

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

COORDINATED WATERFOWL COUNTS IN PAKISTAN, INDIA, NEPAL AND BANGLADESH

Coordinated mid-winter waterfowl counts will, for the first time ever, take place throughout Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh in January 1987. The surveys will be organised by various national conservation organisations including the Bombay Natural History Society, Zoology Survey Department of Pakistan and Sind Wildlife Management Board, with the assistance of the International Waterfowl Research Bureau and International Council for Bird Preservation. As well as providing the national conservation organisations with data on their important wetland sites the information will be of considerable value to the IUCN, ICBP and IWRB Asian Wetlands Inventory.

Ornithologists who intend to visit the region during the coming winter and would be interested in joining forces with the national survey teams to count herons, storks, ducks and waders should contact J. van der Ven and D. Scott or Richard Grimmett. It must be stressed that no funding is available at present for travel or subsistence. If a sufficient number of people in the UK are interested, a training day will be organised, probably at Slimbridge.

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THIRD EUROPEAN WOODCOCK AND SNIPE CONVENTION

Four years after the last conference of woodcock and snipe researchers, the third workshop will take place between 14-16 October 1986 in Paris. It will be hosted by the Office National de la Chasse. There will be scientific presentations during the first two days, and an excursion to a woodcock study area near Paris on the third day. Participants should arrive on 13 October. The organizers will ask for a registration fee to cover some of the costs. Simultaneous translation (English/French) will be provided. The scientific program will cover various aspects of woodcock and snipe biology and management, such as:

Habitat, feeding and breeding ecology, behaviour, winter ecology.
Ringing results, migration, population dynamics, hunting.
Telemetry, kill statistics, wing sampling.

Persons actively working in woodcock and snipe research are invited to present a paper

(preferably in English). They should send a title and abstract to: Herby Kalchreuter, D-7823 Bonndorf-Glashutte, F.R.G., not later than 31 July 1986. Appropriate papers will be published in the Proceedings of the Third Woodcock and Snipe Workshop.

Participants are asked to contact Yves Ferrand, ONC-Section Becasse, Quai Cot, F-34800 Clermont L'Herault (Tel. 30418011) to arrange accommodation.

We hope that this third workshop will be as successful as the first two, and that it will be beneficial to future woodcock and snipe research.

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