

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*.

50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The 50th annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held in conjunction with the 61st annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society at the La Quinta Royale Motor Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas, 19-23 March 1980. The announcements of schedule and arrangements, and a call for papers, will be mailed to members. The sponsoring organizations are Corpus Christi State University, Texas A and I University, and the Coastal Bend Chapter of the National Audubon Society. The committee on arrangements is chaired by Brian R. Chapman, Division of Biology, Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, TX 78412. The committee on scientific program is chaired by Jerome A. Jackson, Department of Biological Sciences, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

ENID KATHARINE AUSTIN, 1892-1979

Enid K. Austin was born Enid Katharine Pepper in Shepards Bush, a suburb of London, England on August 8, 1892. Her father was a "musical comedian" who once gave a command performance for King Edward VII. Enid was one of nine children; she had six brothers and two sisters. When she was 14 years old, she and her parents and three brothers and one sister moved to Canada where they lived on a farm near Itunk in Saskatchewan.

Enid was educated at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During 1914 she taught in a country school in Mitchell County, Iowa. From 1916 to 1917 she was a general music teacher in the public schools in Cedar Rapids.

Enid and her husband, Harold C. Austin, were high school sweethearts in Osage, Iowa. They were married on August 11, 1917 in Thompson Falls, Montana. Harold Austin was a newspaper editor and publisher in both Montana and Iowa, a profession he continued to pursue when they moved to Oakland, California in the fall of 1917. In 1918 a son, Robert James Austin, was born, and in 1921 a daughter, Mary Enid Austin, who died in childhood, was born.

When Enid was 43 years old Harold died of a heart attack at their summer home in the Santa Cruz Mountains. After his death Enid continued to pursue their many interests in natural history, music, and politics. She and her little '62 Volkswagon were a common sight at ornithological and botanical meetings.

In addition to her interest in birds and flowers, Enid had a love of good music. For more than 15 years she regularly attended the opera in San Francisco, occupying the same seat every Tuesday night during the

opera season. She had a lively interest in politics and was a member of the California Federation of Republican Women. She was a past-president of the Piedmont Area Republican Women's Club. In addition to these duties she found time to be a member of the California Native Plant Society and the California Botanical Society. She was also a member of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society.

In 1954 she was a delegate from the Western Bird Banding Association to the XI International Ornithological Congress in Basle, Switzerland. She was one of the four founders of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory and later served for many years on its Board of Directors. She was a past-president of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, and was a founder and served for many years as secretary of the Western Bird Banding Association. She was a long-time member of the American Ornithologists Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society. In 1971, to her great surprise and delight she was elected an Honorary Member of the C.O.S.

Enid was a much beloved member of the Cooper Ornithological Society. She was a good friend to students and professors alike. Many young students gained their first interest in birds through field trips with her.

Enid led a busy and happy life and was blessed with good health and abundant energy. Someone once asked her why she didn't write a book about her experiences. Her reply was "I don't have time—I'm too busy living."—Jane Durham.

WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Paul A. Stewart Awards. The Paul A. Stewart Fund for Ornithological Research has been established by donations from Paul A. Stewart. Income from this endowment will be awarded annually to support research in ornithology, especially studies of bird movements based on banding and analyses of recoveries and returns and investigations pertaining to economic ornithology. Several Stewart Awards in the amount of \$200.00 each will be available each year. Stewart Awards will be equally available to students, amateurs and professionals.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes and Margaret Morse Nice awards. Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of that journal for consideration.

Most statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards also are applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible. In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years, one. One Nice Award is made annually in the amount of \$200.00.

Persons interested in any of these awards should

write to Clait E. Braun, Wildlife Research Center, P.O. Box 2287, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522. Completed applications must be received by February 1, 1980. Final decisions will be made by the Council of The Wilson Ornithological Society at the 1980 meeting of the Society.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following Opinion has been published recently by the I.C.Z.N. (see Bull. Zool. Nom. 36 (1) 1 July 1979).

1126 (p. 24) Conservation of *Tanagra cyanea* Linnaeus, 1766 (Aves).

The Commission regrets that it cannot supply separates of Opinions.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE VULTURES

During 23–26 March 1978, the International Symposium on the Vultures was held in Santa Barbara, California. Sponsored by the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology (WFVZ), and arranged by the WFVZ, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, the conference attracted more than 150 participants. Countries represented were the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, France, Rhodesia, and South Africa. Lloyd F. Kiff was chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, and Sanford R. Wilbur chaired the Technical Program. A total of 33 papers was presented.

Richard Fyfe, Chairman of the Committee on Birds of Prey of the International Council for Bird Preservation, announced formation of a Vulture Subcommittee. John Ledger, of the South African Vulture Study Group, was appointed Chairman of the new Subcommittee.

Proceedings of the full Symposium will not be published. However, a book on the vultures is being prepared, including many of the papers presented at the Symposium and additional papers on subjects not covered at the meeting. Questions concerning either the Symposium or the book should be addressed to: Sanford R. Wilbur, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1190 East Ojai Ave., Ojai, California 93023.

THE LIBRARY OF NATURAL SOUNDS

The Library of Natural Sounds at Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology recently received National Science Foundation support for a three-year program of curatorial work. The grant will allow the Library to make available many thousands of recordings that have been inaccessible and to create a computer-based catalog of the collection. In addition to making it possible to prepare various kinds of indexes and printed catalogs, the computer-based data files will allow rapid and accurate searches of the collection for recordings that can meet particular specialized user requests.

The avian collection of the Library of Natural Sounds presently contains approximately 35,000 recordings of nearly 4,000 species. Especially good material is available from: North America (particularly the Turdinae, Vireonidae, Emberizidae, and Parulidae); Mexico and Central America; the Greater Antilles; South America (especially Venezuela, Surinam, Peru and southeastern Brazil); Eastern Africa (southern Ethiopia to Tanganyika and eastern Zaire); Nepal; New Guinea; Taiwan; Micronesia; Hawaii; the Galapagos Islands.

The Library of Natural Sounds serves as an archive and depository for general collections of the sounds of many species and research collections devoted to studies of particular species, groups of species, or an avian

sound problem. Recordists, amateur and professional, are encouraged and invited to archive their recordings with the Library. Magnetic tape is a relatively fragile, short-lived material if not given proper care and storage in a controlled environment. Recordists who archive their original tapes or tape copies in the Library's collection insure their curation, long-term preservation and future availability to researchers and others interested in avian sounds.

The staff of the Library of Natural Sounds provides information, advice, and technical and analytic assistance to those interested in avian sounds. For selected projects, tape, and occasionally equipment, can be provided for persons who wish to record for the collection.

Persons wishing to use material in the Library of Natural Sounds, archive documented recordings in the collection, or contribute to its programs are invited to write to James L. Gullledge, Director, Library of Natural Sounds, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 USA.

EARTHWATCH ORNITHOLOGY PROJECTS

Is bird "watching" the only way for an amateur ornithologist to explore the avian world? No. EARTHWATCH, a unique organization based in Belmont, MA, offers birders the chance to work with scientists in the field and contribute their interest and talents towards important research projects.

Improving communication between the scientific community and the public is one of EARTHWATCH's primary goals. Professional researchers in need of funds and volunteers are matched with motivated amateurs who subsidize the cost of the expedition in exchange for the chance to assist with the project. Over the past eight years almost 4,000 participants have journeyed to all corners of the world, from the wilds of Nepal and the Galapagos to the more domestic settings of Arizona and Martha's Vineyard. Five of the many upcoming EARTHWATCH expeditions may be of special interest to bird enthusiasts:

1) The presence of miners and hikers in the rocky alpine tundra of southwestern Montana has threatened the existence of the White-tailed Ptarmigan. Dr. M. Douglas Scott (Montana State University) needs information in order to devise an effective plan to protect the bird. Volunteers will survey the region to map the area inhabited by ptarmigans and record their number and density.

Team II: May 23–June 7, 1980; share of costs: \$540

Team III: July 4–19, 1980

Team IV: August 29–September 13, 1980.

2) The Palila, a honeycreeper, is disappearing from the forest in the Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park. Dr. Charles van Riper (National Park Service) wants to develop a conservation program to save the species but first needs to know more about its reproductive habits. Participants will band the birds, and make detailed observations and recordings of them at various locations in the Park.

Team I: August 9–30, 1980; share of costs: \$990

Team II: December 16–30, 1980; share of costs: \$775.

3) Dr. James R. Karr (University of Illinois) seeks to determine what causes the changes in the composition and abundance of certain species in Panama. Workers will set up and tend to mist-nets and identify, weigh, and band captured birds.

Team I: March 14–30, 1980; share of costs: \$775

Team II: July 11–27, 1980.

4) In the forests of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Robert Dalgeish, entomologist and director of the E. N. Huyck Preserve in New York, is analyzing the relationship between birds and their ectoparasites. Participants will identify netted birds and dust them to remove the parasites for further examination.

Team I: March 2–15, 1980, Trinidad; share of costs: \$800

Team II: March 16–29, 1980, Tobago.

5) Dr. Gene Wilhelm (Slippery Rock State College) is helping a group of concerned citizens in Butler County, Pennsylvania, conduct a survey of the area's breeding birds. Volunteers will measure, map, and photograph the nesting sites and habitats of the more threatened birds—hawks, owls, and waterfowl.

Team I: May 4–17, 1980; share of costs: \$500

Team II: May 18–31, 1980.

For information about these and other natural science projects, write to Earthwatch, 10 Juniper Road, Box 127, Belmont, MA 02178.

SYMPOSIUM ON WOODLAND GROUSE

The second symposium on woodland grouse will be held at Dalhousie Castle, Edinburgh, Scotland from March 23rd–27th 1981. It will broadly follow the same format as the 1978 Symposium (p. 347) but with emphasis on population dynamics. Further details will be published by the World Pheasant Association.

1982 ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The XVIII International Ornithological Congress will take place in Moscow, USSR on 16–25 August 1982. Professor Lars von Haartman (Finland) is President and Professor Valery Ilyichev (USSR) is Secretary-General. The program is being planned by an international Scientific Program Committee chaired by Professor J. Aschoff (Germany). Current plans are to have a plenary lecture each morning followed by symposia; hopefully, only three symposia will run concurrently at any time. One mid-congress day will be free. Post-congress excursions are planned to many interesting ornithological localities, such as Baikal, Samarkand and Bukhara. If sufficient interest exists, a group flight will be arranged for North American ornithologists.

Inquiries about the congress and requests for application forms should be addressed to: Professor Valery Ilyichev, Secretary General, XVIII Congressus Internationalis Ornithologicus, Ringing Centre 117312, Moscow, Fersman Street 13, USSR.

Questions and suggestions (including for the program and flight plans) may be sent to: Dr. Walter Bock, Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is seeking an executive director in order to expand its programs in conservation and raptor biology. Some management experience is preferred. For further information, send curriculum vitae to Dr. Frank B. Gill, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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FOR SALE: *The Condor*, Vols. 47 (1947) through 81 (1979). Make offer for set. A. J. Berger, Zoology Dept., University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI 96822.

FOR SALE: *The Condor*, Vols. 68 (1966) through 71 (1969) and Vol. 72, No. 1 (1970). Best offer. Harold F. Duebbert, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown, ND 58401.

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WANTED: *California Birds*, Vol. 1, 1970. *Bulletin of New England Bird-Life*, Vol. 1, No. 3, February 1, 1937. Paradiso, J. L. and R. D. Fisher, 1972, Mammals imported into the United States in 1970. (*Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Special Scientific Report*, Wildl. No. 161). Originals only, please. Mention offering price. Allan R. Keith, P.O. Box 325, New Vernon, NJ 07976.

WANTED: Smith, N. G., 1966, Evolution of some arctic gulls (*Larus*): an experimental study of isolating mechanisms. (*Ornithological Monographs* No. 4). MacPherson, A. H., 1961, Observations on Canadian arctic *Larus* gulls, and on the taxonomy of *L. thayeri* Brooks. (*Arctic Institute of North America Technical Paper* No. 7). John W. Weber, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164.