

although three were of captive birds—Whistling Eagle (*Haliastur sphenurus*), White-tailed Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*), and Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*). Narration is confined to an announcement of each species just before it is heard, by Miss Gillian Waite, a lady with a pleasant voice. The cardboard insert has a color photograph of a logrunner, the Wedgebill (*Sphenostoma cristatum*). On the back of the insert there is a brief paragraph about the recordings (made using an open microphone with no parabola). There also is information that the sounds are available on a 12-inch LP disc and that Series 2 and 3 are available. A folded sheet of paper contains a list of the 50 species by common name, scientific name, general recording locality, and remarks (such as “warning call when lizard entered nest tunnel. Song.”). The presentation is in a systematic order, beginning with an Emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*), followed by a Yellow-nosed Albatross (*Diomedea chlororhynchus*) and then continuing with an ibis, the Whistling Eagle, 1 stone-curlew, 2 doves, 5 parrots, 2 cuckoos, 1 owl, 1 kookaburra, 1 bee-eater, the Noisy Scrub Bird (*Atrichornis clamosus*), 1 lark, 1 babbler, 3 warblers, 8 flycatchers, the logrunner, 1 Australian nuthatch, 2 flowerpeckers, 8 honeyeaters, 1 waxbill, 1 magpie-lark, 2 wood-swallows, 1 butcherbird, 2 bowerbirds, and 1 crow. The recordings are uniformly very good, although many are not much fun to listen to just for their sonic characteristics. This is an important publication of reference material, which together with the other two in the series (I have no information about them) should certainly comprise a useful introduction to Australian bird sounds for amateur and professional alike.—JOHN WILLIAM HARDY.

#### APPLICATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following application has been received by the Commission and has been published in Vol. 43(2) of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (9 July 1986). Comment or advice is welcomed and should be sent % British Museum (Natural History), London, England. Comment will be published in the *Bulletin*. P. K. Tubbs, Executive Secretary.

Case No. 1051—*Bubo* Dumeril, 1806 and *Surnia* Dumeril, 1806 (Aves): proposed confirmation on the Official List.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

Birds of evergreen forest will be the subject of a symposium to be held 8–10 September 1987 at The Wilderness, Cape Province, South Africa. Papers and posters on forest bird communities, biogeography of forest birds, and conservation of forest avifaunas are solicited. Contact the Symposium Organising Committee, E.C.W.B.S., P.O. Box 1305, Port Elizabeth, 6000, South Africa for details.