

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPOSIUM: FOOD EXPLOITATION BY TERRESTRIAL BIRDS

19 March 1988, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove (Monterey), California. Held in conjunction with the 58th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society. The intent of this symposium and subsequent proceedings is to bring together for presentation and discussion scientists involved with the design and analysis of studies exploring how birds exploit food resources. Topics of particular interest include quantification of food resources, analyses of specialists vs. generalists, quantification of foraging methods and associated energetics, questions of statistical analyses, observer biases, and other sampling problems, and relevance of foraging theories and the role of birds in natural ecosystems. Topics must be limited to nonraptorial, terrestrial birds. *Abstracts, due 1 March 1987*, are solicited that emphasize one or more of the above topics. Accepted manuscripts will undergo an extensive review process, and publication will be sought in a refereed monograph series. The symposium is being organized by Jared Verner, C. John Ralph, Michael L. Morrison, and William M. Block, with sponsorship from several private, state, and federal

organizations. For instructions on submission of abstracts, and other information on the symposium, write: Michael L. Morrison, Dept. Forestry and Resource Management, Univ. of California, Berkeley, California 94720. Phone: 415/642-5344.

1987 ANNUAL MEETING

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be hosted by Utah State University and held at Snowbird, Utah—a ski and summer resort a short distance from Salt Lake City—in late June 1987. David and Martha Balph are in charge of local arrangements. Announcements of the schedule and call for papers will be mailed to members at a later date.

1988 ANNUAL MEETING

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society is tentatively scheduled for Monterey, California (Asilomar) in mid-March 1988. Further information will follow as available.