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AFO AWARD BEST PUBLICATION BY A STUDENT— In 2010, the Association of Field Ornithologists began presenting an award for the best publication by a student or students in each volume of the *Journal of Field Ornithology*, as determined by a panel of judges. Winners of the first-ever award are Lauren Rae and Greg Mitchell of the Department of Integrative Biology at the University of Guelph, Ontario for their paper, "Radio transmitters do not affect the body condition of Savannah Sparrows during the fall premigratory period" (coauthored by Robert Mauck, Christopher Guglielmo, and Ryan Norris). Winners of each Best Student Publication Award are invited to speak about their work at the annual meeting of the AFO. Details on the Best Student Publication in JFO Award are at: <http://www.afonet.org/JFO/bestpublication.html>.

NEW SERIES EDITOR FOR *STUDIES IN AVIAN BIOLOGY* - Brett K. Sandercock has been appointed as the new Series Editor for *Studies in Avian Biology* (SAB), the monograph series of the Cooper Ornithological Society. The SAB series has been in a transition period for the past year with a move to a new publisher, a change in editor, and appointment of a new SAB Editorial Board consisting of Frank Moore, John Rotenberry, Steve Beissinger, Katie Dugger, Amanda Rodewald and Jeffrey Kelly. SAB was previously published as an irregular periodical, but will now be published by the University of California Press as part of their book catalogue. Publication of SAB as edited books with peer-reviewed chapters will have some effect on the scope and format of the series, but offers exciting opportunities for development and promotion of new ornithological science. Copies of past SAB volumes (vol. 1-37) are available for purchase from Buteo Books, or can be downloaded in different file formats from the Searchable Ornithological Research Archive. Be sure to watch for two new SAB volumes which will be available for purchase from the UC Press website in Spring 2011: *Volume 38, Conservation of Greater Sage-Grouse: a Landscape Species and its Habitats* (Steve Knick and Jack Connelly, eds.) and *Volume 39, Ecology, Conservation and Management of Grouse* (Brett Sandercock, Kathy Martin, and Gernot Segelbacher, eds.). Editorial teams interested in developing book-length manuscripts are encouraged to contact the SAB Series Editor to discuss new project ideas! **BRETT K. SANDERCOCK**, Division of Biology, Kansas State University (EM: bsanderc@ksu.edu, URL: <http://www.ksu.edu/bsanderc>).

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AOU AWARDS FOR 2011: Nominations are invited for the following AOU Awards. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the AOU Executive Officer, SCOTT GIL-LIHAN (EM: ExecutiveOfficer@aou.org).

* **WILLIAM BREWSTER MEMORIAL AWARD**—The Brewster Award is given for the most meritorious body of work (book, monograph, or series of related papers) on birds of the Western Hemisphere published during the past ten years. Nominations should be in the form of a written letter that includes (1) the name and institution of the nominee, and (2) a written description of the contributions of the nominee to ornithology.

* **ELLIOTT COUES AWARD**—The Elliott Coues Award recognizes extraordinary contributions to ornithological research and involves no limitation with respect to geographic area, sub-discipline(s) of ornithology, or the time course over which the work was done. Nominations should be in the form of a written letter that includes (1) the name and institution of the nominee, and (2) a written description of the contributions of the nominee to ornithology.

* **NED K. JOHNSON YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD**—The Ned K. Johnson Award recognizes outstanding and promising work by a researcher early in his/her career in any field of ornithology. Successful nominees will excel in research and show distinct promise for leadership in ornithology within and beyond North America. They must have received their doctorate within 5 years of being nominated, must not have received the award previously, and must be a member of the AOU at the time of nomination. Nominations should be in the form of a written letter that includes (1) the name and institution of the nominee, and (2) a written summary why the nominee should be considered for an award, including statements on his/her scientific accomplishments, the relevance of his/her research to scientific ornithology, and his/her promise as a leader in ornithology.

* **RALPH W. SCHREIBER CONSERVATION AWARD**—The AOU Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary scientific contributions to the conservation, restoration, or preservation of birds and/or their habitats by an individual or small team (usually less than 10 people). Contributions from throughout the world and over any time course are eligible. Appropriate activities include: - Applied research, restoration, and educational actions that conserve birds, or preserve significant bird habitats; - Scientific examination of the principles of avian conservation and application of new insights into species restoration; - Scientific evaluation, guidance, creation, and oversight of avian recovery programs or habitat reserve/restoration programs. Nominations should be in the form of a written letter that includes (1) the name and institution of the nominee, and (2) summarizes why the nominee(s) should be considered for an award, including statements on scientific, educational, and conservation accomplishments, the relevance of his/her science to avian conservation, and his/her leadership in avian conservation, documentation of the conservation implications of the candidate's work, and what birds have benefited from the science.

NOMINATIONS FOR AOU OFFICERS AND ELECTIVE COUNCILORS must be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Thus, this year nominations are **due 24 Mar 2011**. Officers will be elected by electronic and postal ballot prior to the meeting, and the new officers will be announced at the Business Meeting of Members. Officers to be elected will be Secretary, Treasurer, four Elective Councilors (three-year terms) and one Elective Councilor (one-year term). At the conclusion of the 129th Stated Meeting, John R. Faaborg will begin his second year as President, and Susan M. Haig will begin her second year as President-Elect. The Bylaws of the AOU require that the Secretary and Treasurer be elected or re-elected annually. The incumbent Secretary (Sara R. Morris) and Treasurer (James Herkert) are willing to stand for re-election. Of the total of twelve Elective Councilors, four are elected annually to serve terms of approximately three years, beginning at the close of the Stated Meeting. Elective Councilors ending their terms at the conclusion of the 129th Stated

Meeting in 2011 are Bonnie S. Bowen, Mary Bomberger Brown, Janis L. Dickinson, Rebecca L. Holberton, and Amanda D. Rodewald. Continuing to serve in 2011-2012 will be Elective Councilors Peter Arcese, Ronald L. Mumme, Jennifer C. Owen, J. Michael Reed, Ernesto Ruelas Inzunza, Brett K. Sandercock, and Michael S. Webster. The procedure for nominating AOU officers and Elective Councilors is outlined in the Bylaws (Art IV, Sec 2). "Each Fellow and Elective Member shall be invited to nominate to the Secretary, persons for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Elective Councilors. These nominations shall be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Nominations for all Officers and Elective Councilors must be accompanied by documented consent of the nominee." Nominations may be submitted in writing, or electronically to the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716-888-2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: aousecretary@aou.org).

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OF Fellow and Elective Member of the AOU are **due 11 Mar 2011**. Fellows and Elective Members are encouraged to submit nominations of deserving colleagues. Nominations and full supporting information are to be supplied by the nominators. Lists of current Fellows and Elective Members are available on the AOU website (URL: <http://www.aou.org/membership/special.php3>). Nominators seeking to endorse a nominee must first obtain the instructions and forms for 2011, available on the AOU web site (URL: <http://www.aou.org/nominations.php3>) or from the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716-888-2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: aousecretary@aou.org). For ELECTIVE MEMBER nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare ballot packets to be sent to current Fellows and Elective Members in April 2011. Ballots must be returned by mail to the Secretariat by three weeks before the Stated Meeting (i.e., **by 5 Jul 2011**) and the names will be announced at the Business Meeting of Members in San Diego, CA. For FELLOW nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare packets to be sent to current Fellows in May 2011. Voting will take place at the Fellows Meeting on the first evening of the Jacksonville meeting in July.

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY held its annual meeting 20-23 May 2010 on the campus of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. The 2010 Margaret Morse Nice Medal was awarded to Robert B. Payne and Laura Payne, who presented the plenary lecture "Brood parasitism in cuckoos, cowbirds, and African finches." The scientific program included 44 papers organized into 10 sessions, 30 posters, and 2 symposia consisting of 12 papers on migratory physiology and energetics, and on the effects of energy development on birds. Wilson Ornithological Society Student Travel Awards were presented to Brynne Stumpe, Canisius College; Gretchen Wagner, CUNY Hunter College; Whitney Wiest, University of Delaware; Jessie Hogue-Morgenstern, Denison University; Gustavo Londono and Judit Ungvari-Martin, University of Florida; James Garabedian, Frostburg State University; Benjamin Padilla, Gordon College; Anne Lugg and Ashley Rathman, Kutztown University; Monika Parsons, University of Maine; Katie Clower, University of Minnesota; Erica Mueller, Montclair State University; Lawrence Long, The Ohio State University; Aubrey Alamshah, Ohio Wesleyan University; Adrian Monroe and Marla Steele, Oklahoma State University; Emily Thomas, Penn State University; Marie Wilson, University of the South; Sonya Richmond, University of Toronto; and Stephanie Wright, Villanova University. The Alexander Wilson Prize for the best student oral presentation was awarded to Stephanie G. Wright, Villanova University, for "Hybrid chickadee vocalizations change as the hybrid zone moves northward in southeastern Pennsylvania." The Lynds Jones Prize for best student poster presentation was awarded to Jason M. Townsend, SUNY-College of Environmental Science and Forestry, for "Mercury bioaccumulation in *Catharus* thrushes along an elevational gradient." Christina Masco, Cornell University, received the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Oral Paper Award for "Individuality and recognition in the Great Black-backed Gull, *Larus marinus*." Two students tied for the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Poster Award: Anne Lugg, Kutztown University, for "Aging House Wren nestlings based on feather tract development, wing chord, and head length"; and Jordan S. Kalish, Ohio Wesleyan University, for "Bacteria and fungi in the plumage of birds of prey." Two Louis Agassiz Fuertes Awards were presented: to Jessica Oswald, University of Florida, for "The biogeography of birds in

Peruvian tropical dry forests"; and to Christopher Tonra, University of Maine, for "Determining the relative influence of environmental and endogenous factors on the transition from non-breeding to breeding in migratory songbirds." Nanette Mickle, of Woodbridge, Virginia, won the George A. Hall/Harold F. Mayfield Award for the study "Tracking long-distant songbird migration (Purple Martins) using geo-locators." Paul A. Stewart Awards were received by Allison Cox, University of Missouri, for "Natal dispersal of Red-bellied Woodpeckers in a fragmented landscape"; Kira Delmore, University of British Columbia, for "Divergent migratory behaviors as post-zygotic barriers to interbreeding in hybrid zones"; Luke Powell, Louisiana State University, for "Using home range estimates and 30 years of mist-net captures to determine the effect of land use history on dispersal of Amazonian Birds"; Barry Robinson, University of Alberta, for "Arctic Peregrine Falcons as indicators of trophic dynamics in coastal ecosystems"; Taza Schaming, Cornell University, for "The impact of whitebark pine mortality on Clark's Nutcracker demography and habitat use"; Daphna Shaw, University of Florida, for "Male parental investment, relatedness, population density, and territorial proximity as factors promoting extra-pair paternity in the Northern Mockingbird"; Deborah Visco, Tulane University, for "Ontogenetic mortality rates in a Neotropical understory passerine"; and Kara-Anne Ward, University of Windsor, for "Female mate search tactics in Long-tailed Manikins: a novel tracking system for monitoring social interactions." The Edwards Prize for the best paper published in volume 121 (2009) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to W. Andrew Cox and Thomas E. Martin for "Breeding biology of the Three-striped Warbler in Venezuela: a contrast between tropical and temperate parulids." The Storrs L. Olson Prize for the best book review published in volume 121 (2009) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to Richard C. Banks for his review of "The white-cheeked geese: *Branta canadensis*, *B. maxima*, *B. lawrensis*, *B. hutchinsii*, *B. leucopareia*, and *B. minima*. Ecophysiographic relationships, biogeography, and evolutionary considerations. Volume 2. Western taxa, biogeography, and evolutionary considerations." Jerome A. Jackson received the 2010 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award. The following officers of the society were elected: E. Dale Kennedy, President; Robert C. Beason, First Vice-President; Robert L. Curry, Second Vice-President; John A. Smallwood, Secretary; and Melinda M. Clark, Treasurer. The following candidates were elected as Members of Council for 2010-2013: Mark Deutschlander, Paul G. Rodewald, and Rebecca J. Safran.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IXTH NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS (NOC) Cusco, Perú, from **8-14 Nov 2011**. CALL FOR SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS and ROUND-TABLES - deadline **30 Nov 2010** - The Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS) and the Unión de Ornítólogos del Perú (UNOP) are pleased to announce the IXth Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC), in parallel with the VIII Peruvian Ornithological Congress. The Co-chairs of the Scientific Program Committee (SPC), JOSE G. TELLO, Scientific Program Co-chair, (EM: jose.tello@liu.edu), Department of Biology, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY 11201 U.S.A., and THOMAS VALQUI, Scientific Program Co-chair (EM: tvalqui@corbidi.org), Secretary of the Unión de Ornítólogos del Perú (UNOP), invite ornithologists working in the Neotropics to submit proposals (in English or Spanish) for symposia, workshops and round-tables. The deadline for proposal submission is **30 Nov 2010**. Symposium, workshop and round-table organizers will be notified by 10 Dec 2010 of whether their proposal is accepted. For more information, see (URL: http://www.ibiologia.unam.mx/links/neo/FirstCallContributions_IXNOC-ENG.doc)

ORNITHOLOGICAL WORLDWIDE LITERATURE (OWL) is an indexed compilation of citations that pertain to ornithology and come from the periodic, worldwide scientific literature. In the 21st Century, published scientific information that cannot be found at a later date is information lost to science. We must be able to find all those published papers related to our science. Now ornithologists around the globe can access this important resource at no cost via the Internet (URL: <http://www.birdlit.org>). OWL currently adds about 2-3,000 literature citations each year to the database, which already contains >75,000 citations from >1500 serials going back 25-30 years. The OWL depends upon a cadre of volunteer abstractors around the globe who scan and compile the material. We are constantly **looking for more volunteers** to help

in this effort. If you are interested in helping, please contact the managing editor (see below). The more abstractors working on this effort and the more serials that are regularly being scanned and abstracted, then the more valuable a resource for ornithologists around the world. Each volunteer is responsible for all the ornithological papers in a particular journal(s). There are three simple requirements to become a volunteer: interest in birds, access to the Internet, and access to the journal or serial. As an abstractor, it really amounts to how much time you can spare, what your interests might be, and what serials are accessible to you already. To input the data, you will need access to a computer and later the Internet to submit the data. Most abstractors prepare about 10–50 abstracts per year; a few do over 100, while others only 1–5. We can always use help on the many local Country/Provincial/State journals. If you read two or more languages, there are many serials in non-English languages in need of coverage. You do not have to reside in the country in which the journal is published, only that you have access to it on a regular basis—personal subscriptions, library copies, or colleagues who have the unusual serials coming to them. The list of serials needing to be scanned is changing regularly. If you want to cover one or more journals, please ask, and we will check to ascertain if it is already being scanned elsewhere in the world (you might want to search our web site to see if there are any recent citations from that serial). For further information contact: JAY M. SHEPPARD, Managing Editor, (EM: jmsheppar@aol.com).

NEWS FROM THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Provided by the Ornithological Council. Major funding for the Ornithological Council is provided by its eleven member societies: American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, CIPAMEX, Cooper Ornithological Society, Neotropical Ornithological Society, Pacific Seabird Group, Raptor Research Foundation, Society of Canadian Ornithologists, Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds, Waterbird Society, and Wilson Ornithological Society. We also appreciate the support of individual ornithologists; contributions can be made when you renew your membership in any of the OSNA societies (on paper or online: URL: <http://www.osnabirds.org/>) or via paypal on the BIRDNET homepage (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET>). Thank you for helping the Ornithological Council in its efforts to keep the world safe for ornithology!

PUBLICATION OF NEW ILAR GUIDE MAY BE DELAYED - The Ornithological Council and other scientific organizations, including the American Society of Mammalogists and The Wildlife Society, expressed strong concern about some aspects of the revised Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals to the National Academy of Sciences when the pre-publication copy of that key guidance document was published in June. The statement of concern addressed a number of errors and objected to the inclusion of an unsupported statement that could, if followed by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, impose a very substantial burden on wildlife researchers. We subsequently expressed concerns to AAALAC International, the private but influential organization that accredits animal welfare programs, and to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare of the National Institutes of Health, which had planned to adopt the Guide as its official standard. Although we have received no assurance that changes will be made in response to our concerns, the planned August release of the final publication seems to have been delayed.

UPCOMING ISSUE OF *ILAR JOURNAL* TO ADDRESS BIRDS AS ANIMAL MODELS IN THE BEHAVIORAL AND NEURAL SCIENCES - The September 2010 issue of the *ILAR Journal* will be devoted to the topic of birds as animal models in the behavioral and neural sciences. Chapters of particular interest include: The Use of Passerine Bird Species in Laboratory Research: Implications of Basic Biology for Husbandry and Welfare, A Social Ethological Perspective Applied to Care of and Research on Songbirds, Guidelines and Ethical Considerations for Housing and Management of Psittacine Birds Used for Research, and An IACUC Perspective on Songbirds and Their Use as Animal Models for Neurobiological Research. Hard copies of the *ILAR Journal* or individual articles can be ordered here (URL: <http://www.ilarjournal.com/>).

ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL UPDATES FACT SHEET ON AVIAN ZOOLOGICAL DISEASE - In recent years, the Ornithological Council has published peer-reviewed fact sheets on West Nile Virus and H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and the precautions ornithologists and bird banders should consider in order to avoid contracting the diseases caused by these pathogens. Those fact sheets have now been updated, combined into one, and supplemented with information about other avian zoonotic diseases, including chlamydiosis and salmonellosis. The key message is to take measures commensurate with the extent of the risk and of the consequence of contracting the disease. Preventive measures can be burdensome and interfere with research techniques, especially under field conditions. However, if encountering a pathogen that has the potential to cause serious disease, more extensive measures are warranted even if burdensome, uncomfortable, or costly. The fact sheet outlines preventive measures and also sets out methods to prevent transmission to birds as a result of the handling necessitated by the research protocol. The fact sheet can be obtained here (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/documents/WNV&H5N1-FactSheet.pdf>)

NEW EUTHANASIA GUIDELINES IN PREPARATION - The American Veterinary Medical Association is updating its euthanasia guidelines. These extremely influential guidelines are widely accepted by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees and are therefore extremely important to researchers who study animals. As in the past, the Ornithological Council has provided information about ornithological research and the methods of euthanasia used in ornithological research for the purpose of assuring that the committee members who are revising these guidelines - most of whom have had no experience in wildlife research - understand the context and constraints involved in field biology. Our hope is to ensure that the committee members take these conditions into account when determining the appropriate euthanasia methods.

USFWS APPOINTS NEW SCIENCE ADVISOR - Dr. Gabriela Chavarria, former Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) Science Center, has been named Science Advisor to the Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A leading expert in pollinators, Dr. Chavarria holds a Ph.D. in biology from Harvard University. She has tremendous expertise and experience in invasive species control and the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Scholarly publications include articles on biodiversity, bird conservation, invasive species, entomology and pollinators. Dr. Chavarria will serve as counsel to the Service Director and provide leadership on science policy and scientific applications in resource management. This includes leading agency efforts to respond to changes in the global climate system; shaping the Service's agenda for change toward a science-driven landscape conservation business model; expanding Service capacities to acquire, apply and communicate scientific information; promoting active involvement of the Service and its employees in the larger scientific community; strengthening and expanding partnerships between the Service and other scientific organizations, particularly states and the U.S. Geological Survey; and cultivating the next generation of Service scientists. Prior to joining NRDC, she served as the Vice President for Science and International Conservation at Defenders of Wildlife, Policy Director for Wildlife Conservation at the National Wildlife Federation and as the Director of International and Special Programs at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, D.C. Dr. Chavarria also serves on a number of boards and advisory councils, including the Society for Conservation Biology, the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee, the Environmental Protection Agency's Committee on Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities, and the Mexican Conservation Fund for Nature. She was also a member of the National Invasive Species Advisory Committee, the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. Born and raised in Mexico City, Dr. Chavarria has a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the National University of Mexico, and a Masters and Ph.D. in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology from Harvard University. Her research focused on the systematics, behavior, and biogeography of neotropical bumble bees. She has conducted research on these topics in more than 30 countries in North America, Central America, South America, Europe, and Asia, and is a research associate at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, where she works on pollinator conservation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PROPOSES SCIENCE INTEGRITY GUIDELINES - In 2000, each Federal agency was charged by the President to adopt procedures within one year to ensure the integrity of scientific and technological information and processes on which the agency relies upon in its decision making or otherwise uses or prepares. In May 2010, the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior Public issued a report criticizing the continuing lack of a department-wide scientific integrity policy. To review the proposed policy please go here: (URL: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-21591.pdf> or the text version <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-21591.htm>). Unfortunately, the deadline for comments on this draft policy, which was published on 31 August 2010, was 20 September 2010. Once adopted, this policy will be a chapter in the Department Manual.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REQUEST FOR MOURNING WARBLER RECORDINGS: I am studying macrogeographic variation in the song of the Mourning Warbler. I have identified a well-defined pattern of the distribution of song types on the breeding range. I am interested in the relationship between migrants and migratory pathways and the current pattern of variation. I need recordings of songs from fall, spring and wintering migrants. Recordings should include date, locality information and, preferably, be in .wav format. Please send recordings (email preferred) to JAY PITOCHELLI (EM: jpitocch@anselm.edu, PH: 603-641-7397). Biology Department, Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH 03102.

BRISTLE-THIGHED CURLEWS COLOR-MARKED IN ALASKA – Thirty-two Bristle-thighed Curlews were uniquely marked with coded leg flags on the breeding grounds in western Alaska in the summer of 2010 as part of a three year mark-resight project. Additional curlews will be marked during the breeding season in 2011 and 2012. The ultimate goal of this project is to collect data that will be used to estimate the current size of the curlew population breeding in the southern Nulato Hills. Each curlew has a green flag on its upper right leg and a standard federal metal band on its upper left leg. The green flag has a unique code consisting of two white characters (either two numbers or two letters). Please report all sightings to KRISTINE SOWL, Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 346, Bethel, Alaska 99559, USA (EM: kristine_sowl@fws.gov). Please note the date, the leg flag code, location of the bird, and its behavior. Copies of photographs of the individual may provide information on sex. Thank you for your assistance.

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Positions and Opportunities section is available only in the on-line edition. This information can be accessed from the Ornithological Newsletter Home Page <<http://www.osnabirds.org/on>>, or directly at <<http://www.osnabirds.org/on/ornjobs.htm>>. Submissions can be made any time, and are posted free of charge. Please send submissions to Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine, (EM: ctrine@andrews.edu).

AN E-LIST SERVICE is available. Subscribers to this list will receive the same new announcements that appear on-line. E-list members often receive these announcements before they are posted on-line. To subscribe, send the following message to: <lyris@cornell.edu>, in the body of the message type: join Birdjobs-L "your name". The subject line should be blank. **Please use the "plain text only" e-mail format option, include your own name in the message, and put quotation marks around your name.**

GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR INFORMATION ON CONTINUING GRANTS PROGRAMS relevant to ornithological research, visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/grants/index.html>

THE 19TH ANNUAL MEWALDT-KING STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS will be announced by the Cooper Ornithological Society at the 2011 joint meeting with the Association of Field Ornithologists and the Wilson Ornithological Society in Kearney, Nebraska. These \$1,000 awards are designated in the memory of L. Richard Mewaldt and James R. King to support research that relates to the conservation of birds. Research may be in any area of ornithology, but studies that involve demographics, breeding biology, or disease ecology may be particularly relevant, especially if the species is endangered, threatened, or otherwise of management concern. Studies of species from threatened ecosystems (e.g. old growth forest, wetlands) or with reference to large-scale conservation issues such as climate or landscape change are also of particular interest. For more information, visit (URL: <http://www.cooper.org/>) DEADLINE: **14 Jan 2011**.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

SAVING OUR SHARED BIRDS: PARTNERS IN FLIGHT TRI-NATIONAL VISION FOR LANDBIRD CONSERVATION by Berlanga et al. (2010). 48 pp. This latest species vulnerability assessment from Partners in Flight covers all 882 species of native landbirds that regularly breed in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Species have been systematically scored on 6 factors that evaluate future vulnerability. The main goal is to identify those landbird species that are most in need of immediate conservation attention and which depend on coordinated action by all three nations. There are numerous other analyses, including a variety of views on the number of species and individuals shared by at least two, or by all three, nations. Publication is available in English, Spanish and French at (URL: <http://www.savingoursharedbirds.org>). Hard copies of the English version are available at no charge - printing costs were covered by the Canadian Wildlife Service. Terry Rich, USFWS, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709. (EM: terry_rich@fws.gov).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN FLIGHT CONFERENCE by Rich et al. (2009). 712 pp. These proceedings include over 90 papers that were presented at the subject conference in McAllen, TX, on 13-16 February 2008. Major categories are Basic Biology, Bird Communities, Anthropogenic Impacts, Decision Support Tools, Education, Communication and Outreach, Project Implementation, Monitoring, and Response to Habitat Changes. There is also a conservation Needs Assessment for three topics: Education, Communication and Outreach, Monitoring, and Research. The proceedings are available on the Partners In Flight web site (URL: <http://www.partnersinflight.org>). Hard copies are available at no charge from TERRY RICH, USFWS, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709. (EM: terry_rich@fws.gov)

FWS HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED, both on the web and in paper format, the following publication: *Status review and conservation recommendations for the Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) in North America*. Molina, K. C., R. M. Erwin, E. Palacios, E. Mellink, and N. W. H. Seto. 2010. U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Biological Technical Publication, FWS/BTP-R1013-2010, Washington, D.C. Web address (URL: http://library.fws.gov/BTP/TernRpt_2010.pdf). The paper copies are available from: MARIE STRASSBURGER, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Migratory Birds Program, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 (EM: marie_strassburger@fws.gov). Please remember to include your postal address! FWS has published a number of Biological Technical publications recently, and these are on the web (URL: <http://library.fws.gov/BiologicalTechnicalPublications.html>).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY, VOLUME III. William E. Davis, Jr. and Jerome A. Jackson, editors. Nuttall Ornithological Club Memoir No. 17, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 2010: 385 pp., 84 figures, 1 appendix. ISBN 1-877973-46-7. \$47.50 (cloth). This volume contains chapters on the first 60 years of the Massachusetts Audubon Society; ornithology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Tall Timbers Research Station, and Archbold Biological Station; ornithology in Delaware and the Delaware Museum of Natural History; and ornithology at Manomet Bird Observatory. It concludes with biographical chapters on John Richardson and early Saskatchewan bird banders. Copies of this book

may be purchased from the Nuttall Ornithological Club, c/o Bird Department, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138. Postage and handling are included within the contiguous 48 states. For inquiries and more information, call the Bird Department (PH 607-495-2471), or visit the NOC website (URL: <http://www.nuttallclub.org>).

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

AVAILABLE FOR FREE - You pay the shipping: **Auk** - issues from 1966 (1) through 1977: 4 issues each year for the years 1971, 1976, 1977. 3 issues each year for the years 1970, 1973. 1 issue for 1974 and 1 issue for 1966 (mentioned above); 4 issues each year for the following years: 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997; 3 issues each year for the following years: 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997; The new colorful **Auk**: 3 issues 2001; 4 issues 2002; 1 issue April 2004; Additionally: the ten-year INDEX 1981-1990 of *The Auk*. **Condor** - 13 issues and a spiffy blue cover: May '93; Feb. May '94; May, Aug. '95; Feb-May-Aug-Nov '96; Feb, Aug. '97; May, Aug. '98. **Journal of Field Ornithology** 14 or 15 issues: Spring '93. Winter '93. resident Bird Count '93. Autumn '95. Winter - Spring - Summer - Fall for years 1996 + Resident Bird count; 1997, 1998 + this extra - 1996 Winter Vol. 67 No. 1. **Wilson Bulletin** 28 issues total; 4 issues each in years 1996, 1997; 3 issues each in years 1979, 1977, 1971; 2 issues each 1976, 1978, 1993, 1995; 1 issue each year - 1998, 1999, 1994. **Evolution** - 3 issues February, April, June 1998. Contact: (EM: mjb921@lightlink.com).

MEETINGS

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

LOOKING FOR THE WEB SITE of an ornithological meeting or conference? Visit <http://www.birdmeetings.org> to find links and to post a link to your meeting.

* in this section indicates new or revised entry

*THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS – see Kearney 2011.

81ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY – see Kearney 2011.

*THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY – see Kearney 2011.

*KEARNEY 2011 – The Association of Field Ornithologists (AFO), the Cooper Ornithological Society (COS), and the Wilson Ornithological Society (WOS) will jointly hold their annual meetings **9 – 13 Mar 2011** in Kearney, Nebraska. The conference, "Kearney 2011," is timed to coincide with the spring migration of Sandhill Cranes and other waterbirds in the Platte River region. The conference will also dovetail with the annual meeting (13 - 16 Mar) of The Waterbird Society (URL: <http://www.waterbirds.org/>) to be held jointly in Grand Island, Nebraska, with the 12th Workshop of the North American Crane Working Group (URL: <http://www.nacwg.org/workshops.html>). Conference organization for Kearney 2011 is being carried out by a Local Committee chaired by MARY BOMBERGER BROWN (PH: 402-472-8878; EM: mbrown9@unl.edu), Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership, 3310 Holdrege St. 153cHardin Hall, Lincoln NE 68583-0931. Full details about all aspects of the conference are available online (URL: <http://snr.unl.edu/kearney2011/index.asp>). The primary venue of Kearney 2011 will be the Younes Conference Center. Most attendees will want to take advantage of conference rates at the three Heartland Hospitality hotels closest to the conference center: Holiday Inn, Wingate Inn, and Hampton Inn. Registration fees (including lunch each day) for Professionals will be \$245.00 until **15 Jan 2011** (\$280.00 thereafter) and \$160.00 for Students (\$185.00 after 15 Jan). Registration and abstract submission (deadline **on or before 15 Jan 2011**) will be handled online using links on the primary conference web site. The scientific program for the

conference will include 3 days of sessions on 10 – 12 Mar including plenary presentations, society business meetings and awards, symposia, presentation by the COS Young Investigator award winners, contributed oral presentations and a single contributed poster session. Field trips include trips to the blinds at the Rowe Audubon Sanctuary in Gibbon, NE, waterbirds in the Rainwater Basin, and Sharp-tail Grouse and Prairie Chicken leks in Mullen, NE. Applications for Travel Awards for students and recent PhD recipients presenting papers as first author will be **due 1 Dec 2010** (application details at <http://snr.unl.edu/kearney2011/studenttravelawards.asp>). Student Presentation Awards will be administered by a joint committee of the three participating societies. Eligible students will need to indicate their interest in being considered for an award when they submit their abstracts for the scientific program **on or before the 15 Jan 2011 deadline**. Students whose presentations are eligible for awards who are not already members of the Wilson Ornithological Society will have the opportunity to accept free membership in WOS for the duration of 2011 at the time of abstract submission. The Cooper Ornithological Society seeks applications for its Young Professional Award (YPA). The deadline for applications (details available on the conference web site) is **1 Dec 2010**. Two award recipients will be chosen prior to the 15 Jan 2011 deadline for Abstract submissions; travel expenses for these awardees will be provided by COS and each will give a featured 25-minute presentation about their research. For more information, to register and to submit an abstract, please visit the website (URL: <http://snr.unl.edu/kearney2011/index.asp>).

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, from **13 - 16 Mar 2011** (Sunday to Wednesday) and will be held jointly with the North American Crane Working Group. This meeting will constitute the annual meeting for the 2010 calendar year, and will include presentations of research papers, symposia, workshops, social events and area field trips. The Platte River and nearby wetlands in mid-March provide staging habitat for nearly 10 million waterfowl and half a million Sandhill Cranes—a phenomenon of global significance. Due to its use by large numbers of migrating shorebirds, the area also is designated a Landscape of International Importance by the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. Information about the meeting will be posted at the websites of the Waterbird Society (URL: http://www.waterbirds.org/annual_meeting) and the North American Crane Working Group (URL: <http://www.nacwg.org/>). Contacts for the meeting are: FELIPE CHAVEZ-RAMIREZ, Local Committee Chair (EM: fchavez@whoopingcrane.org) and KATHARINE PARSONS, Scientific Program Chair (EM: katharineparsons@gmail.com).

*THE TWELFTH NORTH AMERICAN CRANE WORKSHOP will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, **13 - 16 Mar 2011** and will be held jointly with the Waterbird Society. The workshop is open to all those interested in crane research and conservation. Workshop details and registration information coming soon. Contacts for the meeting are: FELIPE CHAVEZ-RAMIREZ, Local Committee Chair (EM: fchavez@whoopingcrane.org) and DAVID ABORN, Scientific Program Chair (EM: david-aborn@utc.edu). For more information about the North American Crane Working Group, please visit (URL: <http://www.nacwg.org/>).

*GYRFALCONS AND PTARMIGAN IN A CHANGING WORLD – The Peregrine Fund, Boise State University, and the U.S. Geological Survey will convene an international conference "Gyrfalcons and Ptarmigan in a Changing World" from **1-3 Feb 2011**, in Boise, Idaho, U.S.A. We invite scientists, land managers, policy analysts, and other conservationists from around the world to explore evidence for a range of environmental changes (climate, contaminants, disease, development) in arctic ecosystems with a focus on the Gyrfalcon and its principal prey, ptarmigan, as models of the predator-prey relationship. The conference aims to predict effects and outcomes of global climate change on arctic predators and prey, identify areas of uncertainty, and develop global strategies for measuring and mitigating them. The proceedings will be published in what we expect will be a landmark publication of information, ideas, and strategies. For details please visit: (URL: http://www.peregrinefund.org/gyr_conference/) or contact us (EM: tpf@peregrinefund.org).

THE 129TH STATED MEETING OF THE AOU will be held in Jacksonville, FL, **26-29 Jul 2011**.

*NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS AND VIIITH NATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, Cusco, Peru (8-15 Nov 2011) - The Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS) and the Peruvian Ornithological Union (UNOP) are pleased to announce the IXth Neotropical Ornithological Congress and VIIIth National Ornithological Congress. The scientific program will include plenary lectures, symposia sessions, oral and poster presentations, and round table discussions. The congress officers are: the Secretary General, GRACE P. SERVAT (EM grace.servat@gmail.com) and the Chair of Local Committee, CONSTANTINO AUCCA (EM: caucca@ecoanperu.org), in cooperation with the Neotropical Ornithological Society and the Peruvian Ornithological Society. Further information regarding the IXTH NOS and VIIITH CNO will be announced in the web page of the Neotropical Ornithological Society (ULR: <http://www.neotropicalornithology.org>).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

CORRECTION: The hardcopy of the August 2010 issue had the name of Richard Ffrench mis-spelled. My apologies to family and friends.

DON DEARBORN has taken a new position as professor and chair of the Department of Biology at Bates College, in Lewiston, Maine.

BERTRAM G. MURRAY, JR., Fellow of the AOU and and a Life Member of the AOU, COS, and WSO, died of non-smoker's lung cancer on 8 Aug 2010 at the age of 76. A native of New Jersey, Bert served in the Navy and Air Force before completing undergraduate work at Rutgers University. He received his Ph. D at the University of Michigan, studying with H. B. Tordoff, and later joined the Rutgers faculty, from which he recently retired as Emeritus Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He will be remembered for his original studies of migration and population biology, stimulating presentations at scientific meetings, and delight in discussing unconventional views with students, peers, and even editors.

SCOTT SHAFFER is now on the faculty at San Jose State University. His new contact info is as follows: Department of Biological Sciences, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose CA 95192-0100. PH: Tel. 408-924-4871. EM: Scott.Shaffer@sjsu.edu

JACKSON DAN WEBSTER, a member of AOU since 1941 and Elective member since 1961, COS since 1942, AFO since 1989 and WOS since 1932, died on 31 May 2010.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in December. 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 November 2010**. Submission by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file) or on diskette (PC format: WordPerfect or ASCII) with hard copy; e-mail preferred. 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.

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