

NEWS AND NOTES

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53RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 53rd Annual Meeting 19-22 May 1983 at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. David Ligon was the Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, and John Wiens was the Chairman of the Committee on the Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: Ralph W. Schreiber, President; Jon C. Barlow, Vice-President; Elizabeth Anne Schreiber, Secretary; Charles T. Collins, Treasurer; Kenneth Stager, Assistant Secretary; James Northern, Assistant Treasurer. Three new members of the Board of Directors were elected: William Dawson, Sandra Gaunt, and C. John Ralph, to replace Russell P. Balda, Ned K. Johnson, and Ralph W. Schreiber.

Ninety-five papers were presented during two days of paper sessions.

The A. Brazier Howell Award was presented to John M. Marzluff (Northern Arizona University) for his paper entitled "Advantages and disadvantages of being an old Piñon Jay." The Frances F. Roberts Award was presented to Nancy Joste (University of New Mexico) for her paper entitled "An electrophoretic analysis of paternity in the Acorn Woodpecker." Directors' Awards were presented to D. Randall Pinkston (Northern Arizona University) for his paper entitled "Time budgets and territory quality of Broad-tailed Hummingbirds," and to Paul S. Mead (Occidental College) for his paper entitled "Hatching asynchrony in the Mountain White-crowned Sparrow: The life and times of a runt chick." The Harry R. Painton Award, for the outstanding paper published in *The Condor* during the previous two years, was given to James Wittenberger for his paper entitled "Factors affecting how male and female Bobolinks apportion parental investments" (Condor 84:22-39).

The Board of Directors conferred Honorary Membership on William Dawson for his outstanding service to the Society.

The following resolutions were proposed by the Resolutions Committee and passed by the Board and Membership:

Whereas the California Condor, an endangered species, has been reduced to critically low population levels, and

Whereas the extinction of any species diminishes the genetic variability in living things and the resources of the earth, and

Whereas the permanent loss of this great bird would reduce the richness of our environment, be it therefore

Resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society advocates the implementation of a captive breeding program for the California Condor, with the purpose of building up a captive condor population that can eventually provide California Condors for re-introduction into the wild, and supports the efforts of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Fish and Game Commission to do this.

Whereas a quality existence for all people is dependent on a healthy environment, safe for wildlife as well as humans, and

Whereas chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides endrin, DDT, and heptachlor are highly toxic to many forms of

wildlife and their use is incompatible with a healthy environment, and

Whereas field use of these chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides disrupts ecosystems and, having contaminated food chains, they can be transported beyond the sites of application, and

Whereas endrin, DDT, and heptachlor and their metabolites are highly persistent, remaining in the environment for long periods of time, and

Whereas it is recognized that agriculture needs effective species-selective methods to control pest damage to agricultural crops, therefore be it

Resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society advocates the immediate and permanent cessation of the field use of endrin, DDT, and heptachlor in the United States and other countries of the world, and recommends that appropriate governmental agencies research alternative pest control methods, including evaluating the effects on wildlife, to provide agriculture with less hazardous and more selective pest control methods.

1984 MEETING OF THE C.O.S.

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held in early July, 1984, at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. Rooms will be available in the dormitories and meals in the cafeteria of the University. The meeting Chairpersons are C. John Ralph and Barry Noon. Announcements of schedule and a call for papers will be mailed to the members at a later date.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOREIGN CURRENCY GRANTS PROGRAM

This national research grants program offers opportunities for support of research in Burma, Guinea, India, and Pakistan in systematic and environmental biology, museum programs, and other disciplines. Grants in the local currencies of the above-listed countries are awarded to American institutions for the research of senior scientists. Collaborative programs involving host country institutions are welcome. Awards are determined on the basis of competitive scholarly review. The deadline for submission is November 1 annually. For further information write the Foreign Currency Program, Office of Fellowships and Grants, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, or call (202) 287-3321.

HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association invites applications for its fifth annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$500.00 award, students should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vita, and two letters of recommendation by 30 September 1983, to James J. Brett, Curator, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Route 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529. The Association's Board of Directors will make a final decision late in 1983.

Only students enrolled in a degree-granting institution are eligible. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to conservation on North American raptor populations.

NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

The North American Bluebird Society provides grants in aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity-nesting species of North America, with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Three grants, generally of \$1,000 each, are awarded annually:

Student Research Grant—Available to full-time college or university students for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

Bluebird Research Grant—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on any of the three species of *Sialia*.

General Research Grant—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application forms are available upon request from Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Com-

58789. Completed applications must be received by 31 January 1984; decisions will be announced by 15 March 1984.

PROFESSOR BARTHOLOMEW HONORED

George A. Bartholomew, Professor of Biology at the University of California at Los Angeles, was awarded the Joseph Grinnell Medal in Vertebrate Zoology in honor of his distinguished research achievements in scientific natural history. The Grinnell Award commemorates the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, where Grinnell served as its first director and pioneered the development of natural history as a scientific discipline. The award was presented at a formal ceremony on 11 November 1982 at Berkeley.

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