

NEWS AND NOTES

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AVIAN NOMENCLATURE

The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature hereby gives six months notice of the possible use of its plenary powers in the following case, published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (Vol. 40, part 4; 30 December 1983) and would welcome comments and advice on it from interested zoologists.

Case No. 2276—*Rallus tabuensis* Gmelin, 1789 (Aves): proposed conservation under the plenary powers by the suppression of *Rallus nigra* (sic) Miller, 1784.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary (% British Museum [Nat. Hist.], Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, England), if possible within six months of the date of publication of this notice.

RAPTOR COLLISIONS WITH POWER LINES

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Sacramento, in cooperation with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, is assembling all available published and unpublished information concerning collisions of raptors with power lines and other utility lines. Actual case histories—no matter how circumstantial or fragmentary—are needed. Please acknowledge that you have such information by writing to Dr. Richard R. (Butch) Olendorf, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. (Phone: 916 484-4541.) A form on which to record your information will then be sent by return mail.

SPANISH CHECK-LIST OF BIRDS OF THE WORLD

The Spanish Committee on nomenclature and systematics of birds is preparing a check-list of the birds of the world in Spanish. As our first step we are compiling all the relevant information about new systematic findings, taxonomic agreements, lists of national and regional avifaunas and Spanish common names in Iberoamerica. Any information and advice you can give us in this respect would be greatly appreciated. More data about our project are available upon request from I. F. Aguillo and M. Fernández-Cruz, Chairmen, Comisión de nomenclatura y sistemática de la Sociedad Española de Ornitología, Cátedra de Vertebrados, Planta IX, Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid-3, Spain.

COLONIAL WATERBIRD GROUP

The Colonial Waterbird Group will hold its eighth annual meeting 4–7 October 1984 at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, Ithaca, New York. Donald A. McCrimmon, Jr., Cooperative Research Program, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850, will be Local Chairman. Information on submitting applications and abstracts for the scientific program can be requested from William E. Southern, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. Formal announcement and registration forms will be mailed to CWG members in the spring of 1984.

CWG officers recently elected for two-year terms beginning in 1984 are: President R. Michael Erwin, Vice President (President-Elect) William E. Southern, Secretary Donald A. McCrimmon, Jr., Treasurer Iola Price. Councillors elected for three-year terms are: Thomas W. Custer, Julian L. Dusi and Richard T. Paul.

CONFERENCE ON WATERFOWL IN WINTER

Waterfowl in Winter will be the theme of a conference to be held at the Holiday Inn in Galveston, Texas, 7–10 January 1985. Contributed papers and poster sessions will form the bulk of the meetings to include such diverse topics as ecology, behavior, populations, habitat, and management. Suitable papers will be reviewed for a volume to be published by Texas A&M Press. Local field trips will be arranged. One-page, double-spaced abstracts, and names of interested persons should be sent to: Milton W. Weller, Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.

CONGRESS OF SYSTEMATIC AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

The Third International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology will be held on 4–10 July 1985 at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, England. The following symposia are being organized: Symbiosis in evolution, Conservation of tropical ecosystems, Biogeographic evolution of the Malay Archipelago, Adaptational aspects of physiological processes, Co-evolution in ecosystems and the Red Queen Hypothesis, Angiosperm origins and the biological consequences, The measurement of rates of evolution, Molecular biology and evolutionary theory, Co-evolution and systematics, Molecules vs. morphology in phylogeny: conflict or compromise?, Random and directed events in evolution, and Biochemical innovation in microbial communities. There will also be special interest symposia on other topics, as well as sessions for contributed papers, films and poster papers. For further information write to: Professor Barry Cox, ICSEB Congress Office, 130 Queen's Road, Brighton, Sussex BN1 3WE, UK.

1986 INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The 19th I.O.C. will take place in Ottawa, Canada 22–29 June 1986. Prof. Dr. Klaus Immelmann (West Germany) is President and Dr. Henri Ouellet (Canada) is Secretary General. The program is being planned by an international Scientific Program Committee chaired by Professor J. Bruce Falls (Canada). The program will include plenary lectures, symposia, contributed papers (spoken and posters), and films. There will be a mid-congress free day. Excursions and workshops before and after the Congress are planned in various interesting ornithological regions of Canada. Information and requests for application forms should be addressed to: Dr. Henri Ouellet, Secretary General, XIX Congressus Internationalis Ornithologicus, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8, Canada.