

overall abundance of the prey may all have important effects on observed success rates. It should be emphasized that Rudebeck's observations were of raptors in migration hunting over unfamiliar open terrain. Presumably many of the raptors were juveniles, as were many of the prey. Whether the hunting-success rates observed can be considered typical for the species in other seasons and circumstances remains to be seen.—Noel F. R. Snyder

31. Composition and Distribution of USSR Avifauna. Non-Passeriformes. (Sostav i paspredelenie ptits Fauny SSSR. Nevorobinye.) L. S. Stepanyan. 1975. Moscow, "Nauka" Press. 369 p. (In Russian; price uncertain.)—This account of the composition, systematics, and distribution of all non-passerine birds authentically recorded in the republic includes additions from recent ornithological explorations spanning the past 20 years. It is, thus, recommended to students, professional or otherwise, as the most complete summation of recorded information, a landmark in Soviet avifaunistic research. Compared with other bird manuals of modern vintage, it appears experimental. The author attempted to provide maximum substance with a minimum amount of print. There are no illustrations or keys. For descriptions, there are sparse diagnostic details for subspecies, and these only in cases of two or more forms of a species. As a whole, real emphasis is on the subspecies, for which the ranges are more detailed than in the AOU Check-list or in the accounts of Bent. For each species the general range delineated is worldwide. It will be interesting to watch whether this stratagem for economy in print is adopted by other writers.—Leon Kelso.

NOTES AND NEWS

Fall NEBBA Meeting—The annual meeting of NEBBA was held 1-3 October 1976 at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock, Vt. At the Council Meeting on 1 October (13 councilors and officers present) reports were read from the Treasurer, Investment Committee, Editor of *Bird-Banding*, Mist Net Committee, Membership Committee, and Bergstrom Memorial Research Fund Committee. The Council extended a special vote of gratitude for NEBBA to Donald C. Alexander who has kindly audited the books for the past two years.

At the annual Business Meeting on 2 October, the Nominating Committee's report was read by Gordon Johnson. The slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

<i>President</i>	James O. Seamans
<i>Vice-president</i>	James Hallett
<i>Secretary</i>	Deborah V. Howard
<i>Treasurer</i>	Robert Shaw
<i>Councilors</i>	(1-yr. term)
	Abbott Fenn
	(4-yr. terms)
	Mrs Primus Bond
	Mrs. Matthew P. Drennan
	John P. Merrill

An interesting papers session included presentations by Marion Metcalf, Jonnie Fisk, and Scot Sutcliffe. Field trips and banding consumed the after-

noon's activities. L. Henry Potter spoke at the evening banquet on "My Banding Experiences in 1909."

Spring NEBBA Meeting—The Council voted to cancel a spring meeting in 1977.

Fifty-year Index to The Jack-Pine Warbler—A 50-year index (1923-1972) to *The Jack-Pine Warbler*, the quarterly journal of the Michigan Audubon Society has been prepared. The 4" x 6", 242-page subject and author index is available for \$5.00 including mailing, from the MICHIGAN AUDUBON SOCIETY BOOKSHOP, 7000 North Westnedge, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

Back Issues and Microfilms of Bird-Banding—NEBBA has recently signed an agreement with Xerox University Microfilms (300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106) to photocopy reprints appearing in and complete issues of *Bird-Banding*. The prices will be: \$3.00 per article and \$0.50 for each additional copy of the same article; for an issue, \$0.10 per page with a \$10.00 minimum order. Anyone interested in the microfilm services should write directly to Xerox University Microfilms.

Many back issues, some quite old, of *Bird-Banding* are available from the Treasurer, as are valuable, low-priced Ten-year Indexes. Persons desiring to complete a volume or a set should write the Treasurer.

EBBA Grant—The Eastern Bird Banding Association is again sponsoring a \$250.00 grant for an undergraduate or graduate student in a recognized college or university in the Western Hemisphere for research in ornithology involving bird banding. Applicants should submit a resume of their planned project to DR. BERTRAM G. MURRAY, JR. 249 Berger Street, Somerset, N.J. 08773. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 15 March 1977.

Colonial Waterbird Group—A Colonial Waterbird Group (CWG) was formed at the North American Wading Bird Conference on 16 October 1976. The group combines the North American Wading Bird Group, and the Atlantic-Gulf Coast; and Interior Colonial Waterbird Group. Objectives of the CWG are (1) to encourage and coordinate standardized wader surveys, (2) to publish a newsletter, (3) to assist efforts by conservationists related to protection and management of wetland ecosystems, and (4) to act as a clearinghouse of information for ongoing research and research opportunities. The group has established a newsletter as a channel of communication among the CWG members and plans a meeting next year.

Chairperson of the pro-tempore Steering Committee for CWG is John C. Ogden, editor of the Newsletter is Mitchell A. Byrd, and Secretary-Treasurer is Joanna Burger. All those interested in joining are urged to contact JOANNA BURGER, Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Dues for 1977 are \$5.00.