

TREASURER'S REPORT

COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

A Non-profit Organization

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

DECEMBER 31, 1984

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash on deposit

Bank of America.....	\$ 2,065
Merrill Lynch Ready Asset Fund.....	60,802
Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.....	27
	<u>\$ 62,894</u>

Investments (Notes 1 and 2)

Government and corporate bonds.....	\$ 30,898
Common stocks.....	173,512
Intercapital Liquid Asset Fund.....	87,803
	<u>\$292,213</u>

Total assets..... \$355,107

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current liabilities

Payroll taxes payable.....	\$ 449
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Fund balances

General publication.....	\$ 55,272
Studies in Avian Biology Funds.....	7,146
Endowment Fund.....	292,240
	<u>\$354,658</u>

Total liabilities and fund balances..... \$355,107

STATEMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984

	Funds			Total
	General Publi- cation	Studies in Avian Biology	Endow- ment	
REVENUE				
Advertising.....	\$ 1,718			\$ 1,718
Contributions				
Page costs.....	8,258			8,258
Other.....	308	\$ 4,063	\$ 2,732	7,103
Student prizes.....	100			100
Dividends and interest.....	6,294		19,050	25,344
Dues.....	43,597			43,597
Revisions.....	414			414
Sale of publications.....	459	7,086		7,545
Subscriptions.....	16,985			16,985
Life memberships.....			4,500	4,500
Miscellaneous.....	679			679
	<u>\$ 78,812</u>	<u>\$ 11,149</u>	<u>\$ 26,282</u>	<u>\$116,243</u>

EXPENSES

Administrative			
Accounting fees.....	\$ 1,670		\$ 1,670
Central office.....	6,702		6,702
Office supplies and expenses.....	626		626
Honoraria.....	997		997
Newsletter.....	2,310		2,310
Secretarial Annual Meeting.....	1,885		1,885
Dues.....	100		100
Awards.....	350		350
Annual Meeting advance.....	2,500		2,500
Annual Meeting expense (Note 4).....	500		500
Publishing			
Printing.....	55,177	\$ 22,635	77,812
Salaries.....	7,606	472	8,078
Filing Fee.....			
Honoraria.....	3,000	1,500	4,500
Postage and supplies.....	2,175	9,671	11,846
Refunds.....			
Miscellaneous.....	1,049	\$ 25	1,074
Fund raising.....		1,428	1,428
	<u>\$ 86,647</u>	<u>\$ 34,278</u>	<u>\$ 122,378</u>
Other income and expense			
Loss on sale of securities.....		\$ 30,930	\$ 30,930
Excess revenues over (under) expenses.....	(\$ 7,835)	(\$ 23,129)	(\$ 6,101)
Fund balance, beginning of year.....	43,071	30,275	385,524
Fund transfers.....	20,036	(20,036)	
Net adjustment in valuation of long term investments to lower of cost or market value (Notes 1 & 2).....			6,199
Fund balance, end of year.....	<u>\$ 55,272</u>	<u>\$ 7,146</u>	<u>\$354,658</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1984

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Purpose: Cooper Ornithological Society, which began operations in 1893, is composed of members interested in the study and advancement of ornithology. The Society has four specific objectives: the observation and cooperative study of birds; the spread of interest in bird study; the conservation of birds and wildlife in general; the publication of ornithological knowledge.

Basis of accounting: The financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting. The Society's accounts are kept on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received rather than earned, and expenses are recorded when paid rather than incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements do not reflect accrued income, or prepaid or accrued expenses.

Investment in securities: Securities owned by the Society are held by the brokerage firm of Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. The investment committee, comprised of three members elected by the Board of Directors, approves purchases and sales of securities. Purchased securities are recorded at lower of cost or market value. The securities are recorded through the Endowment Fund and proceeds from sales of securities are retained in the Endowment Fund. Dividends and interest income earned from these securities are used to defray expenses incurred by the General and Studies in Avian Biology (SAB) Funds.

Inventory: The Society keeps for sale an inventory of past published issues of *The Condor* magazine, *Pacific Coast Avifauna*, and *Studies in Avian Biology* books. Because the costs of publishing these works were charged to expense when paid, the inventory has not been capitalized, and thus not shown on the statement of assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions.

Fixed assets: The cost of office furnishings and equipment are consistently charged to expense because the Society does not deem such amounts to be sufficiently material to warrant capitalization and depreciation.

NOTE 2—INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES

All securities of the Society are included in the Endowment Fund. Shown below is the principal amount or number of shares at cost, and market value of each investment of the Society.

Description	Principle Amount or Shares	Cost	Market Value
INVESTMENTS			
Corporate bonds			
Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. 4¼%, Ser. C First Mtge. due 1-1-2005.....	\$ 45,000	\$ 24,896	\$ 18,787
Ontario Canada 1970, U.S. Funds 9¼%, due 2-12-2005.....	15,000	<u>14,851</u>	<u>12,111</u>
		<u>\$ 39,747</u>	<u>\$ 30,898</u>
STOCKS			
Aluminum Co. America.....	400	\$ 9,207	\$ 14,800
Baxter Travenol Labs, Inc.....	800	23,496	10,500
Mobil Corp.....	800	14,051	21,700
Southern New England Tel. Co.....	600	22,213	21,600
Times Fibre Communications.....	1,100	25,987	11,825
Zurn Industries.....	1,000	26,049	26,000
Northern Telecom.....	400	14,548	13,650
Syntex.....	500	22,913	24,312
Weyerhaeuser.....	1,000	<u>28,655</u>	<u>29,125</u>
		<u>\$187,119</u>	<u>\$173,512</u>
Intercapital Liquid Asset Fund Inc.....		\$ 87,803	\$ 87,803
Totals.....		<u>\$314,669</u>	<u>\$292,213</u>

In accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Statement of Position—Accounting Principles and Reporting Practices for Certain Nonprofit Organizations, Number 78-10, investments are carried at lower of cost or market value, and declines in value are recognized when the aggregate market value is less than the carrying amount. The adjustments to recognize the decreases resulting from this application are recognized as a direct deduction to the fund balance. Unrealized losses in 1984 amounted to \$12,646. The adjustment to fund balance was calculated as follows:

Recognition in 1984 of previously unrealized losses.....	\$ 18,845
Less: Unrealized losses in 1984.....	<u>12,646</u>
Net adjustment to fund balance.....	<u>\$ 6,199</u>

NOTE 3—EXEMPT STATUS

The society is a non-profit organization exempt from federal and state taxes.

NOTE 4—ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE

This relates to an adjustment in the accounting for the annual meeting in New Mexico. Income for this meeting was reported as received in 1983.

Charles T. Collins, *Treasurer*