

Scott and Garton also pointed out that the variance associated with the scaling factor used to correct for unpaired males should have been included in our original calculations. We agree, however, we do not know, nor can we estimate this variance. The scaling factor was provided by another investigator and we included it only for completeness. We have deleted the scaling factor from the present estimation. The value stated above is for singing males only.

In their reanalysis, Scott and Garton attempted to scale their final estimate by the correction factor (0.87) but failed to apply this scalar to both the size estimate and the standard error. This led to yet another exaggeration of the standard error, by 13%. Although we commend Scott and Garton for attempting a reanalysis of our data, their compounded errors and misapplication of concepts led to a misleading conclusion.

Finally, we want to stress how important peer review is for maintaining an acceptable level of scientific rigor in endangered species investigations. Scott and Garton contrast our estimate with a previous estimate of 131 pairs for northern Mexico (Marshall et al. 1985). However, the methods supporting the Marshall estimate have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Although our study is biased and clearly underestimates the population, it remains the best estimate available, and our lower limit of 3395 singing males should be regarded as the minimum population for the region.

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NEWS AND NOTES

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS MADRID, 10-15 MAY 1992

The Symposium will focus on the concerns of the Natural History community for the present and future of Anthropological, Biological and Geological Collections in the world. The first circular will be available from February 1991 and will include an outlined general program of the Symposium and the preliminary registration papers. Information is available from: Julio Gisbert and Fernando Palacios, Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, José Gutiérrez Abascal, 2, 28006 Madrid, SPAIN. FAX no.: 1/5645078. BITNET: MCNMA13@EMDCSIC1.

INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The XXI International Ornithological Congress will be held at the Austria Center in Vienna, Austria from August 21-27, 1994. The President of the Congress, C. M. Perrins, General Secretary J. Dittami, and Sci-

entific Program Committee Chair J. C. Wingfield invite suggestions for symposia and discussion groups. Please send any suggestions by July, 1991 to: Professor J. C. Wingfield, Department of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, UNITED STATES, or to the organizers at: XXI International Ornithological Congress, Interconvention, Austria Center, A-1450 Vienna, AUSTRIA.

Symposia should be aimed at reviewing topics of general interest while discussion groups can be more specific. Suggestions must include a statement of the general theme as well as a list of prospective conveners and contributors with their topics and, if possible, addresses. Interested participants are asked to contact the organizers to be placed on the mailing list.

BOOK REVIEW EDITOR

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