regular survey counts of shorebirds during spring and autumn migration periods, as well as during the winter in shorebird wintering areas, are asked to contact one of the undersigned. Occasional counts from observers visiting shorebird areas on an irregular basis would also be most welcome.

For areas in Canada: Dr. R. I. G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E7.

For areas in the U.S.A., Caribbean Islands, Central and South America: Brian A. Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Mass. 02345, U.S.A.

*Information wanted.* In 1977, the Canadian Wildlife Service will again be carrying out extensive banding and color-marking of shorebirds in James Bay. Last year, over 12,400 shorebirds were captured during July and August resulting in over 580 reports of color-marked birds in eastern North America and South America. Observers are again asked to look out for and report any color-dyed or color-banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species (with age if possible), place, date, color-marks and, if possible, notes on the numbers of other shorebirds present. For color-dyed birds, please record the color and area of the bird that was dyed. For color bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, whether they were above or below the "knee," the colors involved, and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g. right leg, blue over metal etc.). All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to Dr. R. I. G. Morrison, whose address is given above.

#### INFORMATION WANTED ON GULLS

*Laughing Gulls.* Juvenile Laughing Gulls have been wing-tagged with green or orange and green wing tags (and with U.S.F.W.S. metal leg bands) in Barnegat Bay, New Jersey to study behavior, migration, habitat selection and survival rates. The tags are round (2" in diameter) and numbered. Please report all sightings to Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Maryland 20811. Please include date, time, location, color of tag, and number of the tag if possible. Information may also be sent to Joanna Burger, Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

*Northwestern colonies.* I need information on the location of inland gull colonies in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. If known, please report the approximate year the colony was established, the number of breeding pairs, and the ratio of California to Ring-billed gulls. Please send to Michael R. Conover, Department of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, Wash. 99163.

#### DATA ON PURPLE MARTINS NEEDED

I request egg date records for Purple Martins (*Progne subis*). Please send date on which each martin pair at colony laid its first egg. Age of each pair (adult or subadult) if known and yearly total of martin young raised at colony also would be helpful. If dates represent second nesting attempts or second

broods, please indicate. Records for as many years as possible are needed. Each contribution will be acknowledged. Charles R. Brown, 2601 Turtle Creek Drive, Sherman, Texas 75090.

#### OBITUARY: GUILLERMO REDDIE MILLIE

On 10 January 1977 South America lost one of her most active and dedicated students of ornithology when Guillermo Millie died in Viña del Mar of a heart disease which had been troubling him for the last few years of his life. Better known as William Millie to his English-speaking colleagues, and Bill to his many friends, he was born in Talca, Chile, on 23 September 1909 of English parents. Bill started his schooling at St. Peter's School in Villa Alemana, just inland from Valparaíso; then he went to England to complete his secondary education at Cheltenham College in Gloucestershire. From 1928 to 1931 he studied agronomy and dairy science at Pennsylvania State University and then returned to Chile to take over the running of his father's farm, Hacienda Centinela, a few kilometres west of Vallenar in the province of Atacama. Bill eventually inherited the farm and lived there for 40 years. Here his already keen feeling for natural history developed into a love for the flora and fauna of Chile, especially for its birdlife on which he published a number of papers. He also contributed substantially to various books that were published on Chilean ornithology by other authors.

Surrounded by the Atacama Desert, Bill's attention was concentrated on the arid-zone avifauna, but his numerous ornithological expeditions took him into the high Andes of northern Chile and Bolivia (1957, 1971), south to Llanquihue and the island of Chilóe (1971), and across the Pacific to the Juan Fernandez Islands (1955-61) and Easter Island (1968).

In 1941 he married Margaret Ines Robinson, and they created at Centinela a home that was a haven for visiting ornithologists and other scientists. Their hospitality was almost legendary, even in times of financial crisis, and was just one indication of the generous nature that earned Bill the love and respect of all who knew him; it earned for him also the affectionate title of Don Guillermo by which he was known throughout almost all of Chile.

Bill left Centinela in 1971 because of prolonged drought, and joined the Universidad de Chile. He and Peggy moved to Viña del Mar. Here Bill worked with his great friend and colleague, Braulio Araya Modinger, on a guide to the birds of Chile. This project has been seriously delayed because of difficult times in Chile but it is to be published by the end of 1977.

The ornithology of the southern hemisphere will be the poorer for Bill's passing, but it is the richer for the contribution he made during his life, which was filled with goodness, vitality and a love for nature, his fellow men and the country of his birth.—Gordon L. Maclean

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## COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

DECEMBER 31, 1976

#### ASSETS

##### Cash on Deposit

The Arizona Bank—Checking Account .....	\$ 25,210
The Arizona Bank—Savings Account .....	16,601
	<u>\$ 41,811</u>

##### Investments in Securities (Market Value \$260,847)

Corporate and Government Bonds .....	\$ 23,428
Preferred Stocks .....	67,744
Common Stocks .....	162,865
Total Assets .....	<u>254,037</u>
	<u>\$295,848</u>

#### FUND BALANCES

General Publication Fund .....	\$ 13,356
Avifauna Fund .....	11,635
Endowment Fund .....	270,857
Total .....	<u>\$295,848</u>