

7TH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE ECOLOGY OF SHOREBIRDS, HOLLVIKEN, SWEDEN, 11-16 MAY 1986

Arrival and registration will take place on Sunday evening, 11 May. Talks will be given all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and on Friday morning. On Thursday 15 May there will be a full-day excursion to some interesting and important localities for breeding waders in Scania and southern Smaland. Some of the places to be visited are: the Falsterbo peninsula (with colonies of Kentish Plovers and Little Terns), Foteviken Bay (high densities of breeding waders, including Dunlin, Avocet and Redshank), Lake Hammarsjon (lekking Ruffs, breeding Black-tailed Godwit, Dunlin, Curlew, Caspian and Black Tern) and the Vako bogs (breeding Green and Wood Sandpiper, Golden Plover, Jack Snipe and possibly Whimbrel). Shorter excursions to nearby wader-localities can probably also be arranged from Hollviken, either on Friday afternoon or some early morning in the beginning of the week.

A registration fee of SEK 50.00 (Swedish crowns) is payable by all participants, as well as SEK 40.00 for coffee and tea during the entire meeting. The Thursday excursion will cost SEK 80.00, but this includes both lunch and supper. The costs of accommodation and meals at the Conference Centre, are presented in detail on the enclosed booking form. A full programme and detailed information on travel routes to Hollviken will be sent to all applicants in due time. However, it may be helpful to participants planning to use air flights that Copenhagen in Denmark is the nearest and most convenient airport for travelling to Hollviken.

Booking forms and payments must be received by 31 January 1986, and should be sent to: *WSG/IWRB Shorebird Workshop, c/o Per Andell, Ecology Building, S-223 62 Lund, Sweden.*

SHOREBIRD ENTHUSIASTS OF THE WORLD: UNITE IN HOLLVIKEN 1986!

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As was announced in WSG Bulletin 43 and in the loose insert to WSG Bulletin 44, the 7th Workshop on the Ecology of Shorebirds, under the auspices of the Wader Study Group and the International Waterfowl Research Bureau, will be arranged at Hollviken in Scania, South Sweden. Hosts of this workshop are the Department of Ecology and the Zoological Museum of the University of Lund and Skanes Ornitologiska Forening (The Ornithological Society of Scania).

The main emphasis will be on breeding ecology, especially topics such as mating systems, parental care, sexual dimorphism, acoustic communication and display behaviour. Scandinavian contributions should include studies on interesting and lesser known species like Broad-billed Sandpiper and Great Snipe. Other areas within the field of shorebird ecology will, however, also be included, e.g. population dynamics, migration (the importance of stop-over places for arctic waders during spring migration), non-breeding behaviour (dispersal, flocking, feeding and moulting) and the effects of habitat changes on populations. From the Soviet Union, Pavel Tomkovich of the Moscow State University has been invited to participate in the Workshop, as have two well-known North American shorebird ecologists.

Speakers will be given 20 minutes for their presentations, but there is also a possibility to exhibit posters. Long-term studies and "brave, new speculations" are equally welcome. Participants who intend to give a talk (or present a poster) are asked to enclose a title with the booking form. A final abstract, with a maximum of 200 words, should be delivered on arrival. We are leaving the question of publishing parts of the proceedings open until after the meeting.

The Workshop will take place at the FBU Conference Centre in Hollviken, near the Falsterbo peninsula in SW Scania, where we suggest that all participants should stay. Potential campers can find suitable camping sites a few kilometres away from the centre, but don't forget to notify us when booking, if you are planning to arrange your own accommodation!

THE AUSTRALIAN WADER STUDIES GROUP

September 1985 marks the end of the five-year Royal Australian Ornithologists Union Wader Studies Programme. The Australasian Wader Studies Group is taking over the role of coordinating wader studies in Australasia. A meeting of interested members of the A W S G was held in June 1985 to discuss the research objectives and priorities of the group. A scientific sub-committee was formed and a scientific programme was prepared. It was decided that the main research objectives of the group should be national population monitoring, regular wader counts and special

expeditions. Four expeditions to north-west Australia and the Gulf of Carpentaria will be held in 1986 and are being financed by grants from Earthwatch and World Wildlife Fund, Australia. They will cover both northward and southward migration periods in Australia and will have participants from many nations. WSG members are invited to join us in any of the expeditions.

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