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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORIC HATCH: WHOOPING CRANE HATCHES IN WILD IN LOUISIANA FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1939 – A major milestone was reached this week in the reintroduction of the whooping crane in Louisiana when the first (and second) hatching of a chick in the state in more than 75 years occurred in Jefferson Davis Parish. The hatching represents another step forward in the program established in February of 2011 when the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) reintroduced whooping cranes back into the state at the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area in Vermilion Parish. LDWF has partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey and the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit to return the species to the state. “This is something we’ve been looking forward to and anticipating since the reintroduction began in 2011,” said LDWF biologist Sara Zimorski, who leads the Louisiana whooping crane project. “...his couldn’t have been done without the assistance of private landowners. The support and cooperation of the many landowners and farmers on whose property the birds spend time is critical to the success of the project.” The ultimate goal is to establish a self-sustaining whooping crane population in Louisiana. Once abundant in Louisiana in the 1800s, the species had disappeared by 1950 in the state. The whooping cranes in Louisiana are designated as a non-essential, experimental population (NEP) under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act. Additional information on LDWF’s whooping crane project is available at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife/whooping-cranes> or on the LDWF whooping crane Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/lawhoopingcranes/?fref=ts>). For more information, contact Sara Zimorski (EM: szimorski@wlf.la.gov PH: 337-536-9400, ext. 4). (From <http://www.wlf.la.gov/news/40095>)

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS PROTECTING BALD EAGLES, GOLDEN EAGLES – On 4 May 2016, the USFWS opened a 60-day public comment period on proposed changes to the agency’s comprehensive eagle conservation and management program. The proposed changes include modifications to the regulations governing permits for incidental take of bald and golden eagles during the course of otherwise lawful human activities. A simultaneous public comment period also opens on a related proposed programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS). This PEIS forms an integral part of the environmental review process for the changes to the eagle permitting program. The Service also made public a new report assessing the status, trends and resiliency of bald and golden eagle populations. The report underpins the proposed revisions to the conservation and management program. The proposed regulations address the duration of permits for incidental take of eagles, extending the maximum permit duration to 30 years, subject to a recurring five-year review process throughout the permit life. Under the proposed revisions, only applicants who commit to adaptive management measures to ensure the preservation of eagles will be considered for permits with terms longer than five years. The public may submit comments on the proposed rule and the PEIS until July 5, 2016. Both the proposed rule and the PEIS are available at <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/eagle-management.php> and also at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R9–MB–2011–0094. Comments on the information collection aspects of this rule must be received on or before **5 July 2016**. For more information, see http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/_community/usfws-seeks-input-on-proposed-changes-to-regulations-protecting-bald-eagles-golden-eagles-r225

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR INFORMATION ON CONTINUING GRANTS PROGRAMS relevant to ornithological research, visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/grants/index.html>. For other grant opportunities, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

BIRD FAMILIES OF THE WORLD: A Guide to the Spectacular Diversity of Birds by David Winkler, Shawn Billerman, and Irby Lovette (Lynx Edicions and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 2015). 243 distribution maps, c. 750 color photos, 2336 bird figures (all genera illustrated). ISBN-13: 978-84-941892-0-3 (\$98.31). This volume distills the voluminous detail of the 17-volume Handbook of Birds of the World into a single book. Here in one volume is a synopsis of the diversity of all birds. Based on the latest systematic research and summarizing what is known about the life history and biology of each group, this volume will be the best single-volume entry to avian diversity available. This book has been designed to serve both as a text for ornithology courses and as a resource for serious bird enthusiasts of all levels. Technical terminology is much reduced, and all scientific terms used are defined in a glossary. Introductory material describes the scope and concepts behind the classification used and gives suggestions about how best to use the book. The bulk of the volume is a family-by-family account of the birds of the world. For each family there is a distribution map with the breeding, non-breeding and year-round ranges of each family, a short text "teaser" to invite the reader to learn more, standardized descriptions of the appearance, relationships and similar species to each family's members, their life history and conservation status. Each account includes a review of recent ideas about the relationships of the family to other families and relationships within it. The work is liberally illustrated by photographs from bird enthusiasts around the globe as well as paintings of one species from each of the genera in each family.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BREEDING BIRD ATLAS, Larry W. Allen, Kimball L. Garrett, and Mark C. Wimer. Contribution on "Pleistocene avifauna" by Daniel A. Guthrie. 2016. Los Angeles Audubon Society. 660 pp., 8.5 x 11, color habitat photos, 238 maps. ISBN: 9780692032145 (Hardcover \$49.95). Addresses 228 species found breeding during the 1995-1999 survey period plus 18 additional breeding species. This volume utilizes extensive county-specific ornithological and paleontological literature, data from over 5600 egg-set records, and county trend data from eight BBS routes and eight CBC circles in addition to data from over 10,000 field-hours to provide species accounts that include current and historic county distributions, abundances, seasonal occurrence and migration timing, habitat in the county compared with elsewhere in the range, current and historic county breeding phenology compared with elsewhere in the range, subspecies present, county fossil records if any, population trends, notes on conservation, and locations where the species might be viewed. Special prepublication price if ordered before **15 Jul 2016**. <http://www.losangelesaudubon.org>.

PUBLICATION AVAILABLE: "Fantasy vs Reality: A Critique of Smith et al.'s Bird Origins" Alan Feduccia, 2016, *The Open Ornithology Journal* (9:1-24) is now available by open access (URL: <http://www.benthamopen.com/TOOENIJ/>), or by requesting a pdf (EM: feduccia@bio.unc.edu).

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

FREE FOR HALF THE COST OF SHIPPING: Journal of Raptor Research, 2005-2013 (complete run). Contact KATHY SHARUM (EM: ksharum AT me.com).

MEETINGS

A 'permanent' meeting list is maintained on BIRDNET (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/ornith/birdmeet.html>) showing planned ornithological meetings as far into the future as possible.

* in this section indicates new or revised entry

SATELLITE CONFERENCE ON EGGS (BIRDS, REPTILES), **3 Jul 2016**, funded by the Society for Experimental Biology, to run the day before the Society for Experimental Biology's (SEB) Annual Main Meeting (AMM) in Brighton (UK) next year. This conference is being organized by Dr Steve Portugal (Royal Holloway, UK) & Prof Mark Hauber (Hunter College, USA). The Satellite Meeting aims to cover a range of topics, from physiology, behaviour and biotechnology, to biomimetics, parasitology and evolution. Confirmed speakers include Claire Spottiswoode (Cambridge), Charles Deeming (Lincoln), Caren Cooper (North Carolina Museum), Brani Igic (Akron), Wendy Reed (North Dakota) and David Booth (UQ). There is a poster session, and those submitting posters can also submit a lightning (Pecha Kucha) talk abstract, where the speaker has 3 minutes to present a poster oral abstract ahead of the poster session. More information can be found via the following website, http://www.sebiology.org/meetings/Egg_Satellite_2016/Egg_Satellite_2016.html, and the attached flyer. More details (inc registration fees) will follow shortly, and be available on the website. More information about the SEB AMM and Brighton, which runs for 5 days following the Egg Satellite Meeting, can be found at: http://www.sebiology.org/meetings/Brighton_2016/Brighton_2016.html. We hope you can join, and consider submitting an abstract for a talk.

THE SIXTH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (NAOC VI), Washington, D.C., **16-21 Aug 2016**. The theme we have chosen is "Bringing Science and Conservation Together." It's an appropriate theme at an appropriate time for a conference in DC. Federal agencies and conservation partners are excited about the diverse community that will come together for this meeting. We hope to provide something of interest to a wide audience, from agency staff to young ornithologists from all over the globe. You'll not want to miss this meeting where we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (August, 1916), and lay out a science agenda for bird conservation for the next 100 years. We have an extraordinary line-up of pre-conference workshops, plenary speakers, and symposia. Oral Presentation Abstracts Due: **15 Apr 2016**. Poster Abstracts Due: **6 May 2016**. Early registration through **1 May 2016**. Visit us on the web (<http://naoc2016.cvent.com>) or on Facebook.

6TH INTERNATIONAL ALBATROSS AND PETREL CONFERENCES (IAPC6), **19-23 Sep 2016**, at Paraninf de la Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. Abstract Submission Deadline: **31 Mar 2016**. Early Bird Registration Deadline: **31 Mar 2016**. Website: <http://www.iapc6.info/>

THE 40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY, New Bern, North Carolina, **20-23 Sep 2016**. Because the Waterbird Society is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2016, we are planning a celebration of the first 40 years of the Society, complete with displays of the Society's early formative days, so please make plans to join us in New Bern. Meeting information, including details on the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, field trips, accommodations, and special events is posted on the Waterbird Society web site (<http://www.waterbirds.org/>). Daily early morning and evening birding trips will be offered, as well as longer field trips on 24 and 25 September. Historical New Bern, a city of approximately 30,000 people, is located at the confluence of the Trent and Neuse rivers as they flow into the Pamlico Sound, bordered by the Outer Banks chain of barrier islands; it is a water wonderland! We look forward to seeing you in New Bern in 2016.

*IV NEOTROPICAL RAPTOR CONFERENCE AND II SYMPOSIUM ON NEOTROPICAL OWLS, La Fortuna, Costa Rica from **10-13 Oct 2016**. Hosts for the conference are The Neotropical Raptor Network, The Peregrine Fund, Fundacion Rapaces de Costa Rica, and Grupo de Especialistas de Buhos Neotropicales. Biologists, students, falconers, educators, and other conservationists are invited to come together to share their latest research results, successes and challenges. The conference will also act as a meeting point to foster discussion and collaboration on solutions to both present and future conservation issues such as habitat destruction, electrocution, human persecution of raptors and climate change. In addition to three days of scientific oral and poster sessions, social events and a full day of Raptor Skills Courses, there will be time to enjoy the town of La Fortuna de San Carlos and the fantastic birding in the forests on the slopes of Mt. Arenal. One of the most-visited areas of the country, La Fortuna is surrounded by national parks, hot-springs, streams, waterfalls and of course, the now dormant Arenal volcano, making it an excellent location for birding, hiking, zip-lining, rafting, and other outdoor activities. The conference hotel is home to gorgeous tree-top walkways that provide breath-taking views and spectacular birding opportunities. Registration is now open! Visit <http://nrrn.peregrinefund.org> for conference details and to register online today. The deadline to submit an abstract is **10 Jul 2016**. Early registration ends **10 Aug 2016**.

*RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION CONFERENCE on **16-20 Oct 2016**. New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory will host the annual conference at historic Cape May, New Jersey. The conference will be held on the oceanfront at the Grand Hotel of Cape May and will commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Raptor Research Foundation and the 40 year anniversary of the Cape May Hawk Watch. Plenary speakers will include raptor ecologist Dr. Ian Newton, Dr. Carol McIntyre (Wildlife Biologist with Denali National Park in Alaska), and Dr. Yossi Leshem (Director of the International Center for the Study of Bird Migration in Israel). The 70th annual NJ Audubon Cape May Autumn Birding Festival will be held immediately following the RRF Conference, allowing conference attendees to take advantage of being in one of North America's top birding destinations during peak migration. Online registration begins 15 June. Conference information may be viewed at: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>

*24TH SWAN CONFERENCE, **16-18 Nov 2016**, Duncan, British Columbia, Canada. Swan experts and enthusiasts will gather in British Columbia's beautiful Vancouver Island to discuss the latest in swan research, conservation, management and protection at a joint conference of The Trumpeter Swan Society and the Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society. Special attention will also be given to the status, management, and conservation of Trumpeter Swans in the Pacific Flyway and potential conflicts between swans and agriculture during winter. Declining winter habitat is becoming a critical issue for Pacific Flyway Trumpeter Swans. Trumpeter Swan issues and opportunities across North America will be presented. The conference will feature three days of contributed scientific papers, posters and workshops, a banquet and silent auction, and a one day field trip. Papers will cover all aspects of swan ecology. A panel discussion Wednesday evening will offer insights into winter habitat issues, including agricultural feeding which is so important to wintering swans in the Pacific Northwest. Conference proceedings are anticipated to be published. The conference will be held in Duncan, British Columbia at the Aboriginal Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre honoring the ancient roots of the Coast Salish in the valley. World famous wildlife artist, Robert Bateman, will be the Friday night Gala's keynote speaker. Stay for the WildWings Festival as Trumpeter Swans and other birds return for winter. The staff and boards of The Trumpeter Swan Society and Somenos Marsh look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Vancouver Island! Follow us on our official website: <http://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/2016-conference.html>

5TH WORLD OWL CONFERENCE, **22-26 Mar 2017**. NOTE REVISED DATES. Conference will take place in Italy, where it was held in 2007 the last time. Save the date and start thinking about what kind of research you would like to present during the most rich and interesting convention about owls ever. Apart from the plenary convention session, the 5th World Owl Conference will take place in a location, Venau, that will give you the chance to attend many side events and owl-and-nature-themed initiatives. Soon we will give you all the technical information

about travelling and overnight stay, and all the practical information about the scientific reports. Follow us on our official website, <http://www.woc2016.it> and on our official facebook page. The deeds of this important conference will be published in an elegant volume that will be released as a supplement to an important Italian ornithology magazine. The convention will take extra care of anyone who will come with you: families, friends, wives, children, etc. During the whole conference, special guided tours will be arranged to visit stunning Italian locations. An owl conference in Italy is also a unique chance to visit the most beautiful country in the World! For information you can write to (EM: info@woc2016.it). We are waiting for you in Italy! Organizing Committee, World Owl Conference 2016.

QUAIL 8 – NATIONAL QUAIL SYMPOSIUM, **26-28 Jul 2017**, Knoxville, Tennessee, US. Sponsored by the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative & National Bobwhite Technical Committee, Quail 8 is part of a series of quail symposia dating back to 1972, featuring management and research. For more information see, <http://www.quailcount.org/quail8/home.html>

2017 JOINT MEETING AOU / COS and SCO/SOC, **31 Jul - 5 Aug, 2017**, Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan. The American Ornithologists' Union, Cooper Ornithological Society, Society of Canadian Ornithologists will meet jointly at Michigan State University, Lansing, MI

*27TH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, **19 - 26 Aug 2018**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The meeting venue is the Vancouver Convention Centre. Nominations for plenary speakers and proposals for symposia must be received on or before **1 May 2016**. For general meeting information and updates, including special events, field trips, local attractions, and links to social media pages, please register on <http://www.IOCongress2018.com>. Mid-Congress Tours on Friday, 24 August 2018 will showcase the best of birding on the spectacular west coast of beautiful British Columbia. Pre- and post-Congress tours will not only include prime Canadian, including the Arctic, destinations but also Ecuadorian Cloud Forest, Amazon and Galapagos expeditions - in celebration of this being the first Congress on the Pacific Coast of the Americas.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

HENRY "HANK" BRODKIN, member of both the AOU and WOS since 1982, passed away on 19 Nov 2015. A bird and butterfly enthusiast, he co-authored two Arizona butterfly books.

EDWARD "JED" HOWLAND BURTT, JR. passed away at his home on 27 Apr 2016. He joined the Ohio Wesleyan Department of Zoology in 1977, where he remained until his retirement in 2015. He served as President of both WOS and AOU. He received the 2013 Margaret Morse Nice Medal from the WOS for lifetime contributions to ornithology. In 2015, WOS established the Jed Burtt Mentoring Grants in his honor, for mentors of undergraduate students working in collaboration on an ornithological research project.

JEAN GRABER passed away on 24 Oct 2015 of natural causes at the age of 91. Jean was a member of the AOU since 1959 (Elective Member since 1966) and WOS since 1979. She worked in the Animal Science Department of the University of Illinois 1960-1972 starting as a Research Associate and becoming Assistant Research professor. She worked with R.R. Graber at the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS) 1957-1959 doing a 50-year re-census of Illinois birds; and again worked with R.R. Graber at INHS from 1972 until she retired in 1983..

JACK HAILMAN, AOU member since 1955 (Fellow since 1976), and WOS member since 1956, passed away on 20 Jan 2016. Hailman taught zoology at the University of Wisconsin for 30 years. Upon his retirement in 1999, he moved to Florida where he became involved in studies of the Florida scrub jay through the Avian Ecology Program at Archbold Biological Station. In 2013 he received the Volunteer of the Year for the Southeastern States from the BLM for conducting monthly inventories of the fauna and flora and establishing a photo database for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in August. Items you wish to have included must reach the Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE, 3889 E. Valley View, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (PH: 269-471-7886; EM: [ctrine AT andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)), **by 1 July 2016**. Please submit announcements by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file). Items sent to the OSNA office may not reach the Editor in time. Items with deadline dates should be submitted at least four months in advance of that date to allow time for response.