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NEWS AND NOTES

This section is for non-commercial ornithological news, announcements, and requests for assistance. Submitted items should be concise, in *Condor* format, and typed double-spaced. Announcements that carry a deadline for applications should be submitted at least six months beforehand to allow enough time for publication and response. Announcements of more immediate events should be submitted to the *A.O.U. Ornithological Newsletter* (Dr. Richard C. Banks, Ed., Bird and Mammal Laboratories, U.S. National Museum, Washington, D.C. 20560), which has a briefer lead time than *The Condor*.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

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 names listed by case number: (see *Bull. Zool. Nom.* 35, part 3, 19 February 1979).

2233 *Sterna cerulea* Bennett, 1840 (Aves): proposed conservation under the plenary powers.

Comments should be sent in duplicate (if possible within six months of the date of publication of this notice in *Bull. Zool. Nom.* 35, part 3) 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 winners of the second annual Hawk Mountain Research Award were Dean P. Hector (Oklahoma State University) for a study of the Aplomado Falcon and Gary Bortolotti (University of Toronto, Canada) for a study of Bald Eagles in northern Saskatchewan.

The Board of Directors of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association invites applications for its third annual award for raptor research, which has been increased to \$500.00. The Hawk Mountain Research Award is granted annually to an undergraduate or graduate student engaged in research on Falconiformes.

To apply, students should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation by 31 October 1979 to: Mr. Alexander C. Nagy, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Route 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529. A final decision will be made by the Board of Directors in February 1980.

Only students enrolled in a degree-granting institution are eligible. Projects will be judged competitively on the basis of their potential contribution to improve understanding of raptor biology and their ultimate relevance to conservation of North American populations of hawks.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR WELFARE FUND

To assure the survival of the condor population in the wild, we need fresh behavioral studies aimed at diagnosing condor troubles and devising proper remedies for them. Hence, a fund has been established

to support current field work that will complement the condor programs of national and state government agencies. The new studies will emphasize behavior related to reproduction, feeding and survival, and the method will be patient, direct observation without disturbing the condors. This work will be carried out by university biology students and other qualified volunteers, who will be aided in the field and supervised by Carl B. Koford (Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720). Tax deductible contributions to this new study and appraisal of condor welfare will be gratefully received throughout 1979 by: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Endangered Species Fund.

PROJECT EARTHQUAKE WATCH

SRI International in Menlo Park, California, is doing research for the U.S. Geological Survey to determine the degree to which changes in animal behavior may precede earthquakes. Volunteers who live or work along earthquake fault lines in western California are being sought to report instances of unusual behavior in their animals over a toll-free hot line that is in operation 24 hours per day at SRI.

Researchers in the Orient have found that unusual behavior of both wild and domestic animals often occurs a few days or hours before certain earthquakes. Several earthquakes have been successfully predicted on the basis of such reports, along with other geophysical data, and thousands of lives have been saved. In China, volunteer farmers, ranchers, breeders, pet owners, and others who are often around animals form a network of people who report any unusual behavior.

SRI International is asking Californians who are around animals on a day-to-day basis and who live in the general area of an active fault zone to become part of such a network of voluntary observers. Please write to Project EARTHQUAKE WATCH, P.O. Box 2995, Stanford, CA 94305 for more information.

COLONIAL WATERBIRD GROUP

The Third Annual Meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Group will be held 25-28 October 1979 at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette. Field trips to the Gulf coast are planned, and a *Proceedings* will be published as in 1978 and 1979. For information on contributing papers, please contact P. A. Buckley, North Atlantic Region Office, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02109. Abstracts must be received by 1 September. For information on registration, please contact D. McCrimmon, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A. 14853.

CONFERENCE ON BREEDING ENDANGERED SPECIES IN CAPTIVITY

World Conference III on Breeding Endangered Species in Captivity, sponsored by the Zoological Society of San Diego and the Fauna Preservation Society, will be held 12-16 November in San Diego. Held in the U.S. for the first time, the conference will offer reports on captive breeding methods and progress for various birds, mammals, and tortoises. These will include talks on falcons (by T. J. Cade), Crested Ibis (C. Archi-

bald), flamingos (J. Kear), and pheasants (I. Grahame). Registration fee is \$60 per delegate and meetings will take place at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego. Tours of the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park are included. For a tentative agenda, registration forms or further information contact Jo Hammerskog, Conference Coordinator, San Diego Zoo, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112.

PHEASANT SYMPOSIUM

The First International Pheasant Symposium, sponsored by the World Pheasant Association (WPA), will be held in Katmandu, Nepal on 21–23 November. Exciting treks are being arranged around the Symposium dates for those who want to attend the Symposium and have a holiday at the same time. The first trek from 18 to 21 November is to the famous Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge where tiger, Indian rhino and leopard are frequently seen. The second trek is into a part of the Everest National Park, where the organizers are confident they will be able to show Himalayan monal pheasants and blood pheasants in the wild.

The complete package deal holiday from 18 November to 3 December 1979 will cost WPA members £875.00. Demand has already been so heavy that it is likely that a similar holiday will be arranged during the rhododendron season in the spring of 1980. For information contact the Secretary, WPA, Daws Hall, Lamarsh, Bures, Suffolk, U.K.

RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

The American Institute of Biological Sciences and the U.S. National Park Service are sponsoring the "Second Conference on Research in the National Parks" at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, 26–30 November 1979. The objectives of the Conference are (a) to report on new scientific research currently being conducted in the national parks; (b) to foster communication among those involved in research in the parks; and (c) to expose areas in which additional or new research is required to benefit the management and interpretation of the resources of the national parks.

Papers will be accepted in the following areas: Terrestrial Biology: Botany, Resource Management, Riparian Biology, Zoology; Physical Sciences; Sociology; Information Sciences; Technology; Anthropology; Environmental Concerns in Urban (impacted) Parks;

and Aquatic Biology. Chairman is G. Jay Gogue, National Park Service. Those who wish to submit papers or who desire more information should contact Janet Barrett, AIBS, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209; telephone (703) 527-6776.

PHYSIOLOGY OF THE AVIAN EGG

An international symposium on "The Physiology of the Avian Egg" will be presented under the auspices of the American Society of Zoologists at their annual meeting, 27–30 December 1979, in Tampa, Florida. Sixteen papers will be presented on topics that will largely concern the interrelationships of conductance of eggshells to respiratory gases, metabolism, incubation periods, shell formation, and ecological and evolutionary aspects of avian reproduction. The symposium is being organized by Cynthia Carey, Dept. of E.P.O. Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309. Information on registration and housing can be obtained from the ASZ Business Office, Box 2739, California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

JOB OPENING

Carnegie Museum of Natural History has a vacancy for a Scientific Preparator for the Section of Birds and the Section of Amphibians and Reptiles. Starting salary will be \$10,000. Candidates should have a B.S. in vertebrate biology, or equivalent work experience. A thorough knowledge of preparation techniques for scientific specimens of birds, amphibians and reptiles, and job experience in a scientific collection are required. The position will also involve assisting with the management of the collections and opportunities to participate in field work. This is not a research position. Send curriculum vitae and the names of two references to Dr. Kenneth C. Parkes, Section of Birds, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburg, PA 15213. The position will be filled by 1 September 1979. Carnegie Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

RECORDS WANTED ON WESTERN ALASKA BIRDS

Records are wanted of birds observed in western Alaska on the Seward Peninsula, Norton Sound area and St. Lawrence, King, Diomedea, and Sledge islands, for inclusion in a publication of the avifauna of this area. Full credit will be given. Please contact Heinrich Springer, Box 352, Nome, Alaska 99762.