

NEWS AND NOTES

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

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 50th Annual Meeting, in conjunction with the 61st Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society, 19-23 March 1980 at the La Quinta Royale Motor Inn, Corpus Christi, Texas. Sponsors were Corpus Christi State University and the Coastal Bend Audubon Society. Brian R. Chapman was Chairperson of the Committee on Arrangements, and Jerome A. Jackson was Chairperson of the Committee on Scientific Program.

All the Board officers for 1980 were reelected: 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, Russell P. Balda, Ned K. Johnson, and Ralph W. Schreiber, were elected by ballot for 3-year terms to replace Luis F. Baptista, James R. King, and Robert T. Orr. Thomas R. Howell, Oliver P. Pearson, and Robert T. Orr (Chairperson) were reelected to the Investment Committee.

On the Council, Vice-President Carl E. Bock was elected to replace retiring Ralph J. Raitt as President, and William R. Dawson was elected Vice-President. Jennifer Meux White was reelected as Secretary. New Council members elected by ballot for 3-year terms were Keith L. Dixon, William J. Maher, and Genevieve M. Tvrdik, replacing retiring Alan H. Brush, George L. Hunt, and Stephen I. Rothstein.

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in spring 1981 in California. Hosts will include California State University, Hayward, with Howard L. Cogswell as Chairperson of the Committee on Arrangements. The 52nd Annual Meeting will be held at Utah State University, Logan, in 1982.

One hundred and four papers were scheduled for the scientific sessions. The A. Brazier Howell Award went to Michael C. Moore (University of Washington) for his paper entitled "The physiology of territorial behavior in White-crowned Sparrows: the role of male-female interactions." The Francis F. Roberts Award was given to Keith G. Cunningham (University of California, Irvine) for his presentation, "Bioenergetics of the Loggerhead Shrike: relation between lifestyle and metabolism."

The Board of Directors initiated two annual "Board of Directors Student Paper Awards," which went to Judy A. Gradwohl and Russell Greenberg (both University of California, Berkeley) for their paper, "Formation, composition and movement of mixed species forest flocks in lowland Panama," and Francesca J. Cuthbert (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis) for her presentation, "The relationship between reproductive success and colony site use in Caspian Terns."

The Board and Council reviewed the proposed Bylaws and agreed with the major changes. The Board expects to present the new Bylaws at the 1981 Annual Meeting for approval by the membership.

The following resolutions were proposed by the joint C.O.S. and W.O.S. Resolutions Committee and approved by both organizations:

Whereas, in recognition of the need for the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, state conservation agencies, and the Canadian Wildlife Service to pre-

pare long-range recovery and management plans for endangered and threatened wildlife and for other species of ecological or economic importance, and Whereas, in recognition of the importance of acquiring the best biological input for the initial plans and for subsequent scientific reviews, be it therefore

Resolved that the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies jointly commend the responsible agencies for their initiative in consulting both government and outside specialists on these species and furthermore encourage these agencies to extend this policy to all such related plans during both their inception and subsequent reviews.

Whereas, the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies, at their third joint meeting held at Corpus Christi, Texas, 19-23 March 1980, visited the nearby Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, and

Whereas, the members of these Societies were treated to excellent views of Whooping Cranes, an endangered species wintering at Aransas NWR, as well as thousands of other waterbirds, and

Whereas, many of these birds, including the Whooping Crane, cross international boundaries and therefore require international recognition and protection, and

Whereas, the international and national significance of Aransas NWR can more fully be recognized by United States accession to the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, be it therefore

Resolved that the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies express their appreciation to the State of Texas on its role in protecting its migratory wildlife and further recommend that the State of Texas urge the United States Government to accede to the RAMSAR Convention and to list Aransas National Wildlife Refuge as the first United States wetland to be recognized as of international importance under that convention.

Whereas, the State of Alaska contains unique and fragile ecosystems that are as yet largely unaltered by mankind and are of scientific, educational, economic, and recreational value to the United States, and

Whereas, the United States Senate has postponed its debate on the Alaska Lands bill (S.B. 9) and Tsongas Amendment 626 until after 5 July with the possible result that no bill will be passed this session to protect these national lands in Alaska, and

Whereas, in consequence, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus on 12 February 1980 withdrew 40 million acres of this land under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act to be managed as wildlife refuges by the Fish and Wildlife Service or as natural resource areas by the Bureau of Land Management, and

Whereas, twelve million more acres may be subsequently withdrawn if Congress does not itself protect these national lands, be it therefore

Resolved that the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies jointly commend and support Secretary Andrus on his actions, and furthermore encourage the Senate to support speedily the passage of the Tsongas substitute bill, Amendment 626, which most nearly matches that passed by the House of Representatives (H.R. 39) in appropriately protecting the Alaskan lands.

Whereas, nongame fish and wildlife populations have many values important to society, including ecological, aesthetic, social, economic, educational, scientific, recreational and others, and

Whereas, these resources and their associated values can be maintained and perpetuated only through well-designed research and management programs, and

Whereas, current research and management programs for nongame fish and wildlife are severely constrained by voids in fundamental information and by inadequate levels of funding to strengthen essential programs, and

Whereas, bills (H.R. 3292 and S.B. 2181) seeking to establish a joint federal-state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and strengthen nongame fish and wildlife programs have passed the House and will shortly be presented to the full Senate, be it therefore

Resolved that the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies jointly hereby urge the Senate to pass S.B. 2181 and furthermore urge the Conference Committee to resolve the differences between the two bills to the greatest benefit of nongame wildlife, return a bill to Congress, adopt such a revised bill immediately, and insure implementation of the federal-state nongame Fish and Wildlife Contention Act, and furthermore urge the President to sign it into law; and be it further

Resolved that we encourage the U.S. Congress in its next session to take action to fund such a Conservation Act on a sound sustained basis by assigning to it revenues from a tax on appropriately related items.

Whereas, in recognition of the need to preserve and protect the environmental, economic and aesthetic values of our nation's coastal areas, the President of the United States has declared 1980 to be the Year of the Coast, and

Whereas, there is a national effort underway to create a coordinated public information campaign about the values of and threats to coastal zones and resources, be it hereby

Resolved jointly by the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies to support the Year of the Coast campaign during 1980 and encourage our members to participate in local information and education programs.

Whereas, the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies held their third joint meeting on 19-23 March 1980 at Corpus Christi, Texas, at the invitation of Corpus Christi State University and the Coastal Bend Audubon Society and were treated to convenient and comfortable housing and meeting rooms, and

Whereas, important and interesting scientific papers on a variety of subjects were presented to satisfy the full spectrum of participants, and precise timing enabled concurrent sessions to operate successfully, and

Whereas, there was in addition a full range of accessory activities including conveniently placed poster papers, entertaining and instructive movies, and prospects of a delicious and entertaining banquet, and

Whereas, the field trips before and after the meeting were well-organized so as to enable us to enjoy the richness of bird life in this region, be it therefore

Resolved that we, the members of the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies, jointly express our grateful appreciation to our hosts, Corpus Christi State University and the Coastal Bend Audubon Society, and especially to Brian Chapman, Jerome Jackson, field trip organizer Ray Little, and the members of their committees, whose planning, organization, hospitality and perseverance have made this meeting an especially enjoyable experience.

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

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, consisting of Brina Kessel (Chairperson), Jon C. Barlow, and Thomas R. Howell, proposes for election in 1981, for 3-year terms on the Board of Directors: *Jon C. Barlow, Douglas A. James, and Richard E. MacMillen*. The three retiring Directors are Charles T. Collins, Robert D. Ohmart, and Kenneth C. Parkes.

Dr. Barlow is Curator of Ornithology at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, and Professor of Zoology at the University of Toronto. He has been a member of the C.O.S. since 1959 and is a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union and current Editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*. He is an authority on the family Vireonidae and is also studying the adaptive evolution of the New World population of *Passer domesticus*, ecology and evolutionary rates in *Empidonax*, and adaptations of island birds. Dr. James, Professor of Zoology at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has been a member of the C.O.S. since 1947 and is Past-President of the Wilson Ornithological Society. His primary research interests are in terrestrial avian community ecology. Dr. MacMillen is Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Irvine. He joined the Society in 1961 and is an Elective Member of the A.O.U. His primary area of research is in physiological ecology.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Council, consisting of the same three persons as for the Board, proposes for election in 1981, for 3-year terms on the Council: *David A. Manuwal, J. Van Remsen, and James D. Rising*. Retiring Elected Members of the Council are F. Lynn Carpenter, Richard E. Johnson, and Richard E. MacMillan.

Dr. Manuwal is Associate Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington, Seattle. He has been a member of the Society since 1968 and is Past-President of the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society and current Associate Editor of *The Murrelet*. He conducts research on seabird and forest bird ecology. Dr. Remsen is Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology and Physiology and Curator of Birds in the Museum of Zoology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. A member of the Society since 1972, he specializes in behavioral ecology, systematics, and distribution of neotropical birds. Dr. Rising is Associate Professor of Zoology at the University of Toronto, Ontario. A member of the C.O.S. since 1955, he is an Elective Member of the A.O.U. and an Editorial Assistant for *The Wilson Bulletin*. His research has included studies of hybridization (*Parus* and *Icterus*).

1981 MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The 51st annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held at Stanford Sierra Lodge, a conference center at Fallen Leaf Lake, near South Lake Tahoe, California, from Friday, 8 May through Sunday, 10 May 1981, with field trips on Monday, 11 May. The lodge is in a beautiful mountain lakeshore setting and has all required facilities. It is operated on the American plan with a conference price to C.O.S. of \$120.00 per person (\$96.00 for students) including three nights' lodging, 8 meals, gratuities, and all meeting room costs. Airline service is available to South Lake Tahoe from various California cities and from Reno, Nevada; a regular limousine service runs between Reno Airport and Stateline, Nevada on Lake Tahoe. The committee on arrangements is chaired by Howard L. Cogswell (1548 East Avenue, Hayward, CA 94541), and the committee

on scientific program is chaired by L. Richard Mewaldt (Avian Biology Laboratory, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192). The new bylaws proposed by the Board of Directors will be voted upon by Society members at the business meeting. The announcements of schedule and arrangements, and a call for papers, will be mailed to members.

SHOREBIRD SURVEYS AND COLOR-MARKING

Participants wanted. The International Shorebird Survey scheme is organized by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Manomet Bird Observatory to obtain information on shorebird migration and distribution for conservational and research purposes. The scheme was started in 1974 and is providing a continental picture of shorebird distribution through surveys carried out by volunteers in eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America. In 1980, we plan 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 autumn and winter periods 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 the U.S.A., Caribbean Islands, Central and South America: Brian A. Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.

Reports wanted. In 1980, the Canadian Wildlife Service will be continuing a large-scale shorebird banding and color-marking project in James Bay. Since 1974, over 45,700 shorebirds of 27 species have been captured and much information on migration and dispersal routes is being obtained. Observers are asked to look out for and report any color-dyed or color-banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species, age (if possible), place, date, time, color-marks and a note of the number of that species 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. lower 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.

BIRD BANDING RESEARCH GRANTS

The Western Bird Banding Association and the Eastern Bird Banding Association are each offering a research grant of \$250 in aid of research using bird banding techniques or bird banding data. Applicants should submit a resume of their ornithological or banding background, the project plan, and a budget to the chairman of the joint selection committee: Robert C. Leberman, Powdermill Nature Reserve, Star Route South, Rector, PA 15677. No formal application forms are available, and the amount requested should not exceed \$250. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 March 1981.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SALVADORAN BIRDS

A working bibliography of the birds found in El Salvador is being prepared. All papers mentioning Salvadoran birds and birds recorded there are desired by the compilers. Authors who wish to have material included should send reprints to Hugo Hidalgo, Department of Biology, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri 64110 USA.

ROBERT H. MACARTHUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Ecological Society of America is seeking contributions towards endowing a MacArthur Memorial Lecture. The award, based on continuing outstanding intellectual contributions to ecology, will be accompanied by an honorarium and appropriate medallion. The lecture will be presented at the annual membership meeting, although not necessarily on a yearly basis, and will be published in *Ecology*. Individuals wishing to help endow a memorial to Robert MacArthur should send their contribution to: Robert H. MacArthur Endowment Fund, c/o Duncan T. Patten, Business Manager, ESA, Dept. of Botany/Microbiology, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85281.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: *The Birds of Arizona*, by A. Phillips, J. Marshall, D. Monson (1964, Univ. Arizona Press). James R. Youse, Luce Ranch, Blue, AZ 85922.

WANTED: *A New Dictionary of Birds*, ed. by A. L. Thompson (1964); *Animal Life in the Yosemite*, by J. Grinnell and T. I. Storer (1924). Richard E. Johnson, Dept. of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164.

FOR SALE: *The Brown Pelican: A Bibliography*. 1980. 20 pp. Over 900 citations. Send \$3.00, includes postage and handling, to R. W. Schreiber, Natural History Museum, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007. Prepaid only.

FOR SALE: *Avian Biology*, ed. by D. S. Farner and J. R. King. 1971-1975. Five vols. Academic Press. Used but in good condition. Selling only as complete set. \$175.00, including postage within U.S., foreign postage extra. B. Thomas, c/o Virginia Ramsay, 29 Yokun Ave., Lenox, MA 01240.