

of N. C. K. Lighton are retained from the first edition, but here they are larger. Lighton's figures had suffered from over-reduction, and the new format shows his work to better advantage. The result is more pleasing to the eye, though the colors, notably the blues and greens, are rather washed out (for example in the Blue Waxbills and Melba Finches). In addition, K. Newman has illustrated 31 new color plates. Newman's illustrations go well with Lighton's but are more sketchy, showing bold plumage patterns rather than feather detail, and are better suited for field identification. New plates include the water birds, hawks and eagles in flight, hawks and eagles perched, francolins, waders, plovers, gulls and terns at rest and in flight, larks, and some *Cisticola* species. These replace all the black and white plates and the less satisfactory color plates of the earlier editions. Newman also has added a few species not included in Lighton's color plates, mainly species added to the southern African list since the first edition of Roberts, introduced species, and a few additional plumages such as female Cuckoo-finch *Anomalospiza imberbis*.

Illustrations in the wide margins are another new and attractive feature of the book. Some old illustrations by H. Grönvold are reprinted from Stark and Sclater's *Fauna of South Africa: Birds*, and some new figures are drawn by Jill Adams. The marginal figures include flight field marks of storm petrels (the only group not illustrated in color), prion bills, downy young of some species of grebes, ducks, coursers, sandplovers, and a bustard, heads of some raptors, flight feathers of terns, wing patterns of nightjars, wings and tails of some *Cisticola* species, and nests of some weavers.

The introduction has the same comments on classification, bibliography, ornithological history, and habitat regions as the two previous editions. The family accounts include technical details of taxonomy and anatomy not in the earlier editions, but omit some natural history information, unfortunately for a field book. The index lists separately the species by English, scientific, and Afrikaans names.

The book is the best available both as a field guide and a concise compendium of natural history of birds for any region of Africa. As the earlier editions have sold over 100,000 copies, and the new edition is an improvement in illustrations over those, the new Roberts is certain to be the new standard for African field ornithologists. I recommend it to everyone with an interest in African birds.--ROBERT B. PAYNE.

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It has been customary for people interested in birds to name their publications after a bird species that for some reason is of special interest or significance. This practice is world wide in application and not just confined to avian publications in North America. Although there are some highly respected journals bearing such titles, I often wonder whether these titles have the same connotation of respectability to others that they do to ornithologists. I think this is an important matter to consider and I would enjoy learning the views of others on the subject. For example, should long standing bird journal names be changed to titles that more appropriately reflect journal contents? Obviously our journal, *The Wilson Bulletin*, does not have a bird-name title even though the cover characteristically shows a Wilson's Warbler. So it is reasonable to ask why this matter should be brought up in the pages of the *Bulletin*. My response is that I think our journal name may be even more ambiguous to the outsider, and certainly just as puzzling, as a journal named after a particular bird. It would be more explicit for example if there were an ornithological journal titled *American Journal of Ornithology* just as there is an *American Journal of Botany*, . . . *Physics*, . . . *Physiology*, etc.

Is it important to "impress" others by having a scholarly sounding journal title? Perhaps not in earlier times when only students of birds were interested in their journals. The present interdisciplinary trends in science have changed this significantly and now scientists from other areas of biology are becoming aware of ornithological journals. Even more importantly, administrators at colleges and universities increasingly are stressing the need for good publication records in forming recommendations on tenure, promotion, and salary raises for faculty members. Three decades ago when so-called amateurs were most conspicuous in The Wilson Ornithological Society this policy would not have affected Society members much. Since then, however, there has been a steady increase in the number of professional ornithologists active in the Society. These members do indeed care about tenure, promotion, and salary and hope that administrators will be duly impressed with their publications in bird journals, including *The Wilson Bulletin*.

An issue of this kind has confronted the Society before. For example, I remember when the Society was called the *Wilson Ornithological Club*. Maurice Brooks described in his talk at the annual meeting last May in West Virginia how the term *Society* was adopted to impress the Internal Revenue Service with the desirability of accepting income tax deductions claimed by members for annual meeting expenses. I remember too, comments at the time about how the name change was needed to impress college administration with the fact that we really were a scientific *Society*, not just a social *Club*, and thus were worthy of official sanction for faculty attendance at meetings.

Returning to the issue at hand, I would like to know how members feel on the subject of changing the name of *The Wilson Bulletin* to a title that is more obviously ornithological. I would enjoy receiving these comments prior to the next annual meeting, which will be in early April in Omaha, Nebraska. This will provide a basis for discussion of the issue by the Executive Council of the Society when it convenes there. I should emphasize that no immediate action on the matter is anticipated. Instead, there simply will be an informational session for appraising current feelings on the subject.

I've compiled a list of 9 possible journal names that could be more explicit for an American journal devoted to ornithology. Some of these titles are *American Journal of Ornithology*, or just *American Ornithology*, or perhaps *Journal of Ornithology*. The simplest is *Ornithology* (comparable to *Ecology*), the most complex, *Journal of the Wilson Ornithological Society*. I notice in the recent final report for the Workshop on a National Plan for Ornithology (supported by NSF) that an urgent need was identified

for having a new journal devoted entirely to avian ecology. Perhaps the *Bulletin* could satisfy some of this need by stressing ecology exclusively, which it now emphasizes, and becoming the *Journal of Avian Ecology*.

As a final comment I should point out that the *Bulletin* did not always bear its present name. At one time in its early years it was called *The Semi-Annual*. By this precedent the present volumes should be called *The Quarterly*, hardly ornithological, hardly impressive.—DOUGLAS JAMES.

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

### LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* for consideration.

Most statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards also are applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the colleges. High school students are eligible. In some years 2 Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years only one. Amount given is \$200.00 per award. One Nice Award is made annually in the amount of \$200.00. Interested persons may write to Clait E. Braun, Wildlife Research Center, P.O. Box 2287, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1979. Final decisions will be made by the Council of The Wilson Ornithological Society at the annual meeting of the Society, 5–8 April 1979.

### PAUL A. STEWART AWARDS

The Paul A. Stewart Fund for Ornithological Research has been established by donations from Paul A. Stewart. Income from this endowment will be awarded annually to support research in ornithology especially studies of bird movements based on banding and analyses of recoveries and returns and investigations pertaining to economic ornithology. Several Stewart Awards in the amount of \$200.00 each will be available each year. Stewart Awards will be equally available to students, amateurs, and professionals. Interested persons may write to Clait E. Braun, Wildlife Research Center, P.O. Box 2287, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1979. Final decisions will be made by the Council of The Wilson Ornithological Society at the annual meeting of the Society, 5–8 April 1979.

### 1979 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 60th Annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on 5-8 April 1979. The meeting will be hosted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha and by the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union.

A special feature of the meeting will be a symposium titled "The Biology of Bird Species with Limited Distribution." The symposium is being organized by Drs. Abbot Gaunt and Jon Barlow.

Planned field trips include visits to waterfowl concentrations along the Missouri River bottoms, a trip to the Central Platte River to view Sandhill Cranes, and a visit to a prairie chicken booming ground.

The chairman of the local committee is Dr. Roger Sharpe, Department of Biology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 68182.

#### SALE OF JACK-PINE WARBLER BACK ISSUES

As a service to ornithologists wishing to build or improve their libraries (either personal or institutional), *The Jack-Pine Warbler* is having a one-time sale of back issues. The sale will end 15 April 1979. There are 2 options: (1) You may purchase 1 copy of every available back issue from 1928 (*The Jack-Pine Warbler* began publication in 1926) to 1977 for \$15.00 plus postage. At the time of this writing, this includes 168 issues beginning with Fall 1928 and complete volumes from 1938 to 1977 with the exception of 1951-1954 (6 issues exhausted). Twenty issues, however, are represented by fewer than 10 copies (these are mostly prior to 1938 and between 1950 and 1954). Sets will be assembled on a first come, first served basis; later orders will receive fewer issues. If stocks are depleted below 125 issues, prospective purchasers will be notified. (2) Individual issues (1927-1977) may be purchased for 20 cents apiece with a \$1.00 minimum (postage extra).

Regular prices are \$.50-1.00 per issue 1928-1976 and \$2.50 1977-1978. Either plan, consequently, offers substantial savings. Single copy sale prices are all below one-half price. Maximum savings, however, are available on sets; early purchasers will be saving more than \$70.00 per set and later purchasers only slightly less. Order from Michigan Audubon Society Bookshop, 7000 North Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. You will be billed.

#### ERRATUM

In the paper by William Post in the June 1978 Wilson Bulletin (Social and foraging behavior of warblers wintering in Puerto Rican coastal scrub. Wilson Bull. 90:197-214), the references to the Bahama Yellowthroat on pages 198 and 199 should be references to the Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*).

## WOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President Douglas James has appointed the following to chair the WOS committees for 1978-1979:

- Auditing Committee*, to be selected by Ernest Hoover as has been customary for the past several years so that the audit can be conducted prior to the 1979 meeting.  
*Conservation Committee*, Eric G. Bolen  
*Endowment Committee*, Don Bleitz  
*Ernest P. Edwards Prizes*, Jerome A. Jackson  
*International Council for Bird Preservation Representative*, Helen S. Lapham  
*Investment Trustees Committee*, Philips B. Street  
*Library Committee*, William A. Lunk  
*Local Committee for 1979 Meeting*, Roger Sharpe, Department of Zoology, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska  
*Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Margaret M. Nice, and Paul Stewart Awards*, Clait E. Braun  
*Membership Committee*, Robert C. Whitmore  
*Nominating Committee*, Sidney A. Gauthreaux  
*Projected Budget Committee*, Horace H. Jeter  
*Standing Resolutions Committee*, Robert L. Burns  
*Student Membership Committee*, James R. Karr

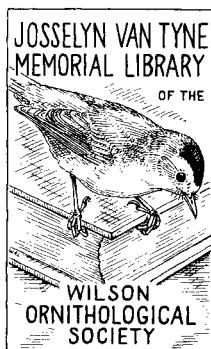
## VULTURE SYMPOSIUM

An International Symposium on the Vultures, sponsored by the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, will be held 23-26 March 1979, at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, California. Papers on any aspect of life history, behavior, or conservation of both Old World and New World vultures are solicited. For further information, contact: Mr. Sanford R. Wilbur, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1190 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023 (Phone 805/646-5455).

## FRANK M. CHAPMAN FUND

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid of ornithological research and also post-doctoral fellowships. While there is no restriction on who may apply, the Committee particularly welcomes and favors applications from graduate students; projects in game management and the medical sciences are seldom funded. Applications are due on 15 September and 15 February. Information on form and content of applications may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024.

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