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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PUBLISHES REPORT ON CHILDREN'S ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS ABOUT WILDLIFE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published a report entitled, "Youth and Wildlife." The authors of the report, Miriam O. Westervelt and Lynn G. Llewellyn, describe children's attitudes and beliefs concerning wildlife as well as their participation in a variety of wildlife-related activities. Differences between children and adults, boys and girls, urban and rural children, and children from different regions of the country are discussed.

The report is based on responses to a wildlife survey questionnaire developed by the Fish and Wildlife Service for the publishers of *Weekly Reader Eye* and *Senior Weekly Reader*. Children from across the United States responded to the questionnaire that appeared in the two student newsmagazines. Of those schoolchildren who participated, over 3,000 were randomly selected for the study sample. The findings of the study will be of interest to wildlife professionals and environmental educators devoted to increasing young people's understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

"Youth and Wildlife" is available for sale from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 783-3238, for \$3.25. Refer to stock #024-010-00-664-1.

population is in east-central Mexico and further south. Any importation or handling of the birds within the U.S. will require a permit.

Added to the list of Threatened species is the Indo Brown Towhee (*Pipilo fuscus eremophilus*). Mining and burros threaten the birds, which are restricted to approximately a dozen springs in the Argus Mountains in Indo County, California.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has also proposed to list the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum floridanus*) as Endangered.

### PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP MEETING IN DECEMBER

The Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur in La Paz, Baja, California, will host the Pacific Seabird Group meeting December 9-14.

### FARMERS, RANCHERS ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL CONSERVATION AWARDS

Farmers and ranchers demonstrating practical and innovative ways to conserve soil and water in their operations are invited to participate in a national soil and water conservation awards program.

This is the fourth annual awards program, sponsored by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation and the DuPont Company, which selects a conservation farmer/rancher from each state and awards \$1,000 to each of three national winners.

The top conservation farmer/rancher will be selected from each state by committees of farm, conservation and government leaders. The Endowment Technical Advisory Committee will then review the conservation work of the state winners, selecting up to ten national finalists on the basis of their accomplishments in soil and water resource management and pollution abatement.

### U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE UPDATES THREATENED AND ENDANGERED LIST

The Northern Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) has been listed as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Loss of habitat and the use of DDT are thought to be the primary reasons for the species decline. The remaining

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#### 104th MEETING OF THE AOU

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold their 104th stated meeting August 18-21 at Mississippi State University, Mississippi. Jerome Jackson is chairing the Committee on Arrangements for the event. For further information contact him at Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762.

The 105th meeting will be held in San Francisco in 1987; Fayetteville, Arkansas, has invited the group to meet there in 1988, and the 107th meeting in 1989 will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET SEPTEMBER 8-13

The University of California, Davis campus, will host the 56th Annual Cooper Ornithological Society meeting in September. Those interested in conducting workshops should contact: Daniel Anderson, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, Briggs Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. For further information, contact: Charles Van Riper III, Wickson Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

#### RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation will be held at the University of Florida, Gainesville, November 21-23. The local committee is being chaired by Michael Collopy, Department of Wildlife and Range Science, 118 Newins-Ziegler Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. The program committee is being chaired by: Keith L. Bildstein, Department of Biology, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC 29733.

### 1987 THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE RAPTOR AND THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON BIRDS OF PREY

1987 has been declared the International Year of the Raptor. The World Working Group on Birds of Prey, which is part of the ICBP, is launching an extensive educational campaign in conjunction with conservation groups internationally to protect raptors worldwide.

The group plans to promote programs on the national and international levels to raise funds for the protection of and research on birds of prey.

Raptors are particularly sensitive to changes in the environment and in the latter half of the 20th century, many species have dramatically declined, others may have become extinct, while others are in eminent danger of becoming so.

Highlighting the Year of the Raptor will be the Third World Conference on Birds of Prey to be held March 22-27, 1987, in Eilat, Israel. In the spring of 1985, over one million raptors of about thirty different species were counted in Eilat, making this an ideal location for the conference and offering unparalleled birdwatching. Steppe Buzzards, Steppe Eagles, and Black Kites are among the migrating raptor species which pass over Eilat; a great variety of migrating passerines and water birds can also be seen here, as well as such local species as Arabian Babbler, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse, and Little Green Bee-eater.

The conference will consist of five days of lectures, paper sessions, workshops and field trips.

Those who would like to contribute to one of the themes of the conference should contact the theme coordinator:

**Conservation and biology of rare raptors**  
Dr. Bernd Meyburg  
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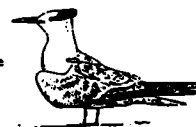
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#### 1986 GRANTS ANNOUNCED BY NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND OF MEREDITH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

In April, the North American Loon Fund, Winner of a 1986 Chevron Conservation Award, approved grant requests totalling over \$15,000. Each year NALF accepts grant proposals for research, management or education projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America.

NALF raises monies through donations and the sale of loon-related items including the recording "Voices of the Loon". The North American Loon Fund is located at: Main Street, Humiston Building, Meredith, NH 03253.

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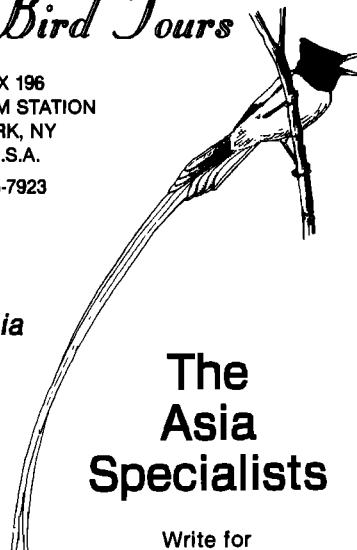
A study program at the Laboratory's facility on Appledore Island in Maine is being offered September 6-9. Located about six miles offshore from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Appledore Island is a Registered Historic Site and a State of Maine Critical Area. Remarkable for its bird variety and abundance, the Isles of Shoals provide rest stops for long distance migrants in addition to attracting pelagic species such as gannets, shearwaters and storm-petrels. Wading birds like the Glossy Ibis and Snowy Egret breed here and nesting species include guillemots, eiders and cormorants. In addition to the diversity of bird life, this isolated and unspoiled environment claims whales, dolphins and porpoises as annual visitors, and has a breeding colony of Harbor Seals as well.

Supplementing birding (and bird banding) in the field are lectures on the natural history of selected species, field trips, lab demonstrations and displays, slide shows and films about bird life.

This program is for novice and expert birder alike and is given September 6-9 at a cost of \$325. (includes room and board). For more information, contact: Shoals Marine Laboratory, GL-14 Stimson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, or call (607) 255-3717.

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