

NOTES AND NEWS

Special Request—From the Bird Banding Laboratory. "We have an increasing number of banders who advertise that reports of color-marked birds should be reported directly to them. Many of these observations concern individual birds that can be identified or related to a standard U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band. We are losing certain recoveries because researchers fail to notify us once they have their own information.

We urge you to send us all reports that can be identified to F & WS band numbers and any color-marking sightings that are not of your own birds. We can report these to other researchers. If you advertise for reports, please request that all sighting reports be made directly to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Md. 20811. We will report back to the banders involved as rapidly as possible."

Bergstrom Research Fund—The E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Fund of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association promotes research on birds. Small grants, each usually not more than \$200, are available to cover expenses but not salaries or overhead charges to institutions. Further details and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary (Ms. Deborah V. Howard, Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, c/o Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, Mass. 01773. The deadline for filing completed applications is 15 April 1977.

Bergstrom Awards during 1976 were presented to William S. Clark, Barn Owl banding study; Ellen D. Ketterson, Winter sex ratios in the Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*); Kim Riddell, The nesting ecology of the breeding colonial birds at the Seashore Key rookery; Robert M. Stewart, Factors influencing the development of polygyny in a population of Wilson's Warbler.

American Ornithologists' Union Meeting—At the 94th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held in Haverford, Pennsylvania, 9-13 August 1976 the following officers were elected: President, Wesley E. Lanyon; President-Elect, Harrison B. Tordoff; Vice-President, Erina Kessel; Secretary, George E. Watson; Treasurer, John A. Wiens.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to Gordon H. Orians for his studies of the evolutionary ecology of birds. The Coues Award was given to Peter Marler for his work on the song dialects of birds.

In 1977, the Union will hold its annual meeting at the University of California in Berkeley, 22-26 August.

Pacific Seabird Group Meeting—The Pacific Seabird Group will hold its next annual meeting on 6-9 January 1977, at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. Announcement of the meeting and a call for papers will be mailed to members in early fall. Those not members and wishing to receive this information may write to the Secretary, Kees Vermeer, Canadian Wildlife Service, 5421 Robertson Road, Delta, British Columbia V4K 3N2, Canada. The Chairman of the Local Committee is L. Richard Mewaldt, Avian Biology Laboratory, California State University, San Jose, California 05192

The meeting will include a symposium on shorebirds in marine environments, to be held Friday 7 January. It is being arranged by Frank A. Pitelka, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. 94720. Persons interested in the symposium may write to him for information.

Additional details regarding the annual meeting will also appear in the fall issue of the Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin (Editor, Dr. Daniel W. Anderson, Division of Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, University of California, Davis, Calif. 95616).

Each year your Editor would like to thank publicly those individuals who have given freely their time and energies by refereeing manuscripts submitted to *Bird-Banding*. Their assistance in these tasks undoubtedly contributes to the scientific quality of the journal. Gratitude is expressed to: R. M. Alison, O. L. Austin, Jr., C. H. Blake, P. Brodkorb, M. H. Clench, C. T. Collins, L. M.

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A prominent part of each issue of *Bird-Banding* is the Recent Literature section, ably solicited, compiled, and edited by Bertram G. Murray, Jr. Members of NEBBA and all readers of *Bird-Banding* owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Murray and his review staff. In the past year the following individuals have taken time to prepare timely and incisive reviews of the recent literature: Kenneth P. Able, David G. Ainley, Robert C. Beason, Joanna Burger, Edward H. Burtt, Jr., Roger B. Clapp, George A. Clark, Jr., Richard J. Clark, Kenneth A. Crossner, Erica H. Dunn, Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., Michael Gochfeld, Jack P. Hailman, Paul B. Hamel, John William Hardy, Donald S. Heintzelman, Carl W. Helms, Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., Leon Kelso, Charles F. Leck, Wayne R. Marion, Burt L. Monroe, Jr., David N. Nettleship, Ian C. T. Nisbet, Raymond J. O'Connor, John C. Ogden, Christopher H. Stinson, Jeff Swinebroad. We are all most grateful for their efforts in contributing to this very valuable section of the journal. Permit your Editor to single out Leon Kelso who has reviewed articles for many years. Particularly helpful have been his reviews of the Russian literature, most of which many of our readers would be unaware of were it not for Leon's fine coverage of that segment.