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## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

### SYMPOSIUM ON THE BALD EAGLE IN WASHINGTON

A symposium to review past research on the American Bald Eagle in Washington, and to stimulate further investigation of this threatened species, will be held 14–15 June 1980, at the City of Seattle Aquarium, co-sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, Seattle Aquarium, Seattle Audubon Society, Seattle City Light, Seattle Woodland Park Zoological Gardens, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Washington Department of Game. Preregistration is recommended, as limited space is available. Interested persons should forward \$5.00 to cover registration fee to Washington Bald Eagle Symposium, c/o Jeremy Robertson, 2357 N.W. 70th, Seattle, Washington 98117, phone (206) 789-6056, by May 31. A published copy of the symposium proceedings is included in registration fee.

### COLONIAL WATERBIRD GROUP

The fourth annual meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Group will be held 9–12 October 1980 in Ottawa, Canada. It will be co-sponsored by the Colonial Waterbird Group and the Canadian Wildlife Service. A symposium on the effects of humans on colonial birds is planned, and a "Proceedings" will be published. For information on contributing papers, please contact J. Burger, Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Abstracts due by 1 August 1980. For information on registration, please contact R. Michael Erwin, Migratory Bird and Habitat Research Laboratories, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, Maryland 20811.

### REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

*Wanted: recordings of raptor vocalizations.*—We are in the process of developing and testing a technique for censusing diurnal and nocturnal raptors, based on responses to recorded raptor vocalizations. We are interested in access to recordings of all North American woodland hawks and owls for which information on the location and behavioral context of the recording is known, and, if possible, age and sex. Direct correspondence to: Dr. James A. Mosher, Appalachian Environmental Laboratory, Univ. Maryland, Frostburg State Coll. Campus, Frostburg, Maryland 21532.

*Ring-billed Gull study.*—During the fall and winter of 1979–80, as part of a 2 year study on the comparative winter foraging ecology of gulls on southeastern Lake Erie, the wings and tails of Ring-billed Gulls were color marked with green paint. Persons observing these gulls are requested to report the date, time, exact location, plumage or age class, area of wings and tail marked, activity and observer's name, address and telephone number to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, USFWS, Laurel, Maryland 20811. Please send a copy to Betty-Ann Chapman, Biology Dept., State Univ. Coll., Fredonia, New York 14063.

## COLOR PLATE

The color plate Frontispiece of hummingbirds of the *Metallura aeneocauda* superspecies has been made possible by an endowment established by Dr. George M. Sutton.

## AARON M. BAGG STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Student Membership Awards in the Wilson Ornithological Society have been made available through funds generously donated in memory of Aaron M. Bagg, a former president of the Society. The Student Membership Committee has designated the award recipients for 1979 as follows: William H. Baltosser, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces; Christopher P. Barkan, SUNY-Albany; Verner P. Bingman, SUNY-Albany; David E. Blockstein, University of Minnesota; Douglas A. Boyce, Humboldt State University, California; Barbara M. Braun, University of California-Irvine; Steven W. Cardiff, Louisiana State University; Penn Richard Chu, University of Maryland; Sharon D. Clawson, University of Nebraska; Janice R. Crook, Livingston College, Rutgers University; Mary A. Fitch, Livingston College, Rutgers University; Robert B. Frederick, Iowa State University; Thomas L. George, University of New Mexico; Mark A. Holmgren, University of Colorado; Kurt A. Johnson, University of Wisconsin; Paul Kerlinger, SUNY-Albany; Mark T. Kopeny, Fostburg State College, Maryland; David S. Maehr, University of Florida; Mark L. McKnight, California State Polytechnic University-Pomona; Kenneth L. Petersen, Iowa State University; Ethan J. Temeles, Louisiana State University; Harvard C. Townsend, Kansas State University; Scott R. Winterstein, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

John L. Zimmerman, *Chairman*  
Student Membership Committee

## NECROLOGY

Mr. Whitney Eastman, a life member of The Wilson Ornithological Society and active ornithologist and conservationist, died in December 1979. He will be remembered, among other things, for his work in the Minneapolis Ornithologists Union and state and national Audubon Society.