

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SIGURD T. OLSON COMMON LOON RESEARCH AWARD

Wisconsin Project Loon Watch is accepting applications for its second annual award for research on Common Loons in the Lake Superior-Lake Michigan region of the United States and Canada. To apply for the \$1000 award, a brief description (maximum 10 pp.) of the proposed research program and curriculum vitae should be submitted by the principal investigator to Dr. Paul I.V. Strong, Coordinator, Wisconsin Project Loon Watch, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806 no later than 15 February 1987. Guidelines for prospective applicants can be requested from WPLW. Proposals by students should be accompanied by 2 letters of recommendation. The award will be granted on the basis of the project's potential to increase our understanding of the Upper Great Lakes populations of Common Loons.

### ROGER TORY PETERSON INSTITUTE CREATED

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute for the Study of Natural History began full-scale operations this year. The Institute's primary mission is to develop programs to increase the number of serious students of natural history. The Institute, in Jamestown, New York, near Lake Chautauqua, has been designated as the permanent repository for Roger Tory Peterson's artwork, correspondence, slides, movies, and other materials related to his remarkable lifetime achievements.

A \$5-million headquarters facility is currently being designed, with a mid-1988 opening projected. The building will contain permanent and temporary exhibit areas for wildlife art shows (RTP's and other artists), dramatic displays on worldwide natural history, a 400-seat auditorium with 70 mm film-capability, an extensive natural history library, and research collections of natural history materials. The Institute's staff will eventually include 45 scientists, program coordinators, writers, and editors, with a mission of developing a high-quality, unique program of natural history experiences and publications on a worldwide scale.

Information about the Institute and its membership program may be obtained by writing: Roger Tory Peterson Institute, 525 Falconer Street, Jamestown, New York 14701. (716) 665-5220 ext. 448, or 665-3794.

### NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

The North American Bluebird Society announces the fourth annual grants-in-aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently three annual grants of single or multiple awards totaling \$5000.00 are awarded and include:

*Bluebird Research Grant.*—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers

for a suitable research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird from the genus *Sialia*.

*General Research Grant.*—Available to student, professional, or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

*Student Research Grant.*—Available to full-time college or university students for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application materials are available upon request from Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, North Dakota 58746.

The North American Bluebird Society is proud to announce the presentation of the third annual research grant awards. The 1986 recipients are as follows:

*BLUEBIRD GRANTS.*—Anthony J. Savereno (Topic: Movements and Habitat Use of Juvenile Eastern Bluebirds) and R. Craig Hensley (Topic: Predation of Eastern Bluebird Nests by Black Rat Snakes Based on Nestbox Location)

*GENERAL GRANTS.*—Jeffrey R. Waters (Topic: A Comparative and Experimental Study of the Nesting Habitat of a Cavity-Nesting Bird Community) and Gregg Zuberbier (Topic: Effects of Blowfly *Protocalliphora* sp. Larvae on Nestling Passerines in both Laboratory and Natural Environments)

Barry A. Bermudez (Topic: Development of a House Sparrow—Starling proof Nest Box Design that is Acceptable to Native Cavity Nesters)

*STUDENT GRANT.*—Karen J. Wilson (Topic: Validating a Pileated Woodpecker Habitat Suitability Index Model for the Northern Rocky Mountains)

#### A NEW JOURNAL COVERING AFRICAN RAPTORS

GABAR (Growth and Biology of African Raptors) is a new journal publishing material on African raptors, here defined as eagles, hawks, harriers, buzzards, falcons, and owls (i.e., excluding vultures, seabirds, and other predatory birds already covered by specialist publications in the region). Contents will include short papers on completed studies, progress reports on ongoing research, short notes, unusual sightings, conservation problems, and a Forum in which opinions, continuing controversies, constructive criticism, and new ideas are aired and challenged. The first edition has been printed and copies can be obtained free of charge from the address below. Subsequent editions will be distributed on receipt of a subscription fee. Write Robert Simmons, Editor—GABAR, Dept. Zoology, Univ. Witwatersrand, Johannesburg 2001, Republic of South Africa.