

EDITORS' NOTEBOOK

Changing of the guard

Our roster of Associate Editors has grown again, with P. A. Buckley now on board to help manage the content and direction of the journal. Paul is Senior Scientist at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center's Coastal Field Station at the University of Rhode Island, where he is also Resident Professor of Ecology. A former American Birding Association Board member, "Changing Seasons" essayist, *American Birds* Regional Editor (Hudson-Delaware), and Chair of the *North American Birds* Editorial and Scientific Advisory Board, he is particularly interested in migration, distribution, and the biological significance of avian vagrancy. He was a recent panelist for two articles in *Birding's* "Next New ABA Area Birds" series.

Think of all the time birding they'll get now: B. Mac. Myers (Central Southern), Brandon K. Percival and Van A. Truan (Mountain West), and Robert C. Leberman (Appalachia; Eastern Highlands & Upper Ohio River Valley) have shed their duties as Regional Editors and hopefully find they have hundreds of hours of birding time to while away, from the cheniers of the Louisiana lowlands, to the migrant traps of southeastern Colorado, to the lovely laurel-clad peaks of southwestern Pennsylvania. We join all their faithful readers in a big "Thank You" to Mac., Brandon, Van, and Bob for the 26 combined years of service to the journal and to record-keeping work in their respective regions. In their stead, we welcome Doug Faulkner to the Colorado & Wyoming region (formerly Mountain West), and Vic Fazio of Ohio and Nick Pulcinella of Pennsylvania to the Eastern Highlands & Upper Ohio River Valley region. You can contact these new editors at the following addresses:

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Our Thirty-fourth Region: another piece in the puzzle

After mentioning *Birders Journal* in the previous Editors' Notebook, we learned from Editor Margaret J. C. Bain, also one of our Regional Editors, that the journal would be printing its last issue this past winter. This is a great—and, we hope, temporary—loss for Canadian birders, but we hope to announce at some point that another birding journal for Canada has come into being. Our hats are off to Margaret and her editorial and advertising staff for producing a journal of such high caliber for over a decade. We hope that they too now have a little more time for birding, with the eyestrain of copyediting now a memory!

Several *North American Birds* editors, including Margaret Bain and Tony White, have been working for three years to fill the gap in this journal's coverage of Canada, and we are pleased to announce here that longtime friend and contributor to this journal, Cameron Eckert of Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, has come on board as Regional Editor of the new *Northern Canada* region, which will cover the three northern territories: Yukon, Nunavut, and Northwest Territories. Don Cecile will continue as Regional Editor of the now somewhat smaller British Columbia region. For those readers lucky enough to have sightings from the far north of Canada, please them send to:

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If anyone reading this section has good birding contacts in Greenland—which was recently added to the A.O.U. Area—please let them know that *North American Birds* is interested in countenancing bird records from that neglected, enormous island as well, even if just as an annual summary report.

Our latest lulu

A "lulu," according to various dictionaries is a "remarkable person, object, or idea," but here we mean this tongue-in-cheek, more boo-boo than lulu. In this category would have to come our caption in *N.A.B.* 57: 575 of an adult male Rufous Hummingbird "in alternate plumage." Steve Howell ever-so-gently pointed out to us that hummingbirds do not have alternate plumages—had we been more careful in proofing captions, we would have caught such a boldfaced blooper. Among other misfires, Harry Armistead's email address—harryarmistead@hotmail.com—was given incorrectly; Harry is collecting data of any sort for a paper on Black Rail distribution in the United States. Please send him your arcana.

Our fall and winter issues have been delayed in production, for which we extend apologies to our patient contributors and subscribers. The American Birding Association has been kind enough to hire Jim Harris, a new graphic artist, to help us get caught up, and we look forward to bringing our turn-around time back to normal, which typically means a mailing time about seven months after the end of the reporting period.

—Edward S. Brinkley
—Louis R. Bevier
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