

Editors' Notebook

We are delighted that in the third year of the "Friends of *North American Birds*" campaign, we continue to raise money to support the printing of the old journal. It is through this fund that we are able to bring you expanded color coverage of unusual records, more articles in color, and an increasingly diverse content—scientific articles, photo salons, articles on identification, and notes on bird conservation. We could not do this without the generous support of our Friends—thank you, from the 100 editors and regional editors who work on this journal!

Thanks, also, are due the many correspondents and subscribers who keep us current, in matters taxonomic and otherwise. In reply to our most recent Editors' Notebook, we received a number of emails in support of *Birds of the World: Recommended English Names*, along with a few that were leery of the project of global standardization. Fortunately, for the gung-ho and the gunshy alike, there is a website (<<http://www.worldbirdnames.org>>) that offers information on the project, as well as downloadable Excel files of the lists, along with corrections and updates to the list. The American Birding Association, and many birders, follow the names for birds set forth in *The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World*, now in print in a sixth edition, published by the ABA and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Also a useful document to own, the *Clements Checklist* in its current form has a good many divergences from the official checklists for North and South America published and regularly updated by the American Ornithologists' Union (<<http://www.aou.org>>), as well as from relatively well-settled taxonomy of birds in Australia, Eurasia, and Africa. Hopefully, those discrepancies and oversights will be rectified in the near future. Those who find errors in the checklist are urged to email the editorial team (cornellbirds@cornell.edu).

And speaking of errors, we have a few to correct of our own! In the article by Bill Evans and crew (*North American Birds* 60: 483), Table 3 should show a tally of four species instead of three in the lower left corner—thanks to Dianne Sierra for catching that one. Many readers catch typographic errors (e.g., *North American Birds* 60: 340, sentence on Taiga Flycatcher) in which elements repeat themselves in odd ways. These are

caused by an incompatibility between Quark, in which the journal's layout is done, and Microsoft Word, specifically the tool "Track Changes." We humbly request that contributors to the journal not utilize that (otherwise

marvelous) tool for editing, until a fix is found for this problem. Finally, we erred in spelling out NOAA's name with the word "Oceanographic" rather than "Oceanic" (*North American Birds* 60: 490).

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