

NEWS AND NOTES

This section is for noncommercial 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*.

49TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 49th Annual Meeting 15-18 June 1979 at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. James R. Koplín was Chairperson of the Committee on Arrangements, and David W. Kitchen was Chairperson of the Committee on Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Dennis M. Power, President; Robert D. Ohmart, Vice-President; Laurence C. Binford, Secretary; Carl E. Bock, Assistant Secretary; Jane R. Durham, Treasurer; James G. Miller, Assistant Treasurer; Peter Stettenheim, Editor of *The Condor*; Ralph J. Raitt, Editor of *Studies in Avian Biology*; and Charles R. Blem, Carl E. Bock, Millicent S. Ficken, and Gary D. Schnell, Associate Editors of *The Condor*. Three new members of the Board of Directors, Carl E. Bock, Martin L. Morton, and Robert B. Payne, were elected by ballot for 3-year terms to replace Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., Dennis M. Power, and Peter Stettenheim. Robert T. Orr (Chairperson), Thomas R. Howell, and Oliver P. Pearson, the last replacing Edgar N. Stone, were elected to the Investment Committee.

Officers of the Council elected were Ralph J. Raitt, President; Carl E. Bock, Vice-President; and Jennifer Meux White, Secretary. New Council members elected by ballot for 3-year terms were Mary H. Clench, Lloyd F. Kiff, and Nicolaas A. M. Verbeek, replacing Joel L. Cracraft, Frances C. James, and Spencer G. Sealy.

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Society will be held jointly with the Wilson Ornithological Society 19-23 March 1980 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Hosts will be Corpus Christi State University, Texas A and I University, and the Coastal Bend Audubon Society, with Brian R. Chapman as Chairperson of the Committee on Arrangements. The 51st Annual Meeting will be at California State University, Hayward, in March 1981.

Seventy-seven papers were scheduled for the scientific sessions, including 21 in four symposia.

The A. Brazier Howell Award went to Sadie L. Coats, University of California, Berkeley, for her paper entitled "Species status and cladistic relationships of the Andean Pygmy Owl, *Glaucidium jardinii*." The Frances F. Roberts Award went to Jeffrey B. Froke, National Audubon Society, San Juan Capistrano, California, for his presentation, "Ecology of feral Amazon Parrots in southern California." Honorable Mention was awarded to Thomas W. Sherry, University of California, Los Angeles, for his paper, "Prey handling and prey selection in two tropical 'puffbirds'."

The Harry R. Painton Award, for the outstanding paper published in *The Condor* during the previous four years, was given to Stephen I. Rothstein for his paper

entitled "An experimental and teleonomic investigation of avian brood parasitism" (*Condor* 77:250-271).

The Council conferred Honorary Memberships on James G. Miller and Oliver P. Pearson for their outstanding service to the Society.

The Council and Board agreed that the Bylaws need a thorough revision; suggestions should be sent immediately to the Council Secretary, Jennifer Meux White, Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. The Board also decided to offer to members, at very reduced prices, all back issues of *The Condor* through Vol. 75 and all *Pacific Coast Avifaunas* and then, after 31 March 1980, dispose of the remainder through a reprint house.

The following resolutions were proposed by the Resolutions Committee and approved:

Whereas, the native flora and fauna of San Clemente Island, California, is threatened by the continued presence of introduced feral goats; and

Whereas, the destruction of the flora will result in severe erosion of the island; be it therefore

Resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society supports the plan of the United States Navy to eliminate immediately all goats from the island by the most efficient means possible.

Whereas, the California Condor has declined to the verge of extinction despite persistent efforts to protect the birds and their environment; and

Whereas, we have a moral responsibility for the species' stewardship; be it therefore

Resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society supports the National Audubon Society, American Ornithologists' Union, and Federal and State agencies in well-designed research, including marking of individual birds, captive propagation, and habitat preservation, to ensure the survival and perpetuation of the species.

Whereas, the Cooper Ornithological Society held its 49th Annual Meeting on 15-18 June 1979; and

Whereas, we met at the Jolly Giant Conference Center at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, and were treated to comfortable housing and interesting cuisine during fair and fowl weather; and

Whereas, sufficient scientific papers were presented to warrant concurrent sessions; and

Whereas, significant social intercourse occurred throughout the weekend; be it therefore

Resolved that we the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society express our sincere appreciation to our hosts, the Department of Wildlife Management at Humboldt State University, The Redwood Audubon Society, and the Humboldt Chapter of the Wildlife Society, whose hospitality has made this meeting a success.

NOMINEES FOR C.O.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, consisting of Joseph R. Jehl, Jr. (Chairperson), Miklos D. F. Udvardy, and Jennifer Meux White, proposes for election in 1980, for 3-year terms on the Board of Directors: *Russell P. Balda*, *Ned K. Johnson*, and *Ralph W. Schreiber*. They will replace *Luis F. Baptista*, *James R. King*, and *Robert T. Orr*.

Dr. Balda is Professor of Biology at Northern Arizona

University, Flagstaff. A member of the Society since 1965, he has served previously as Assistant Secretary, Secretary, member, and Vice-President of the Board of Directors. His research interests are in behavioral ecology of social birds and in avian community structure and habitat selection. Dr. Johnson, Professor of Zoology and Curator in Ornithology at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, joined the C.O.S. in 1950 and has held the offices of President of the Council, member of the Board of Directors, and Associate Editor of *The Condor*; he was President and Secretary of the former Northern Division, and holds a permanent position on the Council. His primary interests are in biosystematics and distribution of New World birds, ecomorphology, and island biogeography. Dr. Schreiber, Curator of Ornithology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, California, has been a member of the Society since 1964 and Life Member since 1970. He was Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee at the 1979 Annual Meeting. His research centers on marine ornithology, especially ecology, behavior, and systematics of the Pelecaniformes and Laridae.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Council, consisting of John William Hardy and Harold F. Mayfield (Chairperson), proposes for election in 1980, for 3-year terms on the Council: *Keith L. Dixon*, *William J. Maher*, and *Genevieve M. Tvrđik*. They will replace *Alan H. Brush*, *George L. Hunt*, and *Stephen I. Rothstein*.

Dr. Dixon is Professor of Biology at Utah State University, Logan. He has served as Assistant Editor of *The Condor* and as member and Vice-President of the Board of Directors. His primary research interests are in social organization and acoustic signalling, especially in parids. Dr. Maher, Professor of Biology at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, joined the C.O.S. in 1953. He has published on such subjects as competition, predation, growth, and population phenomena. Dr. Tvrđik, Assistant Professor of Biology at Slippery Rock State College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, has been a member of the Society since 1968. Her research interests are in aggressive and courtship behavior, sexual dimorphism, and brood parasitism.

Procedures for election of Directors and Council members may be found in the C.O.S. Bylaws (*Condor* 80:256–260). Persons may be nominated by petition and also by write-in on the ballot (which will be mailed out in the winter).

M. DALE ARVEY

[Martin] Dale Arvey, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1953, and a life member since 1961, died at Charlotte, North Carolina on January 29, 1979. At the time of his death, Dale Arvey was the current President of the Council of the Society, having earlier served as President of the Southern Division. Active in the Society since 1953, Dale Arvey rarely missed attending annual meetings, although this often necessitated considerable travel.

After receiving his education at the University of California (B.A.); the University of Idaho (M.S.); and the University of Kansas (Ph.D.), Dale Arvey served on the faculties of no less than six universities and colleges and was Chairman of the Biology Department at three of these institutions. During the period 1963–1967 he took leave of his academic duties to serve on the staff of the National Science Foundation. His ornithological interests centered primarily on the anatomy, distribution and behavioral adaptation of passerine birds. Author of a number of ornithological papers, his best known work is probably, the "Phylogeny of waxwings and allied birds," (*Univ. Kansas Publ. Mus.*

Nat. Hist. 3:473–530, 1951). He was widely travelled and an accomplished linguist. Assisted by his wife Josette, a skilled bird artist in her own right, the Arveys conducted ornithological field work in Colombia and Senegal. At the time of his death, Dale was Chairman of the Department of Biology, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.—Kenneth E. Stager

NORTHERN CHAPTER OF THE C.O.S.

The Northern Chapter of the C.O.S. held five meetings during the 1978–1979 academic year. Each meeting, featured a talk by a speaker from the northern California ornithological community.

In April the Chapter elected new officers: J. P. Myers, President; David Winkler, Vice-President; Ronald Mumme, Corresponding Secretary; and Marie Mans, Recording Secretary.

Talks already scheduled for 1979–1980 include:

8 October. Assessing the hormonal conditions of California Condors and other live birds in the field. Michael Frye, University of California, Davis.

12 November. Morphology and behavior of coexisting hummingbird species. Robert K. Colwell, University of California, Berkeley.

10 December. The ecology of *Dendroica* wintering in Panama. R. S. Greenberg, University of California, Berkeley.

14 January. California vagrant warblers: where are they from and why are they here? David DeSante, Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

Programs will begin at 8 pm. They are given in Room 2503 of the Life Science Building, University of California, Berkeley. Each talk is preceded by a Chapter business meeting beginning at 7:30. The programs are open to all interested. Programs for meetings later during the year will be announced.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The Commission hereby gives six months notice of the possible use of its plenary powers in the following case, published in *Bull. Zool. Nom.* 35 (4) on 31 May 1979, and would welcome comments and advice on it from interested zoologists.

2215 *Toxostoma crissale* "Henry" [= Baird], 1858 (Aves: MIMIDAE); proposed conservation in place of *Toxostoma dorsale*; with a proposed addition to Article 32 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, I.C.Z.M., c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London S.W. 7 5BD, United Kingdom.

A DIRECTORY TO BIRD PROGRAMS

A North American directory of programs available to amateur bird watchers is presently being organized at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. The directory will appear as a major chapter in a coming book on bird watching to be published by Charles Scribner's Sons. The intent of the directory is to identify bird research and educational programs in the U.S. and Canada which welcome participation from nonprofessionals.

Examples of appropriate programs include research projects such as state atlas breeding bird surveys, censuses of colonial water birds, surveys of particular species (such as declining species), hawk migration watches and organized nestbox projects for birds such as bluebirds. Ornithology courses for amateurs and museum study skin collections available to the public

are appropriate entries. Local field trip programs will not be included.

Acceptable projects should have professional guidance into their organization and should be expected to continue for at least several years. Continent-wide programs such as Cornell's Nest Record Card Program and the Christmas Bird Count of the National Audubon Society have already been described and need not be duplicated at the local level.

If you know of an appropriate local or statewide program and want to include it in the directory, please obtain the appropriate forms by writing: Dr. Stephen W. Kress, BIRD PROGRAM DIRECTORY, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

SHOREBIRD SURVEYS AND COLOR-MARKING

Participants wanted. A cooperative International Shorebird Survey scheme has been organized by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Manomet Bird Observatory since 1974 to obtain information on shorebird migration and to identify and document areas of major importance. Much valuable information has come from contributors throughout eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America, and is being used in assessing requirements for the future protection and conservation of the birds and their habitats. It is planned to continue the project in 1979. Any observer who may be able to participate in regular counts of shorebirds during spring and autumn migration periods, as well as during the winter in shorebird wintering areas, is 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, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7.

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

Reports wanted. In 1979, the Canadian Wildlife Service will be continuing a large-scale program of banding and color-marking shorebirds in James Bay. Since 1974, over 38,500 shorebirds have been captured, resulting in more than 1,700 'bird days' of sightings of dyed birds ranging from eastern Canada to South America. Much valuable information on migration is being obtained and 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 (yellow or light blue), and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g. right lower 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.

RECORDS OF MARKED KITES WANTED

Mississippi Kites are being marked with colored leg bands and patagial tags in western Kansas and Oklahoma, and north-central Texas. Each kite carries a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band and from one to three additional color bands in various combinations. Kites captured as adults also wear a pair of colored plastic patagial streamers on the dorsal surface of the wings;

each streamer extends about one inch beyond the ends of the secondary feathers. Persons observing the marked kites are requested to send as much information about the kite and its situation as possible to: Chief, Bird Banding office, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Maryland 20811. Please send a copy plus any additional information to the bander, James W. Parker, Biology Department, State University College, Fredonia, New York 14063.

INFORMATION WANTED

I would like details on the nest and eggs of the White-plumed Antbird (*Pithys albifrons*) and the Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*). Please write: Dr. Johan Ingels, Galgenberglaan 9, B-9120 Destelbergen, Belgium.

REVIEW OF BANDING PROJECTS OFFERED

The Eastern Bird Banding Association's (EBBA) Conservation Committee has initiated a new service for members and nonmembers who are considering banding projects involving rare, endangered, or special status (e.g., 'Blue-listed') species. The purpose of this project is to provide an expert, technical review of work scopes involving these species to insure that the project is technically sound and will cause a minimum of disturbance to sensitive species.

Those interested in using this service are invited to submit a synopsis of their proposed work scope, including at least:

- 1). Objectives of the study and the hypotheses being tested,
- 2). A concise summary of the existing literature and the researcher's previous experience with the species in question,
- 3). A detailed methodology to include trapping and marking techniques, measurements to be taken, manpower involved, season and duration of the proposed project, and the study site locations.
- 4). Justification for the need to involve banding in the study.

This synopsis and any other pertinent material should be sent to: Douglas P. Kibbe, Chairman, EBBA Conservation Committee, 312 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

The Conservation Committee hopes to expand this review service into an advisory service for individuals seeking worthwhile banding research projects. Anyone willing to assist the Committee in this regard is urged to contact the Chairman.

PAN AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The fifth P.A.O.C. will be held in Lilongwe, Malawi during 23-30 August 1980. Full details will be issued in the near future. Len Gillard, Executive Secretary, Fifth P.A.O.C., P.O. Box 84394, Greenside, Johannesburg 2034, South Africa.

BIRD CENSUS SYMPOSIUM

A symposium will be held October 27-30, 1980 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds near Monterey, California to bring together biologists and statisticians interested in estimating bird populations in terrestrial communities. Expected to sponsor the symposium are the Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest Service, as well as other agencies and organizations. The symposium will focus on: (1) the methods of estimating populations (both absolute and relative measures of density); (2) design of censuses and sampling; (3) data collection and analysis; (4) assumptions and biases; and (5) special problems of species groups.

Additionally, a series of overview papers will assess

the validity and applicability of various census methods in areas of current active research. Interchange of ideas will be facilitated by invited and voluntary papers, poster sessions, and field trips. The proceedings of the symposium will be published promptly.

The members of the organizing committee are: John T. Emlen, Joseph Hickey, Cameron Kepler, C. J.

Ralph, Fred Ramsey, Harry Recher, Chandler S. Robbins, J. Michael Scott, Jared Verner, and John A. Wiens. For further information contact the co-chairman, Drs. Ralph or Scott at: Bird Census Symposium, P.O. Box 43, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii 96718.

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FOR SALE: *The Condor*, Vols. 4 and 5 complete as issued, \$25 each, including postage. Henry A. Hespentheide, Department of Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

FOR SALE: *The Condor*, Vols. 47 (1945) to 62 (1960) and a few scattered issues back to 1932. Make offer for all or any part. R. J. Lederer, Department of Biological Sciences, California State University, Chico, CA 95929.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS DECEMBER 31, 1978

ASSETS

Cash on Deposit

Arizona Bank—Checking Account		\$ 17,833
Arizona Bank—Savings Account		26,615
Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.—Securities Brokers		(51)
Eureka Savings and Loan		<u>1,323</u>
		\$ 45,720

Investments in Securities—At Cost (Market Value \$244,611)

Corporate and Government Bonds	\$ 23,428	
Preferred Stocks	58,548	
Common Stocks	<u>181,720</u>	<u>263,696</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$309,416</u>

FUND BALANCES

General Publication Fund		\$ 4,343
Avian Fund		24,939
Endowment Fund		<u>280,134</u>
Total Fund Balances		<u>\$309,416</u>