

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Attention of the membership is called to a large manuscript by Aretas A. Saunders entitled "The Songs and Calls of American Birds," deposited with the Wilson Ornithological Society in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Library until such time as its publication is possible. In two large manuscript cases (text and illustrations), it is too detailed and technical to be of interest to the ordinary bird lover; but to the serious student of bird song it offers much material otherwise not published, on about 283 species found east of the Rocky Mountains. This manuscript is thus made available for use by Society members, and we owe the author our gratitude.

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Awards for ornithological research are made in April of each year by the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Applications should be received by the Committee no later than March 15. Awards were made in 1958 for the following projects:

Edward Beals, University of Wisconsin: The ecology of the birds of the Apostle Islands.

Robert Ficken, Cornell University: The behavior of the Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*.

William George, University of Arizona: The significance of the hyoid bones in classifying birds.

Maria Koepcke, San Marcos University, Lima, Peru: A study of the Peruvian collections of birds at the American Museum of Natural History.

Nancy McAllister, University of Michigan: The reproductive ethology of the Pied-billed Grebe.

J. D. Macdonald, British Museum: A study of the bird collections at the American Museum of Natural History.

John Rogers, University of Missouri: The breeding biology and behavior of the Lesser Scaup.

Glen Sherwood, Utah State University: The relationship of the Whistling Swan to other waterfowl in the Great Salt Lake Valley of Utah.

Brenda Sladen, Johns Hopkins University: The respiratory system of birds.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the Life Sciences is January 15, 1959. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the Spring meetings of the Foundation's Advisory Panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the January 15, 1959, closing date will be reviewed following the Spring closing date of May 15, 1959.

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