

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Townsville!

The people of Townsville, Australia are particularly pleased to offer *Birds of Townsville and Where to Find Them*, a pen-and ink illustrated booklet just published by the local Wildlife Preservation Society and the Townsville City Council.

In the first section of the book 17 places are described, special features and some of the more sought-after species noted and instructions given on how to get there. These range from

costal areas with sea and wanders, city parks, freshwater wetlands, eucalypt woodland to rainforests where Australia's endemic rainforest species may be found. All these are within easy reach of a day's outing from Townsville.

The second section lists the 365 species (about half of all species recorded in Australia—an extraordinary total of which the city is proud), recorded to date in the Townsville area of North Queensland, with notes on each one and a coded reference to Status Breeding and Abundance.

The map at the back shows all the places mentioned in the text and a special page gives advice to birdwatchers who may be visiting the tropics for the first time.

Most important, it is a valuable resource guide to birdwatchers everywhere and essential to birdwatchers visiting Townsville from other parts of Australia or overseas. "It will ensure that precious time is best allocated in pursuit of that elusive sighting."

The first of these programs, the Robert J. Lurtsema Research Award, consists of a \$1000 stipend available annually for a suitable research project focused on a member of the Family *Gaviidae*. Preference will be given to students and independent researchers with limited availability of other funding.

The second program offers modest grants in support of research, management, or educational projects directly related to the conservation of Common Loons as a breeding species. Proposals in the range of \$500 to \$3000 are most likely to be considered for funding.

Further guidelines for prospective applications are available upon request from the NALF Grant Committee. Deadline for submission of proposals is December 15, 1989. Funding awards will be announced by March 15, 1990. For guidelines and further information, write North American Loon Fund Grants Committee, North American Loon Fund, RR4, Box 240C, High St., Meredith, NH 03253.

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Newsletter for Birdwatchers

Going to the Indian subcontinent? Do you *wish* you were going to India? Just want to know about Indian birds? Then the *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* is for you. It's not a new publication, as they're celebrating their thirtieth anniversary this year, but it will give you an in-depth feel for the birds of the region. Included are announcements, editorials, and field notes for India, plus book reviews and a column entitled "News from Abroad".

Annual individual membership is \$25.00, though there is a reduced rate of \$15.00 for members of ornithological and natural history societies.

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North American Loon Fund Grants

The North American Loon Fund (NALF) announces the availability of two grant programs for support of new or current research, management, or education projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America.

Notice: Color-Marking of Endangered Species in Manitoba

Burrowing Owls, Ferruginous Hawks, Loggerhead Shrikes and Baird's Sparrows nesting in southwestern Manitoba have been banded and color-marked from 1987-1989.

Borrowing Owls were marked with:

- a) a FWS aluminum band during all three years;
- b) a black leg jess (1 cm wide × 1.5 cm long) during 1988;
- c) red and white or blue numbered plastic bands (0.7 cm wide) and fast-drying fluorescent orange paint on primaries and/or tail feathers during 1989.

Ferruginous Hawk immatures were marked with:

- a) a FWS aluminum band during all years;
- b) a black anodized aluminum band with a 2-digit alpha-numeric code on the opposite leg during 1988 and 1989; and
- c) fluorescent orange paint on the underside of tail and selected flight feathers during 1989.



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Loggerhead Shrikes were marked with:

- a) a FWS aluminum band during all years;
- b) a red plastic band (0.4 cm wide) on the opposite leg during 1988;
- c) a red and white plastic band on the opposite leg during 1989; and
- d) larger immatures were marked with fluorescent orange on the tail and/or primaries during 1989.

Baird's Sparrows were marked with:

- a) A FWS aluminum band and a colored plastic band during 1988.

Anyone observing these birds should note the location, date, color marker and band combinations and other details of the sighting. Send particulars to KEN DE SMET, MANITOBA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BOX 14, 1495 ST. JAMES STREET, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, R3H 0W9 or phone (204-945-6301).

Hawk Watch in New England

The New England Hawk Watch will hold a one day conference on subjects related to raptors and raptor migration on Saturday, April 7, 1990 at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke, Massachusetts (the site of previous NEHW conferences). The program is presently in the planning stage. Following the day's events there will be a banquet with Peter Dunne the guest speaker.

For more detailed information and pre-registration write to: HAWKS, P.O. Box 212, Portland, Connecticut 06480.

National Symposium on Urban Wildlife

A national symposium on urban wildlife is scheduled for November 11 to 14, 1990, at the Stouffer Five Seasons Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Organized by the National Institute for Urban Wildlife, the symposium will focus the attention of urban planners, landscape architects, developers, city administrators, natural resources biologists, elected officials, and others on the opportunity and need for wildlife and nature conservation in metropolitan America.

The National Institute for Urban Wildlife is a private, nonprofit scientific and education organization dedicated to research, management, and conservation education programs and activities for the benefit of people and

wildlife in urban, suburban, and developing areas.

For more information, contact Dr. Lowell Adams, Symposium Program Chairman, National Institute for Urban Wildlife, 10921 Trotting Ridge Way, Columbia, MD 21044 (301-596-3311). ■

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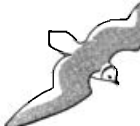
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