

# ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

## ANNUAL MEETING

Plan now to attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society. The meeting will be held at Mississippi State University near Starkville, Mississippi from 18-21 May 1977. A special feature of the meeting will be a symposium on woodpeckers which will be chaired by Lester L. Short. Persons interested in presenting papers at the general sessions should submit a one page abstract to George A. Hall, Program Chairman, Department of Chemistry, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506, before 1 April 1977. Indicate how much time and what audio-visual equipment will be needed for the presentation.

In addition to the scientific program, there will be several field trips and other activities. Trips to Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge will include visits to nests of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Black Vultures, and other southern species. A trip to a local heronry will allow observation and photography of Little Blue Herons, Cattle Egrets, Great Egrets, and others. One field trip will be by canoe down the Tombigbee River. Trips will also be scheduled to ante-bellum homes and to local industries.

## FRANK M. CHAPMAN FUND

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid for 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, NY 10024.

## FIFTY-YEAR INDEX TO THE JACK-PINE WARBLER

A 50-year index (1923-1972) to *The Jack-Pine Warbler*, the quarterly journal of the Michigan Audubon Society, has been prepared. The 4" x 6", 242-page subject and author index is available for \$5.00 including mailing, from the Michigan Audubon Society Bookshop, 7000 North Westnedge, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

## COLONIAL WATERBIRD GROUP

A Colonial Waterbird Group (CWG) was formed at the North American Wading Bird Conference on 16 October 1976. The group combines the North American Wading Bird Group, and the Atlantic-Gulf Coast, and Interior Colonial Waterbird Group. Objectives of the CWG are (1) to encourage and coordinate standardized wader surveys, (2) to publish a newsletter, (3) to assist efforts by conservationists related to protection and management of wetland ecosystems, and (4) to act as a clearinghouse of information for on-going research and research opportunities. The group has established a newsletter as a channel of communication among the CWG members and plans a meeting next year.

Chairperson of the pro tempore Steering Committee for CWG is John C. Ogden, editor of the Newsletter is Mitchell A. Byrd, and Secretary-Treasurer is Joanna Burger. All those interested in joining are urged to contact Joanna Burger, Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Dues for 1977 are \$5.00.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Berger has appointed the following Nominating Committee for 1976-1977: Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Chairman, Wayne, Maine 04284; Dr. H. Lewis Batts, Jr., 2315 Angling Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008; Mr. Phillips B. Street, Route #1, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania 19425.

Candidates for Second Vice-President and Elected Member of Council are needed for the 1977 Annual Meeting at Mississippi State University. Members of the Society may send names to any member of the committee not later than 15 March 1977.

## REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

**Purple Martin color-marking.**—A Purple Martin color-marking project was initiated in 1975 for Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Maryland and in 1976 for Saxis, Virginia. Observers are asked to look for and report any color-marked (wing tags and/or plastic leg bands) Purple Martins. Please record the color of the band, which leg it is on, age and/or sex (if either is known), where and when observed, and whether the bird was in a roost, staging flock, migratory flock, or established at a nest site. All reports should be sent to Ms. Kathleen Klimkiewicz, 13117 Larchdale Rd. #2, Laurel, Maryland 20811.

**Color-banded Long-billed Curlews.**—Adult and juvenile Long-billed Curlews have been banded with red, yellow, green, or light blue plastic bands and with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service metal leg bands in the Columbia Basin of southeastern Washington. The color bands are the same size as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bands and are placed on the opposite leg. They each have a black number (from 1 to 100) printed on them, and are visible on standing or perching birds.

Status, behavior, migration, and territory selection are several of the most important points I am studying. Should you see any of these birds, please write: Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Maryland 20811. Include date, time of day, and location of the observation; plus name of observer(s), color of band, and if possible, the number printed on the band. Also include the activity of the bird at the time of sighting, the type of habitat it was sighted in (e.g., grassland, mudflats along a lake, etc.), and the number of other curlews associated with the marked individual(s). —Julia N. Fitzner, Battelle-Northwest Laboratories, P.O. Box 999, Richland, Washington 99352.

## EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION RESEARCH AWARD

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is again sponsoring a \$250 grant for an undergraduate or graduate student in a recognized college or university in the Western Hemisphere for research in ornithology involving bird banding. Applicants should submit a resume of their planned project to Dr. Bertram G. Murray, Jr., 249 Berger St., Somerset, NJ 08873. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 15 March 1977.

## WILSON BULLETIN REFEREES

The following 167 individuals have assisted in the publication of the Wilson Bulletin during the past year by acting as referees for submitted manuscripts: K. P. Able, C. S. Adkisson, D. Ainley, P. Alden, D. Amadon, K. A. Arnold, W. W. Baker, R. P. Balda, R. Banks, L. Baptista, D. P. Barash, J. Barlow, C. Black, E. R. Blake, C. Blem, C. E. Bock,

W. J. Bock, E. G. Bolen, C. Braun, R. D. Brewer, P. Brodkorb, C. H. Buckner, J. Burger, E. H. Burtt, D. F. Caccamise, T. J. Cade, W. A. Calder, Jr., K. Campbell, D. E. Capen, J. Chambers, C. Cink, M. H. Clench, C. Collins, S. Conant, G. D. Cormons, A. Cruz, R. W. Dickerman, J. J. Dinsmore, W. H. Drury, J. DuPont, J. L. Dusi, T. J. Dwyer, C. A. Ely, J. T. Emlen, S. T. Emlen, A. Erskine, J. A. Feduccia, M. S. Ficken, C. D. Fisher, G. A. Fox, L. H. Fredrickson, S. Fretwell, A. S. Gaunt, S. Gauthreaux, F. B. Gill, W. D. Gaul, O. Hackney, H. Hadow, J. P. Hailman, G. A. Hall, P. Hamel, J. W. Hardy, R. F. Harlow, D. S. Heintzelman, S. L. Hilty, E. E. Hoover, M. A. Howe, J. P. Hubbard, P. Humphreys, G. Hurst, D. A. James, F. James, F. L. Johns, N. K. Johnson, D. W. Johnston, R. F. Johnston, H. W. Kale, J. R. Karr, S. C. Kendeigh, D. Keppie, B. Kessel, L. Kilham, J. R. King, E. E. Klaas, K. M. Klimkiewicz, G. Krapu, J. C. Kroll, R. L. Kroodsmas, J. S. Kushlan, W. E. Lanyon, C. F. Leck, F. E. Lohrer, G. H. Lowery, L. Martin, H. F. Mayfield, R. McFarlane, D. F. McKinney, R. P. J. McNeil, H. Meng, R. M. Mengel, D. W. Mock, D. Morse, E. Morton, H. C. Mueller, B. G. Murray, D. M. Niles, R. E. Noble, V. Nolan, J. Ogden, H. M. Ohlendorf, S. L. Olson, J. O'Neill, G. H. Orians, O. T. Owre, J. W. Parker, K. C. Parkes, D. F. Parmelee, O. S. Pettingill, S. Postupalsky, I. Prather, D. G. Raveling, R. E. Ricklefs, J. D. Rising, C. S. Robbins, W. B. Robertson, Jr., J. Robins, S. A. Rohwer, S. I. Rothstein, J. P. Ryder, R. A. Ryder, D. E. Samuel, G. D. Schnell, R. W. Schreiber, S. G. Sealy, J. M. Sheppard, L. L. Short, N. Sloan, D. G. Smith, W. E. Southern, P. L. Stallcup, H. M. Stevenson, F. G. Stiles, R. W. Storer, G. M. Sutton, J. L. Tate, Jr., D. J. Tate, M. Thompson, R. E. Tomlinson, H. B. Tordoff, M. D. Udvardy, E. K. Urban, K. Vermeer, G. E. Watson, III, W. Weber, M. W. Weller, D. Werschkul, G. West, J. O. Whitaker, C. M. White, R. C. Whitmore, M. Wible, M. Willson, J. L. Wolfe, G. E. Woolfenden, J. D. Yarbrough, J. H. Zar, R. L. Zusi.

### PAST SECRETARIES OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Lynds Jones, 1888–89	Albert F. Ganier, 1918–22
J. Warren Jacobs, 1890–91, 1893	Gordon Wilson, 1923–25
Willard N. Clute, 1892	Howard K. Gloyd, 1926–28
William B. Caulk, 1894	Jesse M. Shaver, 1929–31
J. E. Dickinson, 1895–97	Lawrence E. Hicks, 1932–36
W. L. Dawson, 1898–1901	Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., 1937–41
John W. Daniel, Jr., 1902–1905	Maurice Brooks, 1942–46
Frank L. Burns, 1906	James B. Young, 1947–48
Benj. T. Gault, 1907–11	Harold F. Mayfield, 1948–51
C. W. G. Eifrig, 1912–13	Phillips B. Street, 1952–55
Orpheus M. Schantz, 1914	Fred T. Hall, 1956–57
Thos. L. Hankinson, 1915–16	Aaron M. Bagg, 1958–61
G. A. Abbott, 1917	Pershing B. Hofslund, 1962–66
	Jeff Swinebroad, 1967–70