

## NOTES AND NEWS

Recent issues of *Bird-Banding* have benefited from expert referee's analyses of manuscripts. Refereeing takes much time, and the Editor expresses his gratitude for this service to the following: Thomas Alerstam, Dean Amadon, Oliver L. Austin, Jr., James Baird, W. Wilson Baker, Paul Baldwin, Charles H. Blake, Emmet Blake, Carl Bock, Robert I. Bowman, William Brown, Paul Buckley, Philip J. K. Burton, Roger Clapp, Charles T. Collins, Richard N. Connor, Alexander Cruz, Ralph Dexter, Keith Dixon, John Emlen, Donald Forrester, Valerie Freer, Sidney Gauthreaux, Jack Hailman, Brian Harrington, Carl Helms, Charles Henny, Henry S. Horn, Marshall Howe, Douglas Johnson, Herbert W. Kale, II, Robert S. Kennedy, Mary LeCroy, James P. Ludwig, Wallace MacBriar, Wayne Marion, Robert Mengel, Eugene Morton, Helmut Mueller, Stephen Nesbitt, I. C. T. Nisbet, Ralph Palmer, Robert Payne, Ben Pinkowski, Robert E. Ricklefs, Chandler Robbins, Sievert Rohwer, Stephen I. Rothstein, Douglas Schamel, Ralph W. Schreiber, Spencer Sealy, Gary Shugart, Jean E. Smith, Paul Stewart, Robert Szaro, Timothy Williams, and Glen Woolfenden.

*Bergstrom Memorial Research Awards.* George A. Clark, Jr., Chairman of the Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Committee, reports on the recipients of awards for 1978. They were: Peter Bloom (Santa Ana, CA and California State University at Long Beach)—A Study of Dispersal of Southern California Raptors, \$200; Kathleen D. Groschupf (Nacodoches, TX and Stephen F. Austin State University)—Song Repertoires of the Five-striped Sparrow (*Aimophila quinquestriata*), \$100; Gilbert S. Raynor (Manorville, Long Island, NY)—Weight and Size Variation in Passerine Birds, \$200; Wm. Timothy Ramage, III (Arlington, MA and Boston University)—Ecology and Population Dynamics of Shearwaters, \$200; Christopher H. Stinson (University of Washington)—Reproductive Ecology of Ospreys, \$200; Dr. Bernice Tannenbaum (University of Washington)—Some Ecological Consequences of Plant/seed Disperser Interactions, \$100.

The next deadline for receipt of applications for Bergstrom Awards is **15 February 1979**. All inquiries should be directed to Ms. SUSAN DRENNAN, *clo American Birds*, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

*Common Loon Conference.* The second North American Conference on Research and Management of the Common Loon will be held at Syracuse University on 14–16 January 1979. It is being held under the joint sponsorship of the National Audubon Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Syracuse University. Address all inquiries about the conference to: DR. JUDITH MCINTYRE, *Department of Biology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210*.