

## Announcements

The E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Fund of the Northeastern Bird Banding Association, Inc., promotes research on birds. Small grants, usually not exceeding \$200., are available to cover expenses but not salaries or overhead charges to institutions. Further details and application forms may be obtained from Susan Roney Drennan, Chairman, NEBBA Research Committee, *American Birds*, 950 Third Avenue, New York NY 10022. The deadline for filing completed applications is March 1, 1979.

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The Maryland Ornithological Society announces the availability of 1-year grants for research conducted in Maryland. Grants are limited to \$250. For further information write: Charles Vaughn, 1306 Frederick Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

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The second North American Conference on Common Loon Research and Management will be held at Syracuse University, January 14-16, 1979, under the sponsorship of the National Audubon Society, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Syracuse University. Requests for further information should be directed to Judith W. McIntyre, Biology Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210.

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The second International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology will be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, July 17-24, 1980. Those interested in receiving an information circular in Spring of 1979 write: G. E. E. Scudder, Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, 2075 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, B C. V6T 1W5, Canada.

### *Wing-tagged Turkey Vultures*

Sightings and information about Turkey Vultures marked with blue, orange or white, numbered wing tags, fastened to the patagium (either wing, both dorsally and ventrally) should be sent to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S.F. & W.S., Laurel, MD 20800 with a copy to Sheila Parness Gaby, 6832 S.W. 68th St., S Miami, FL 33143.

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The British Broadcasting Company Natural History Unit is seeking locations where wild Turkeys can be filmed in natural settings more easily than usual. Any and every piece of advice is urgently needed and will be at once acknowledged. Write: Jeffrey Boswall, B.B.C. Broadcasting House, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR, England.

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An International Symposium on the Vultures, sponsored by the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, will be held March 23-26, 1979, at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, California. Papers on any aspect of life history, behavior, or conservation of both Old World and New World vultures are solicited. For information write: Sanford R. Wilbur, c/o U.S.F. & W.S., 1190 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, California 93023, telephone 805-646-5455.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I apologize for the inadvertent omission of my acknowledgement of the substantial contributions of Dr. James L. Tate, Jr., now with Atlantic Richfield Company, in *American Birds* 32:912-22, 1978. Dr. Tate's conception and initiation of the computer mapping project and his efforts on its behalf are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

— Pauline D. Plaza