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## ORGANIZATION NEWS

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MBTA PERMITS AND THE SHUTDOWN – Under federal regulation, you are authorized to continue doing the work for which you have been issued an MBTA permit after that permit expires IF you have applied for renewal at least 30 days prior to the permit expiration date. Continue reading for important detail. We are advised by the BBL that "the backlog of work awaiting them upon return from the shutdown return is daunting. Permit renewals were the #1 priority for the BBL permit office. The BBL staff has completed that task for the permits that expired in

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December/January and should have the February permits (that we have received) renewed before the end of the week. Any bander with a permit that expires in February or March should **request renewal before Feb. 15 in case of a second shutdown**. The BBL is turning our attention to the other permit related requests and will plow through that backlog as fast as week can, prioritizing those banding activities that are planned to start within the next month or so. They should be caught up with the band order requests by early next week. Operationally, the banding community should not experience many problems for ongoing operations as a result of the shutdown. They should be caught up before the activities for the 2019 field season crank up in May/June unless they experience another shutdown in mid-February." This news and analysis are provided by the Ornithological Council, a consortium supported by 11 ornithological societies. Join or renew your membership in your ornithological society if you value the services these societies provide to you, including [OrnithologyExchange.org](http://OrnithologyExchange.org) and the Ornithological Council.

MOTUS WILDLIFE TRACKING SYSTEM WORKSHOPS – The Motus Wildlife Tracking System has revolutionized how we record animal movements in nature. Powdermill Avian Research Center ([www.powdermillarc.org](http://www.powdermillarc.org)) and Willistown Conservation Trust are pleased to announce that they will be providing Motus technology workshops at Powdermill Nature Reserve, 5-7 Apr, and at the American Ornithological Meeting, 25 June 2019. The workshop at Powdermill Nature Reserve will be held from 5pm Friday, 5 April to noon Sunday, 7 April. Powdermill Nature Reserve, the field station of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, is located in the beautiful mountains of Western Pennsylvania near Rector. The workshop is aimed towards those with little or no experience utilizing nanotags and the Motus Wildlife Tracking Network. Participants will gain hands on experience building a sensorgnome, setting up a Motus station, and attaching nanotags to live birds (for participants sub-permitted to band birds). Presentations will focus on project planning, examples of how the network has been used for research, and limitations of the technology. Workshop registration is \$275 and includes meals Friday evening through Sunday morning, and shared housing in modest cabins on property free of charge (bring your own linens). Participants can build and take home their own Raspberry Pi sensorgnome (Funcube Dongles not included) for an additional \$225. If you wish to stay elsewhere, standard accommodations are available at several nearby hotels for approximately \$100 per night. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation. For more information and to register visit: <https://powdermillarc.org/news/motus-workshop/> The workshop at the American Ornithology Meeting will consist of a two 4-hour sessions Tuesday, 25 June in Anchorage Alaska. The morning session will cover project planning, equipment, and data management while afternoon session will focus on constructing a sensorgnome. The morning presentations will include development of local or regional networks, station equipment, transmitter selection and attachment, metadata, and data retrieval and processing using Program R. Participants in the afternoon session will get hands-on experience building and testing a fully functional, weatherproof sensorgnome using the Raspberry Pi microcomputer. There is an optional add-on fee to cover the cost of the sensorgnome if you would like to take yours home (\$225, Funcube Dongles not included). For more information and to register visit: <https://amornithmeeting.org/workshops-roundtables/>. Additional questions can be sent to JON RICE (EM: [ricej@carnegiemnh.org](mailto:ricej@carnegiemnh.org)), or LUKE DEGROOTE, (EM: [degrootel@carnegiemnh.org](mailto:degrootel@carnegiemnh.org)).

**DRONE TECHNOLOGY & FIELD TECHNIQUES: A WORKSHOP FOR BIOLOGISTS, 9-12 Apr 2019** - Hastings Natural History Reservation, Carmel Valley, Monterey Co. This workshop is designed to provide an overview of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) technology, regulations and image analysis in support of drone applications. It is targeted towards participants with little to no experience in UAS technology who are interested exploring practical applications of UAS for biology. Participants will gain practice conducting flight operations and using geospatial technologies for monitoring and mapping natural resources. An optional Mentored Research Project takes place at the end of the workshop and will allow participants to practice what they've learned through a project designed by David Bird, Ornithologist and Editor of The Journal of UAS. Registration (prior to March 9): \$475 (member rate), \$525 (non-member rate). All meals are included. Instructors: Sean Hogan, Andy Lyons, David Bird, Steve Goldman, Stephen Earsom, Kelly Easterday, Jacob Flannagan. Please register here: [https://www.wildlifeprofessional.org/western/drone2019\\_reg.php](https://www.wildlifeprofessional.org/western/drone2019_reg.php)

**RAPTOR WORKSHOP:** Accredited through University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Attend this 5-day introductory level field course designed to instruct students in a full-range of the latest field techniques used in the study of raptors. "Introduction to Raptor Field Techniques" will be held in Stevens Point, WI by Eugene Jacobs of the Linwood Springs Research Station. Summer Session: **10-14 Jun 2019**. Fall Session: **7-11 Oct 2019**. Receive first-hand experience working with: live raptors, capturing, handling, banding techniques, broadcast call surveys, tree climbing, rappelling, blood sampling and more. Cost is \$525 and space is limited, so register early. For more information visit <http://raptorservices.rezgo.com>

#### POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The OSNA Ornithological Jobs page is currently unavailable. To POST or FIND ornithological jobs, please go to the Ornithology Exchange, <http://ornithologyexchange.org/jobs>

THE BIRDSJOBS-L E-LIST will continue to be an option for receiving notices about ornithological jobs. Subscribers to this list will receive the same announcements that appear on Ornithology Exchange, in a weekly/biweekly list. 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. If you need help, contact [ctrine@andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu).

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN WILDERNESS CONSERVATION – The Wilderness Society, a leading conservation organization based in Washington, D.C. (<http://wilderness.org>), offers an annual scholarship, available to qualified graduate students. We award up to \$10,000 to graduate students to support their research and preparation of a paper on an aspect of wilderness. We strongly encourage proposals relating to climate change, as well as other topics regarding wilderness conservation. Tom Barron created the Gloria Barron Wilderness Society Scholarship in honor of his mother, Gloria Barron, a dedicated educator and tireless advocate for wilderness protection. For more information on the Scholarship and how to apply, <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/topic/39183-scholarship-opportunity-for-graduate-students-interested-in-wilderness-conservation/>. The deadline to apply for 2019 is **19 Apr**. Please feel free pass this notice on to any groups or individuals that you believe would be interested! R. Travis Belote, Ph.D. Lead Ecologist, The Wilderness Society, Bozeman, MT .

#### PUBLICATIONS

*MARK CATEABY'S LEGACY: NATURAL HISTORY THEN AND NOW.* MJ Brush & Alan Brush. 2018. Catesby Commemorative Trust, Charleston, S.C. 190 pgs., 32 original plates. ISBN: #978-0-692-10419-4. The authors combine original art and science to expand and explain the iconic contribution of Mark Catesby (1683-1749). Catesby's Natural History of Florida, Carolina and the Bahama Islands (1729) provides a benchmark as they explore the world of Catesby and many of the changes that have followed. MJ's exquisite paintings all meticulously executed provide the framework for the text that explores the biological concepts of natural history in Catesby's time and now. An introduction to Catesby and his times is followed by a narrative of the plants and animals that includes early attempts to organize the natural world. Ecological principles including extinction, behavior and reproduction, introduced and invasive species and the complex effects of humans on populations are integrated. While not exclusively focused on birds, ornithology plays an important role. Much of the early work on the book was done as the Brushes cruised the east coast on Mokita their 33' Cape Dorey.

#### PERSONAL EXCHANGE

**BANDING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE -- UNUSED** - 2 nylon nets, stock number 4 N 70/2 black, 1.5-inch mesh, 60-ft x 7-ft Made in Japan (Bleitz Wildlife Foundation, bought through Avinet, Inc), (comparable new is \$150-plus each) \$300.00. **UNUSED** - Accu-weigh 500 gram (1 pound-plus) tubular scale (bought through Avinet, Inc), \$50.00. **UNUSED** - 300-plus+ plastic colored leg bands, size 0 [vireo, warbler], mostly red solid or striped with red, some without; some still on original metal posts at 10/post, others in film cannisters (bought through Hughes, and I think Avinet), at 10-cents apiece when new - \$30.00. **USED ONCE** - 1 terelene, stock number 28-T green 50d/2ply, 1.5-inch mesh, 42-ft x 3-ft Made in Japan (Bleitz Wildlife Foundation, bought through Avinet, Inc), \$50.00. **USED A FEW TIMES** - Pesola 50-gram scale (bought through Avinet, Inc), \$35.00. **USED** - banding pliers (sizes 0-3), \$20.00. So, \$500.00 (or good reasonable offer) + \$15.00 shipping (ship via USPS) for all items; also willing to sell items separately (located in western Montana, if individual wants to avoid shipping costs). Contact JIM GREAVES, (EM: [lvbiman@blackfoot.net](mailto:lvbiman@blackfoot.net)), PO 1867, 108 Woodland Street, Thompson Falls MT 59873-1867.

#### 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

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL BIRD OBSERVATORY CONFERENCE (IBOC) 2019** - takes place in Eilat, Israel on **28 Mar - 1 Apr 2019**. After very successful IBOCs in Falsterbo, Sweden in 2014 and Cape May, USA in 2017, the third IBOC will once again host attendees from all over the world - including personnel from bird observatories, ringing stations and research facilities, outreach specialists, experts in front-line monitoring technology and many others involved in the study of bird migration. From small, voluntary operations to high tech research laboratories, IBOC brings together the global bird migration community with four days of speakers, workshops, social events (and great birding!), and aims to provide the means by which otherwise disparate projects and operations from across the globe can exchange ideas, provide mutual support, discuss collaboration and forge partnerships. IBOC is open to all who meet the general criteria, last time bringing together over 100 delegates from 75 observatories across five continents. The conference has been organized to follow on seamlessly from the 2019 Champions of the Flyway international bird race, which will be raising funds to help projects save Africa's vultures, allowing attendees to take part in both events and experience peak-time passage at this world famous migration bottleneck. Website - <https://www.iboc2019.com/> Twitter - @IBOC2019 Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/IBOCcon/> #IBOC2019

\*WESTERN CANADA BIRD BANDING CONFERENCE – The Beaverhill Bird Observatory will host this annual gathering to discuss all things related to bird movement and monitoring using tracking devices on **29-31 Mar 2019** at King's University in Edmonton. Featured plenary speakers will include Steven Price, CEO of Bird Studies Canada, and David Brinker, the founder of OwlNet and SnowyNet. Saturday will focus on songbirds and diurnal raptors and the second day on owls. More details can be found at the BBO website <http://beaverhillbirds.com/>

137<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY AND THE 3RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AOS! The theme of this year's meeting is "Birds on the Edge: Dynamic Boundaries," and it will take place **24-28 Jun 2019**, at Anchorage's Egan Center. Register (complete your registration **by 15 Mar** to take advantage of the early bird discount). Submit abstracts for contributed sessions and the Early Professionals Symposium (**deadline 15 Feb**). Apply for Student & Postdoc Travel Awards, Diversity & Inclusion Travel Awards, and the Student Presentation Award competition. Applications are included in the abstract submission process, and we invite you to encourage eligible students and colleagues to participate. Full information on travel, workshops, special events, etc. can be found on the meeting website, <https://amornithmeeting.org/>. We are also striving to make this year's meeting as family-friendly as possible and hope attendees will consider bringing spouses, partners, children, etc. along for a little fun at 61° North latitude. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to reconnect with your colleagues in the ornithology community!

\*THE BIRDSCARIBBEAN 22<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held from **25-29 Jul 2019** in Le Gosier, Guadeloupe. Conference information is available (and will continue to be updated) on the BC Conference Website, <https://sites.google.com/site/birdscaribbeanconference2019/>. The conference will feature exciting keynote speakers, symposia, workshops, and discussions related to the conservation of Caribbean birds and nature. The conference theme is "Keeping Caribbean Birds Aloft". This conveys our collective efforts to keep our birds in flight and build resilience for their survival in the face of the many challenges they are facing. There will also be opportunities to explore Guadeloupe, its birds, mountains, beaches, and nearby islands through a number of pre-, mid-, and post-conference field trips. Come ready to immerse yourself in a beautiful, and unique culture found nowhere else but the French West Indies. We invite you to join us for an ocean-side, action-packed conference! If you would like to receive news and updates about this conference and Caribbean birds, please sign up to receive our monthly newsletter (URL: <https://www.birdscaribbean.org/get-involved/stay-informed/>) and join our listserve (Yahoo discussion group - <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BirdsCaribbean/info>). #BirdsCarib2019

\*XI NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGY CONFERENCE WORKSHOP, ROUND-TABLES AND SYMPOSIUMS PROPOSALS – The reception of proposal for workshops, round-tables and symposia for the XI Neotropical Ornithology Conference are open from January 7th to February 28th. Information about the requirements can be found here: <http://congresoavesneotropicales.com/participacion/> The conference will be conducted in San José Costa Rica from **28 Jul - 2 Aug 2019**.

\*THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS (Société des ornithologistes du Canada; SCO-SOC) will be held at the Hôtel Château Laurier in Québec City, **27-30 Aug 2019**. The central theme of the meeting will be Ornithology in the era of new technologies. The atmosphere will be relaxed and friendly, which will facilitate scientific and cultural exchanges. Québec City in late August offers a perfect opportunity for ornithologists to combine work, birding opportunities and some late summer leisure. After our great success in attracting high quality symposia, we are pleased to announce the **opening of the call of papers and registration on 20 Feb 2019**; more details at <http://www.sco-soc-quebec2019.org/>

\*AFO-WOS 2019 CONFERENCE: Save the date! The Association of Field Ornithologists and the Wilson Ornithological Society invite you to our 2019 joint meeting to take place at the Grand Hotel of Cape May, NJ, **27-30 Oct 2019**. Hosted by the Cape May Bird Observatory, the conference will offer an exciting scientific program and excellent opportunities for birding in this migration hotspot.

Important dates:

- Student travel award application **due 15 Jul 2019**
- Early Registration & Abstract submission **due 30 Aug 2019**

Early Registration Fees\*:

- Member rate - \$340
- Student rate - \$190

\*Registration fees include continental breakfast and lunch at the Grand Hotel during the meeting, and opening and poster socials. Add a banquet ticket (\$50 for members or \$30 for students) to make this an essentially all-inclusive meeting. Reasonable room discounts at the Grand Hotel will be offered to meeting participants. The conference website will be available soon. Stay tuned for future announcements about plenary speaker and symposia. Questions can be addressed to MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (EM: [deutschlander@hws.edu](mailto:deutschlander@hws.edu)) or VALENTINA FERRETTI (EM: [ferrettivale@gmail.com](mailto:ferrettivale@gmail.com)). Come join us for a stimulating conference and take a peak at the awesomeness of fall migration at this wonderful location!

\*RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2019 CONFERENCE on **5-10 Nov 2019** is planned for the Hilton Fort Collins in Fort Collins, Colorado. More information on the conference, including deadlines for symposium proposals and abstract submission, will be available soon at: <https://raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences>.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

LAURIE GOODRICH has been selected as the Sarkis Acopian Director of Conservation ScienceNew Sarkis Acopian Director of Conservation Science at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. She joined the Sanctuary in 1984 as the first full-time research biologist and over the next decade launched long-term research on the effects of forest fragmentation on songbirds and co-published Hawk Mountain's first scientific paper on raptor migration trends. In 1996, she planned and supervised the Sanctuary's baseline biological inventory and in 2000 co-wrote the first Hawk Mountain Land Management Plan, a document that continues to guide land use and protection work. From 2010 through 2014, she served as interim Director of Education, overseeing Hawk Mountain Raptor Challenge initiative to successful completion as well as on- and off-site programming. She co-wrote the first-ever Hawk Mountain Education Plan, oversaw the first Raptor Educators Peer Workshop, and supervised the design and installation of exhibits in the newly renovated and expanded Irma Broun-Kahn Education Building. As director for all Sanctuary stewardship, Goodrich spearheaded big wins for land conservation, including a recent grant of more than \$850,000 to protect 77 acres of prime farmland in the shadow of Hawk Mountain. Last year, she led a three-year project to protect the majority of the Sanctuary's landholdings through conservation easement, work that ultimately will result in an estimated \$1 million in carbon credit revenues over the next five years.

## IN MEMORIAM

ROGER B. CLAPP, an AOU member since 1957 (Elective member 1973, Fellow 2004), AFO member since 1983, and WOS member since 1966 passed away on **24 Dec 2018**. He spent many years in the Division of Birds at the National Museum of Natural History serving as a museum specialist in the Curatorial Project of the Biological Survey Unit of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) assisting with the curation and management of the North American Bird Collections. He co-authored the *Birds of North America* account for the Grey-backed Tern (*Onychoprion lunatus*). A memorial service will be held for him in Great Falls, VA at the St. Francis Episcopal Church on **Sat., 16 Feb**, if there are those that might want to attend.

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JOHAN INGELS of Belgium, a member of the AOU since 1971, AFO 1983, COS 1973 and WOS since 1974, passed away 19 Nov 2018. He called himself a "freelance ornithologist." Much of his work, for which he has several publications, was focused on northern South America, particularly French Guiana.

DOUG JAMES, a member of the AOU since 1946 (Elective member 1968), AFO since 1992, and COS and WOS since 1947, passed away at his Arkansas home on 17 December 2018. Infamous organizer of the annual All-out Ostrich Uproar fun run held at that society's meetings, Doug served as president of the Wilson Ornithological Society in 1977-1979. In 2014, he was the recipient of the WOS William and Nancy Klamm Service Award. This award honors the memory of extensive service and commitment to the society shown by Bill and Nancy Klamm, who generously supported the society with both their time and a substantial financial bequest. Considered the authority on the birds of Arkansas and a leading conservationist in the state, he was the senior author on *Arkansas Birds* (JA Press, 1986). During his 64 years associated with the University of Arkansas, Doug taught courses including general biology, vertebrate biology, ornithology, mammalogy, animal behavior, and ecology.

FRED C. ZWICKEL, member of AOU since 1962 (Elective member 1974), and COS since 1955, passed away in 2018. Population studies of Blue Grouse have been the main focus of his research since 1953, principally in coastal British Columbia (since 1961). In 2004, a monograph on the biology and natural history of Blue Grouse was released, in collaboration with J. F. Bendell, with whom he also co-authored the accounts for the Sooty Grouse and the Blue Grouse in *Birds of North America online*. In 2013, the British Columbia Field Ornithologists awarded Dr. Zwickel the Steve Cannings Award for his decades of work on the Blue Grouse complex.

**THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION**

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