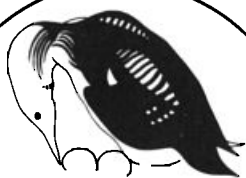


## The Last Word

**A**LERT READERS will notice a change in the way this issue is labelled. Henceforth, rather than issuing January, March, May issues as previously, we will call them January-February, March-April, May-June, etc. The aim is to make the issue name and its date of publication more compatible, recognizing that in spite of all our efforts, our issues have always been late. Nothing else will be changed about these issues; **deadlines for field reports to subeditors and regional editors, and their manuscripts to us, will remain in effect.**

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None of this is to imply that it is the flow from our far-flung network to Third Avenue that is the sole cause of delay. Publishing a 1100-page journal, much of it small print, that runs to a million words a year, with an average of 80 illustrations in each issue, by an editorial staff of three cannot be accomplished easily in normal work weeks. Ours are not normal. But we're not complaining. What we have is something unique in the world—an international cooperative endeavor that records, season by season, the changing birdlife of an entire continent—and late or early we greet the arrival of each new issue with the same anticipation that you do. Thousands of us can share the

feeling that this is indeed "our" journal.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AUTHORS AND CONTRIBUTORS.** For the publication year 1983 (Volume 37, all issues) *American Birds* will use the nomenclature and order of listing of the 5th Edition of the A.O.U. Check-list, as revised in various supplements up through the 33rd, with a few exceptions as noted on our latest Christmas Bird Count forms. The reasons are twofold. Much of the material in this issue was prepared before the publication, in July, 1982, of the 34th Supplement with the list as it will appear in the forthcoming 6th Edition, and that list, unfamiliar to most compilers, was therefore not used in the 83rd Christmas Bird Count, which will appear in our July-August 1983 issue.

We will, however, adopt the 6th Edition nomenclature and order in Volume 38, 1984. This means that *authors of Winter-Bird Population Studies presently being conducted*, and of *Breeding Bird Censuses* this year, and all papers henceforth submitted for publication (including field notes starting with Autumn, 1983) should use the *new* terminology. The preview list can be purchased from Dr. Glen E. Woolfenden, Biology Dept., Univ. of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620; price \$3.00. See also DeBenedictis, this issue.

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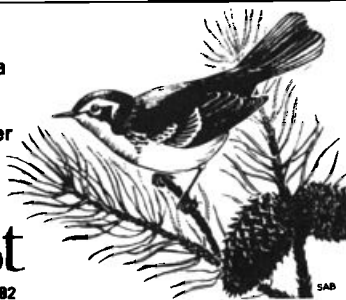
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