

# Ornithological Newsletter

American Ornithological Society  
Raptor Research Foundation

Association of Field Ornithologists  
Wilson Ornithological Society

Cheryl L. Trine, Editor

NUMBER 242

FEBRUARY 2018

## ORGANIZATION NEWS

THE ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER ON-LINE can be found on the OSNA Member Portal <https://customer265664c9b.portal.membersuite.com>. Click on the tab for Newsletters. You do not need to log in to read the Newsletters.

OSNA - <http://osnabirds.org>

AOS - <http://www.americanornithology.org>

AFO - <http://www.afonet.org>

RRF - <http://raptorresearchfoundation.org>

WOS - <http://www.wilsonociety.org/>

BIRDNET - <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/>

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIRD BANDING WORKSHOPS AT AUDUBON STARR RANCH** – Audubon California's 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in southeast Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs, one in winter and one during breeding season in spring and summer. We operate mist nets throughout the winter in order to examine the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations on the Ranch. The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) breeding season bird banding station is part of an international network of over 500 stations examining breeding bird populations. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. **Beginning Bird Banding Workshop** – This workshop is for those with little or no bird banding experience. Dates: Saturday and Sunday, **10 – 11 Mar 2018**, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily. Students will learn: - Operation, set-up and removal of birds from mist nets, -How to hold, take morphological measurements (e.g., wing length) and band birds. Discussions and workshops will cover: -Bird banding safety and ethics, -Bird identification in the hand. **Advanced Bird Banding Workshop** – This workshop is for more experienced banders who want to take their skills to the next level. Dates: Saturday and Sunday, **17 – 18 Mar 2018**, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily. Students will learn: Advanced ageing & sexing of landbirds in the hand by plumage. Discussions and workshops will cover: -Detailed analysis of the molt cycle and bird plumage characteristics, - Advanced use of the Pyle guide. The workshops will be taught by Starr Ranch ornithologist Kim Geissler, an experienced bander who ran four MAPS stations at Bandelier National Monument, was Lead Bander at the University of Utah Bonderman Field Station and banded birds at the University of Montana Bird Ecology Lab station and with Point Blue Conservation Science in NorCal. Space is limited. Cost per Workshop: \$250 or \$255 with tent camping (BYO lunch & snacks, morning coffee & bagels provided). Reservations: Contact Kim (PH: 949-858-0309 EM: [kgeissler@audubon.org](mailto:kgeissler@audubon.org)).

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER (ISSN 0274-564X) is published bimonthly by OSNA, 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605 (OSNAmembers@gmail.com). Membership dues in any OSNA society include \$2.00 for the cost of production of the newsletter. Separate subscriptions are not available. For application to membership write the OSNA office.

POSTMASTER: Send address change to ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER, 5405 Villa View Dr., Farmington, NM 87402.

**USFWS ASKS FOR INFO/RECS ON SPECIES FOR U.S. PROPOSALS TO AMEND CITES APPENDICES I & II** – THE U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites you to provide us with information and recommendations on animal and plant species to be considered as candidates for U.S. proposals to amend Appendices I and II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES, or the Convention) at the upcoming eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18). Such amendments may concern the addition of species to Appendix I or II, the transfer of species from one Appendix to another, or the removal of species from Appendices. We also describe the U.S. approach to preparations for CoP18. We will publish a second Federal Register notice specifically to solicit information and recommendations on possible resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for discussion at CoP18 and to provide information on how to request approved observer status. **DATES:** We will consider all information and comments we receive on or before **March 26, 2018**. For more information, see: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/topic/35786-usfws-asks-for-info-recs-on-species-for-us-proposals-to-amend-cites-appendices-i-ii/>

## 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/index.html>.

THE BIRDJOBS-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](mailto: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 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

**HALF A CENTURY OF ORNITHOLOGY IN TEXAS: THE LEGACY OF DR. KEITH ARNOLD.** Brooks, DM (Editor). 2017. Misc. Publ. Houston Mus. Nat. Sci., 7, Houston, TX. This is a Festschrift for Keith Arnold, Emeritus Curator of Ornithology at Tx A&M University. It includes sections on Neotropical birds written by Neotropical Ornithologists. The pdf may be downloaded at: [http://www.hmns.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Book\\_ArnoldFestschrift-1.pdf](http://www.hmns.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Book_ArnoldFestschrift-1.pdf)

**MINNESOTA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS** – Minnesota's first atlas was recently completed and is available at <https://www.mnbirdatlas.org>. The website includes a summary of the historical and current status of the 249 species found breeding in the state, plus information on breeding habitat, population abundance, and conservation. A book version is under consideration.

*RAPTORS: PORTRAITS OF BIRDS OF PREY*, by Traer Scott, 2017. Princeton Architectural Press. 8.5 × 9 in (21.6 × 22.9 cm), 128 pages, 70 color illustrations, ISBN: 9781616895570 (hardcover, \$19.95). This collection of portraits reveals birds of prey as we never experience them: intimate and up close, photographed in Traer Scott's signature style. Seventy spectacular color photos present twenty-five different species, from the familiar to the exotic and endangered: hawks, owls, falcons, a bald eagle, kestrels, a Mississippi Kite, a turkey vulture, and more. The birds in this collection emerge as personalities, not just types: wise and quizzical, graceful and enigmatic, serene and fiercely self-possessed. Scott worked with five raptor rehabilitation centers to complete the book.

If your organization would be interested in inviting author/photographer/animal advocate Traer Scott to speak about the making of her new book, *Raptors: Portraits of Birds of Prey* we look forward to hearing from you. The talk focuses on the photographed birds' stories and outlines the most common reasons that wild birds are injured or killed and the efforts made by wildlife rehabilitation specialists to save them, as well as her experiences in photographing them. Many of the raptors that she has worked with as a photographer had injuries that will never allow them to be re-released—a missing eye or a permanently deformed wing for example. Such animals become education birds, kept in sanctuaries for life and often glove-trained for presentations. She enjoys sharing the heart-warming stories of these birds and their fascinating behaviors and diverse avian personalities – whether they were birds adapting to life in captivity or destined to return to the wild. For more information on presentations by Traer, please contact (PH: 646 577 9926 or EM: info@joanbrookbankprojects.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

\*14<sup>TH</sup> NORTH AMERICAN ARCTIC GOOSE CONFERENCE, Lincoln, Nebraska, Embassy Suites, **14-17 Mar 2018**. Plan to attend the North American Arctic Goose Conference and Workshop, the premier meeting for bringing together waterfowl managers, conservationists, students, and researchers with an interest and passion for geese. Once a small meeting involving only those working with snow geese, it has evolved to an international meeting addressing conservation and management and current research and science of geese throughout their life-cycle. Additionally, this conference has provided opportunities for additional workshops or associated meetings among individuals to advance research methods or techniques, or provide a venue for interaction and discussion between managers, students, researchers, and others on important topics. Details about the 14th NAAG, can be found at <http://www.naagconference.com/home>.

THE 136<sup>TH</sup> STATED MEETING OF AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY will be held in Tucson, Arizona, USA, **9 to 14 Apr 2018**.

\*GREAT PLAINS GRASSLAND SUMMIT in Denver, Colorado, hosted by USDA agencies and other organizations, **10-11 April 2018**. The objectives of the Summit are to have participants learn more about and contribute science needs, ideas, and plans for managing, conserving and restoring grasslands at landscape scales and across boundaries in the Great Plains. It will be focused around six themes: Working Lands, Native Species and Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Wildland and Prescribed Fire, Energy Development, Climate, Weather and Water. Those interested in conservation, research and management of birds, wildlife and their habitats are encouraged to attend. Poster deadline: **1 Mar 2018**. Regular Registration: \$100 by **15 Mar 2018**; \$145 late. Student Registration: \$50 by **15 Mar 2018**; \$75 late. Website: <http://westernforestry.org/upcoming-conferences/great-plains-grassland-summit-challenges-and-opportunities-from-north-to-south>

\*AFO/WOS 2018 JOINT MEETING – The Association of Field Ornithologists (AFO) and Wilson Ornithological Society (WOS) are pleased to announce that registration is open for their joint meeting to be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee from **7-9 Jun 2018**. AFO/WOS meetings are known for their blend of academic and government ornithologists and citizen scientists, and our meetings offer a welcoming atmosphere for graduate and undergraduate students and early professionals. Registration information, abstract submission, travel information, and other information can be found at the conference website: <http://www.cvent.com/d/4tqzbnk>. Please register now for this exciting, convenient, and inexpensive ornithology conference. Location, Birding, and Accommodations. The riverfront city of Chattanooga offers a scenic venue for the meeting. Chattanooga is a family-friendly location with many activities in or near downtown and a plethora of local eateries; the conference banquet will actually be held in the River Journey of the beautiful Tennessee Aquarium, located near the city's waterfront. June is an excellent time for birding in Chattanooga, and there are many birding spots near to downtown; several free field trips are available to participants and guests. Inexpensive rooms are available for conference participants at the attached Marriot Chattanooga Downtown and the nearby Days Inn Chattanooga-Rivergate. Travel Awards are available for students and early professionals to attend the meeting. Applications are due **2 Mar 2018**. See the conference website for submission details. Plenary Speakers. We are excited to offer two excellent plenaries during the conference. Valentina Ferretti will speak about, "Variation in extra-pair paternity: lessons learned from studying birds in South America." Reed Bowman, who is receiving WOS's Margaret Morse Nice award that honors a lifetime of contributions to ornithology, will present "The challenges of long-term research: getting the work done and keeping it relevant." Abstracts for papers and posters are due on **30 Mar 2018**. Call for Symposia and Workshops. We are now accepting suggestions for symposia or workshops to be offered during the meeting. Symposia would be scheduled as part of the scientific program on Thursday or Friday, June 7 or 8. Saturday has been set aside for field trips and workshops. A bird banding workshop will be organized by the North American Banding Council and other workshops are welcome. Please send your suggestions for symposia to MARY BOMBERGER BROWN (EM: mbrown9@unl.edu) and DAN CRISTOL (EM: dacris@wm.edu) by **Feb 28**. Please send suggestions for workshops to DAVID ABORN (EM: David-Aborn@utc.edu) and MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (WM: deutschland@hws.edu) by **Feb 28**. Questions about the conference should be sent to local host DAVID ABORN (EM: David-Aborn@utc.edu), WOS President MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (EM: deutschland@hws.edu), or AFO President PAUL RODEWALD (EM: pgr35@cornell.edu). We look forward to seeing you in Chattanooga! Mark Deutschlander and Paul Rodewald

\*INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY, **11-16 Aug 2018**. The biennial ISBE conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, hosted by the University of Minnesota. Registration (with early-bird discount) and submission of abstracts is now open. **31 Mar 2018** – Talk Abstract submission closes & Early Bird registration ends. **20 Jul 2018** – Poster Abstract submission closes & online registration closes. Visit the conference website (URL: <http://z.umn.edu/ISBE2018>) for more information, meeting details, and to register.

27<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, **19 - 26 Aug 2018**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The meeting venue is the Vancouver Convention Centre. 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 Aug 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.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING INTERNATIONAL WADER STUDY GROUP (IWSG), Workum, The Netherlands, **28 Sep - 1 Oct 2018**. Registration to the conference will open in April 2018. <http://www.waderstudygroup.org/conferences/2018/>

\*RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE -SOUTH AFRICA, **12-16 Nov 2018**, Skukuza, Kruger National Park, South Africa. The 2018 Raptor Research Foundation conference will be hosted at the Nombolo Mdluli Conference Centre located in the Skukuza Rest Camp of the world-famous Kruger National Park, South Africa. The park is renowned for its diversity of bird species with more than 550 species including 43 diurnal raptor, 8 vulture and 10 owl species, many of which occur here in substantial populations. The conference will be co-hosted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and BirdLife South Africa. Deadline for submission of symposium proposals: **30 Apr 2018**. Deadline for abstract submission: **31 Jul 2018**. Conference information is currently available at: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference> Registration will open in early February. All participants are strongly urged to register, obtain lodging, and make travel arrangements as early as possible. Come and experience the magic that is Africa and its fantastic range of raptors in November 2018!

#### IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR BINION AMERSON, JR., a member of the AOU since 1965, passed away 23 Sep 2017 at the age of 81. He was, perhaps, the longest-serving researcher on the Pacific Ocean Biological Survey Program, which was directed by Dr. Humphrey. The POBSP was run by the Smithsonian Institution, with funding from the Department of Defense. In 1963, Binion collected a specimen of a small shearwater at Midway Atoll which was identified in 2011 as a new species: Bryan's Shearwater. In 2012, he self-published a history of French Frigate Shoals, titled *The Coral Carrier*.

JAMES LARRY INGOLD, a member of the AOU since 1974 (Elective member since 1998), AFO since 1983, COS since 1995, and WOS since 1978, succumbed to cancer on 20 Jan 2018. He was a Professor of Biological Sciences, LSUS, Hubert and Patricia Hervey Professor for the Museum of Life Sciences. He served as President of the Inland Bird Banding Association from 2006 to 2009. His wide-ranging interests included systematics, molecular studies and the breeding behavior and migration patterns of birds. During his career Jim published some thirty-two research publications and made more than fifty presentations. His considerable reputation as a scientist engaged him in a large number of editorial and advisory activities.

#### THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

To correct your address in the membership database please send the new information to the OSNA Membership Office, 5405 Villa View Dr., Farmington, NM 87402 (EM: [OSNAmembers@gmail.com](mailto:OSNAmembers@gmail.com), PH: 312-883-4670) or change it yourself online in the OSNA Member Portal (URL: <https://customer265664c9b.portal.membersuite.com/Login.aspx>).

To alert your colleagues of new address information, contact the *Ornithological Newsletter* Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE (EM: [ctrine@ATandrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@ATandrews.edu))

## ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES OF NORTH AMERICA

5405 Villa View Drive  
Farmington, NM 87402

Address Service Requested

---

THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS of the Society journals and the month of mailing are: *Auk*, 2018, Vol. 135, #1 (Jan); *Condor*, 2017, Vol. 119, #4 (Nov), *J. Field Ornith.*, 2017, Vol. 88, #4 (Dec), *Raptor Res.*, 2017, Vol. 51, #4 (Dec), *Wilson J. Ornith.*, 2017, Vol. 129, #4 (Dec). Numbers follow at about 3-month intervals. If you are missing an issue, please contact OSNA. New members receive the first issue of the volume year. Please check your address label to confirm membership information and address.

---

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in April. 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@ATandrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@ATandrews.edu)), **by 15 March 2018**. 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.