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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Midwest Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop

The National Wildlife Federation's Institute for Wildlife Research, Illinois Department of Conservation's Division of Natural Heritage, Illinois Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation will host the Midwest Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop, beginning February 27–March 1, 1989 in Chicago, Illinois, at the Allerton Hotel.

Participating states include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

For more information, contact the National Wildlife Federation, Institute for Wildlife Research, 1400 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036-2266 or call 703-790-4268.

## American Ornithologists Union To Meet

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its 107th Stated Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 7–10, 1989. Co-chairs of the Local Committee are Kenneth C. Parkes and Robert Raikow.

## Neotropical Migrant Landbirds Symposium

Ecology and Conservation of Neotropical Migrant Landbirds, a symposium, will be held December 7–9, 1989 in Massachusetts. The purpose is to update knowledge since the 1977 Smithsonian symposium. Invited and contributed papers will be presented. For information, contact John M. Hagan, Manomet Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 936, Manomet, MA 02345 (508-224-6521).

## Two Groups To Meet

The Wilson Ornithological Society and The Association of Field Ornithologists will meet jointly at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts in June, 1990.

## Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Workshop

On January 27–29, 1989, the Saskatchewan Natural History Society together with the Canadian Plains Research Center will host a workshop on Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species. The three-day workshop, to be held at the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History in Regina, has the theme: Agriculture and Wildlife; Partners in Conservation.

The workshop will feature special discussions of the World Conservation Strategy, Soil and Water Conservation, Wildlife Tourism, Prairie Drought, North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Public Education, and the implementation of the Prairie Conservation Action Plan. There will be presentations on the status of rare, threatened and endangered species in the Prairie and aspen parkland ecoregions of Canada, and much more.

For registration information, contact Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Workshop, Saskatchewan Natural History Society, Box 4348, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3W6, or phone Susan Henry at 306-780-9273.

## Two Groups To Meet

The American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society will meet jointly in Los Angeles, California, June 25–July 1, 1990.

## XX Ornithological Congress

The XX Ornithological Congress will meet in Christchurch, New Zealand, December 2–9, 1990. The program will include six plenary lectures, 48 symposia, contributed papers, workshops, discussion groups, and films. There will be a mid-Congress excursion day, and longer pre- and post-Congress excursions. Requests for the First Circular, which includes information on these events, should be sent to Dr. Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, XX Ornithological Congress, Department of Zoology, Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand.

## A Rainforest Canopy Birding Workshop

Many of you have visited the Tambopata Nature Reserve in Southeast Peru and experienced its exceptional bird diversity. You may also have been among the hundreds of people who, after experiencing the frustration of trying to watch birds in the forest canopy from the forest floor, have suggested a canopy observation platform. For many practical reasons this has been an impossibility—until this past summer. There are now 13 large, safe and sturdy permanent observation platforms high in the forest canopy. And by this time next year, there's hope of having 30 to 40 such canopy platforms.

Mark Cole and Paul Donahue, two resident-naturalists who have been involved in the canopy platform project, are offering a canopy birding workshop at the Tambopata Nature Reserve/Explorer's Inn in June, 1989. The workshop should prove to be an excellent opportunity for observing many rarely-seen canopy birds, and experiencing an aspect of the rainforest that few people have had the chance to experience.

For more information, contact Paul Donahue, c/o Peruvian Safaris, P.O. Box 48, Puerto Maldonado, Madre De Dios, Peru. The cost, including instructions, meals, lodging and round-trip transportation between Explorer's Inn and the Puerto Maldonado airport is \$525.

## Two Birding Workshops

The Institute for Field Ornithology is sponsoring two birding workshops. One will be held in Hato Pinero, Venezuela. Its leader is Charles D. Duncan, *American Birds* New England region editor. The dates are March 25–31, 1989. The other workshop is to be held in Rancho del Cielo, Mexico. Davis W. Finch will lead the workshop. Dates are June 10–18, 1989.

Both workshops can be taken for two hours of college credit at an additional cost. For more information, write Institute for Field Ornithology, University of Maine at Machias, 9 O'Brien Ave., Machias, ME 04654.

### ICBP and FFPS Competition

Are you planning an expedition abroad? Are you a university student? Do your interests lie in the field of wild-life conservation? Are you planning to involve local people in your work? If the answers to these questions are "yes", then you could be eligible to enter the Conservation Expedition Competition organized by the International Council for Bird Preservation and The Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, the world's two oldest international conservation bodies.

The competition was established to stimulate expedition groups to adopt a conservation objective for their work. There will be four prizes in two categories: birds (£1,000 and £800) and all other wild animals and plants (£1,000 and £800).

For more information, and a complete set of guidelines, contact ICBP/FFPS Conservation Expedition Competition, 32 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge CB3 OPJ, UK.

### New Bi-National Conservation Organization

A new bi-national conservation organization committed to protecting the estuaries of Baja California, Mexico, has been formed. The vast Baja California marshes are still in close to pristine condition, but several are threatened with development that could degrade or destroy them. Development plans at Ensenada and San Quintin are of immediate concern as these marshes are vital habitat for several U.S. endangered species of birds, including the Light-footed Clapper Rail and the California Least Tern. The group is called "pro Esteros", and is co-chaired by Silvia Ibarra-Obando (Mexico) and Barbara W. Massey (U.S.). The group is being incorporated in Mexico as a non-profit organization and will have a U.S. chapter. Charter membership is \$10 (U.S. funds) and additional seed money is gratefully accepted. Make checks payable and send to "pro Esteros", c/o Barbara Massey, 1825 Knoxville Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815.

### AIBS Meeting

The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) 40th annual meeting, Toronto, Canada, August 6-10, 1989.

### Piping Plover Sightings Requested

A Piping Plover winter distribution survey was conducted along the Atlantic Coast (December-March, 1986-87) and Gulf Coast (December-March, 1987-88) of the United States. We believe that most of the Atlantic Coast breeding population is overwintering outside of the United States. Any birders visiting the Caribbean this winter (October-March), are requested to report Piping Plover sightings to Janice Nicholls, Department of Zoology/Wildlife, 331 Funchess Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-5414 or Craig Faanes, USFWS, 2604 St. Patrick, Suite 7, Grand Island, NE 68803. Please include date and location of sighting, numbers seen and bands. This information would be greatly appreciated.

### Wilson Meeting

The Wilson Ornithological Society will meet May 25-28, 1989 at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Doris J. Watt will chair the Committee on Arrangements. Richard C. Banks will chair the Scientific Program Committee.

### Cooper Meeting

The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its 59th annual meeting at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, June 22-26, 1989. The meeting will include a variety of events in addition to the scientific program, including rafting on local scenic rivers and tours of a nearby National Wildlife Refuge. J. Michael Scott, USFWS, Department of Fish and Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843.

### Corrigenda

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