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ORNITHOLOGICAL MONOGRAPHS PRINT POLICY CHANGE – Starting with OM #68, which will be published in July, we will start a new procedure with regard to providing hard copies of Monographs:

1. AOU members who have already noted that they want only electronic versions of OM will continue to receive such versions unless they choose to change their status, which can be done through the OSNA offices now or with the annual renewal process.

2. AOU members listed as requesting hard copies of OM will be sent an email with the title, authors, and information about the next upcoming OM, and they will have the chance to choose either a hard copy or an electronic version.

3. If the member does not respond to the OM query, he/she will be given only the electronic version.

Obviously, this process requires some extra communication between AOU members, the AOU, OSNA, and the University of California Press, but we feel it is by far the most efficient way to provide hard copies of our monographs in the future. If this system works well, it might adapt to other publications of the AOU. Please be on the lookout for your email regarding the content of OM and your access preference—John Faaborg, President, AOU

THE MILLER AWARD COMMITTEE of the Cooper Ornithological Society solicits nominations for the Loye H. and Alden H. Miller Award. This award is offered annually by the COS to a living individual who has an extensive record of research in any field of ornithology and who has made significant advancements and major breakthroughs in our understanding of the biology of birds that have stood the test of time. The award is given solely on the merits of the research and is not restricted with respect to nationality, research subject, or geographic area in which the research was conducted. Recent recipients of the Miller Award are B. Rosemary and Peter Grant, Alexander Skutch, John A. Wiens, Robert E. Ricklefs, Robert B. Payne, Peter R. Marler, Francis C. James, and Keith A. Hobson. Please send nominations with a brief supporting statement (~1 page) and citations of key publications or URL for a Web site by **1 Oct** to THOMAS E. MARTIN, Chair, Miller Award Committee, Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 or by email to (EM: tom.martin@umontana.edu).

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RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION CONFERENCE— Please join us at the 2010 Raptor Research Foundation Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado, **22-26 Sep 2010**. Avoid late registration fees by registering **before 16 Aug**. The conference will be highlighted by symposia on Raptor-Human Conflicts, Raptors and Energy Development, Raptor Diseases, Raptor Banding and Research, and Raptors in Education. See (URL: <http://www.RMRP.info>) for more details.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5TH INTERNATIONAL SWAN SPECIALISTS MEETING POSTPONED – Sadly, I have to announce that the organizing committee has decided to postpone the 5th ISS (International Swan Specialist) meeting. Although Valdivia itself was not strongly affected by the severe earthquake that hit Chile some months ago, infrastructure and many of the countries inhabitants were influenced in one way or another. Logistically, for organizing the ISS and traveling to/in Chile, it will be easier in the coming year. The organizing committee feels it is best to postpone the ISS until November 2011. We want to thank those who have expressed their concern the last couple of months and all of you for understanding the postponement. If you have already submitted an abstract, you are free to use it as you wish or save it until November 2011. We will send out a "call for papers" in due time. -- John O. Albertsen, Swan Specialist Group Coordinator.

IPHONE APP AVAILABLE: THE BIRDS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAITI: All Proceeds Go To Disaster Relief – The authors of *The Birds of the Dominican Republic and Haiti* worked with Green Mountain Digital to create an iPhone app that features artwork from the field guide and bird songs and calls from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Macaulay Library. The app is the brainchild of Kent McFarland, biologist at the Vermont Center for Ecostudies who says, "With nearly 100 million birders in North America alone, we hope this will be a way for all of us to easily contribute to Haitian earthquake relief efforts and learn about the island's amazing birdlife at the same time." The app features 58 of the over 300 birds found in the field guide and all proceeds from sales will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and Partners in Health to support the continued disaster relief efforts in Haiti. For more information, read this post (URL: <http://vtcostudies.blogspot.com/2010/05/new-iphone-app-has-high-hopes-for.html>) at Vermont Center for Ecostudies, or to purchase the app, click (URL: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-birds-haiti-dominican/id365543449?mt=8>).

IMPORTANT--IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MISSING JOURNALS OR CURRENT ADDRESS, contact the OSNA membership office (EM: business@osnabirds.org or URL: <http://www.osnabirds.org/contact.htm>). If sending an email, please note that all email is answered within 24-48 hours of receipt. If you do not have a reply in that time frame, please call us at the business office (PH: 254-399-9636) in the case of an unanswered email. We want to make sure that your question or concern is addressed in a timely manner.

PARROT ONCE THOUGHT EXTINCT NOW NUMBERS OVER 1,000 – In a move that rarely happens, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) announced that the status of the Yellow-eared Parrot is being downgraded from "Critically Endangered" to "Endangered." The move recognizes the remarkable achievements of three conservation organizations - Fundación ProAves, Fundación Loro Parque, and American Bird Conservancy (ABC) - in conserving the species. Many in the birding and wildlife community rejoiced in 1998 when Fundación ProAves, funded by ABC and Loro Parque (an environmental group focused on saving parrots) rediscovered a colony of 81 Yellow-eared Parrots in the Andes of Colombia, South America after the species was thought to be extinct. That jubilation was tempered

by the fact that a new responsibility and challenge needed to be faced - protecting the environment around these birds and growing the colony to levels that would better ensure its long term viability. The IUCN announcement confirms that the challenge is being successfully met with the Yellow-eared Parrot now standing at more than 1,000 individuals. Fundación ProAves implemented several major initiatives to help save the Yellow-eared Parrot. In 2009, the Parrot Conservation Corridor was established to protect the Yellow-eared Parrot and included the strategic acquisition of over 4,000 has (10,000 acres) of critical habitat that had undergone significant reforestation and that effort continued. A Nest Box Program was another effective conservation tool, created and implemented by ProAves since 2003 that has provided critical new nest sites and directly increased the Yellow-eared Parrot population. Another important effort has involved the wax palm, Colombia's national tree which is also in danger of extinction. Because the tree palm provides critical habitat for the Yellow-eared Parrot, a campaign was successfully instituted to reduce the use of the wax palm for Palm Sunday celebrations by the Catholic Church in Colombia, which wholeheartedly supported the campaign. The Yellow-eared Parrot conservation effort was further advanced by the support and commitment of local governments, rural communities and environmental education projects such as the "Environmental Education Mobile Classroom Loro Bus." The bus has had a remarkable array of achievements through its visits to 17 departments and 43 municipalities in Colombia, reaching over 120,000 children. Eleven years after starting conservation efforts to save the Yellow-eared Parrot, we can celebrate that its population now numbers over 1,000 individuals, a key threshold for the recovery of the population. Conservation efforts continue with the hope that the spectacular Yellow-eared parrot is once again a common sight across the Andes of Colombia. (Excerpted from ABC Media Release -- Contact: Robert Johns, PH: 202-234-7181 ext.210, EM: bjohns@abcbirds.org).

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 OSA 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!

UNITED NATIONS TO CREATE SCIENCE POLICY PANEL ON BIODIVERSITY - Delegates to the United Nations have approved a plan to establish a new international panel to review the science underpinning policy decisions on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) will be charged with "bridg[ing] the gulf between the wealth of scientific knowledge - documenting accelerating declines and degradation of the natural world - and the decisive government action required to reverse these damaging trends," according to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The IPBES is intended to be an independent panel that will review science and synthesize it into reports for use by policymakers, much like the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). These reports will cover the state, status, and trends of biodiversity and ecosystems and outline policy options for reversing the loss of biodiversity. Much of this work will involve prioritizing and synthesizing the numerous reports and assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services conducted by United Nations, research centers, universities, and others. The IPBES is expected to be formally approved by the United Nations' environment ministers in Feb 2011.

INSTITUTE FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL RESEARCH RELEASES PRE-PUBLICATION VERSION OF *THE GUIDE TO THE CARE AND USE OF LABORATORY ANIMALS* - The Institute of Laboratory Animal Research of the National Research Council (of the National Academy of Sciences) released in June a pre-publication version of the Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. More commonly known as "The Guide," this publication has been for decades the primary source of guidance for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs) that must approve all research protocols involving live vertebrates. As such, The Guide has a direct bearing on the research lives of most ornithologists. Further, despite the title, The Guide is used by IACUCs in assessing protocols for wildlife research, notwithstanding the fact that The Guide barely addresses wildlife research directly and very little of the guidance can be applied to field biology protocols. The Ornithological Council has expressed concern about several errors and misstatements in the pre-publication version of The Guide and will continue to press for modification of several sections of text.

ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS JOIN FORCES TO ADDRESS ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUE - In May, the American Society of Mammalogists alerted the OC to what proved to be an erroneous report of a change in policy by the USDA APHIS Animal Care program pertaining to the mandatory annual reporting of animals used in research. A regional inspector alleged that all live-trapping, including mist-netting, was always to be reported as Category E, which involves animals upon which teaching, experiments, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving "accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which the use of appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs would have adversely affected the procedures..." With the hope of preventing a recurrence of the problem, OC and ASM issued a joint position statement on the categorization of live trapping for reporting purposes and asked that Animal Care incorporate this information into its Animal Care Policy Manual.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION NOMINEES AND APPOINTEES - President Barack Obama has nominated Subra Suresh to serve as the next director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), replacing Dr. Arden Bement who stepped down at the end of May. Suresh is dean of the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Since 1993, he has held joint faculty appointments in the departments of Mechanical Engineering and Biological Engineering, as well as the Division of Health Sciences and Technology. His research into the mechanical properties of engineered and biological materials has included studies of nanostructured materials and the exploration of connections between biological cell mechanics and human disease. Suresh holds a bachelor's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras, an M.S. from Iowa State University, and a Sc.D. from MIT. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service still awaits a nominee to replace the late Sam Hamilton, who passed away in Feb 2010. Former Justice Department Inspector General Michael Bromwich was appointed to lead what was formerly known as the Minerals Management Service, and is now named Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement ("Bureau of Ocean Energy" or "BOE") as it undergoes reorganization and reform.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO SUSAN HASELTINE - Dr. Haseltine, who has served as the associate director for biology in the U.S. Geological Survey since 2003, will retire in August 2010. Dr. Haseltine has been with the USGS for more than 10 years. Before joining the USGS, she was Eastern Region Director for the former National Biological Service (NBS), and she became Chief Scientist for Biology when the NBS joined the USGS in 1996. Prior to joining the NBS, she managed the Refuges and Wildlife program in the Upper Midwest in Minneapolis, Minn., for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) after serving as the Center Director for the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota. She joined the FWS as a researcher for the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Md., and worked for more than a decade as a researcher and research manager before moving onto the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. The Ornithological Council congratulates Dr. Haseltine on her long and productive career.

PREPARING TO REVIEW NEW BANDING REGULATION - Anticipating the publication of the proposed revision to the banding regulations in late 2010 or early 2011, OC is forming an ad hoc review team to assess the proposed regulation. Invitations to participate have been extended to the North American Banding Council and a variety of banders who have either extensive general banding experience or experience with particular species or particular types of banding projects, such as banding stations.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE SIGHTINGS – Loggerhead shrikes are declining across much of their range. In Canada, the Eastern subspecies is considered critically endangered, with less than 35 pairs found in 2009. The vast majority of pairs now breed in Ontario. An extremely active and multi-faceted recovery program is underway for this species in Ontario, including a captive breeding and release program. This program has been releasing approximately 100 juvenile shrikes annually since 2006. While much is known and has been learned about this species, a critical piece of the puzzle is still missing: where exactly do these birds spend the winter? To maximize our chances of locating wintering areas and better define migration routes we will be coloring the breast of released young produced from the captive breeding program, to make them more detectable by birders. Birds will be released over July and August. Birds will have an extensive area of their breast colored in green, blue or purple. All released birds, and a large proportion of the wild population, are also color banded. If you see a shrike with a colored breast and/or wearing bands, please report it to Wildlife Preservation Canada at (EM: jessica@wildlifepreservation.ca, PH: 519-836-9314, F X: 519-836-8840). We will need details about specific location (GPS coordinates are ideal, but not essential) and color(s) (breast and/or bands) seen.

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: citrine@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>

SEA DUCK JOINT VENTURE – SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING and/or Endorsement, FY2011 -- The Sea Duck Joint Venture is a partnership-based conservation program under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan that promotes the conservation of sea ducks by providing greater knowledge for effective management. Seed money for sea duck projects/studies will be available through the USFWS in FY 2011. We are seeking proposals that advance our understanding of sea duck biology, ecology, and status from interested parties. About \$200,000 is available for new projects in FY2011. The complete RFP, proposal format, evaluation criteria, and other information are posted on the website (URL: <http://seaduckjv.org>). Proposals must be received by **29 Sep 2010**.

THE WORLD OWL HALL OF FAME is seeking nominations of both owls and humans who have made tremendous strides toward making this world a better place for owls. Nominees may be living or deceased and may reside anywhere in the world. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations must be received by **15 Nov 2010** and will be reviewed by a panel of judges from around the world with expertise in owl conservation, education, rehabilitation, and research. Winners will be individually notified in December to allow time for travel arrangements to be made, and will be made public in mid-January. Awards will be presented at the International Festival of Owls in Houston, Minnesota, USA on Saturday 5 Mar 2011. For more information about the World Owl Hall of Fame and to download nomination forms visit (URL: <http://www.festivalofowls.com>) or contact the Houston Nature Center (PH: 507-896-HOOT (4668), EM: nature@acegroup.cc) The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the World Owl Trust, Global Owl Project, and others.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

CHECK-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD, VOLUME VII by James Lee Peters. Volume VII, originally published by the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology in 1951, has long been out of print. Buteo Books finally obtained permission to publish a limited edition reprint in 2009. This volume covers Passeriformes: Eurylaimidae, Dendrocolaptidae, Furnariidae, Formicariidae, Conopophagidae, Rhino cryptidae. Don't miss this opportunity to complete your set. Available at \$50 plus shipping and handling. Other volumes in the set are also available. Buteo Books, 3130 Laurel Road, Shipman, VA 22971. (PH: 800-722-2460, <http://www.buteobooks.com>).

A REVIEW OF BIRDS OF WASHINGTON (WAHL ET AL 2005) AND SUPPLEMENT TO THE BIRDS OF SOUTHEASTERN WASHINGTON (WEBER AND LARRISON 1977) by John W. Weber. Weber reviews and critiques *Birds of Washington: Status and Distribution* edited by Terence R. Wahl, Bill Tveit and Steven G. Mlodinow. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2005. Particular importance is placed on specimen records and Weber is critical of Wahl et al's uneven citation of the literature on Washington's avifauna. The Supplement to Weber and Larrison's *Birds of Southeastern Washington* (1977) reports on fieldwork in the Blue Mountains and provides updates to the species accounts from 1977 to 1984. The valuable discussion of taxonomic issues includes a critique of Bell's 1996 paper on Glaucous-winged and Western Gulls. Included are reprints of five papers by Weber which originally appeared in *Continental Birdlife* and the *Murrelet*. 109 pp. Paper. \$22 plus shipping & handling. Buteo Books, 3130 Laurel Road, Shipman, VA 22971. (PH: 800-722-2460, URL: <http://www.buteobooks.com>).

BIRDS OF PERU: Revised and Updated Version. Thomas S. Schulenberg, Douglas F. Stotz, Daniel F. Lane, John P. O'Neill & Theodore A. Parker III With a foreword by Dr. Antonio Brack Egg. 2010. Princeton University Press. Paper, \$39.50 664 pp. 307 color plates, 1808 maps. Paper, 6 x 8, \$39.50 ISBN13: 978-0-691-13023-1; e-Book, \$39.50, ISBN: 978-1-4008-3449-5. *Birds of Peru* is the most complete and authoritative field guide to this diverse, neotropical landscape. It features every one of Peru's 1,817 bird species with detailed species accounts, including a full-color distribution map and fully illustrating subspecies, sexes, age classes and morphs in 307 superb, high-quality color plates. Concise descriptions and color distribution maps are located opposite the plates. It is designed especially for field use, with vivid descriptive information and helpful identification tips opposite color plates. Twenty-five additional species not covered in the first edition are included along with three entirely new plates. Available from Princeton University Press (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu>).

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

AVAILABLE: *The Auk* complete run from Vol. 91-119 (1974-2002) and *The Wilson Bulletin* complete run from Vol. 81-117 (1969-2005). Free to non-profit institutions if shipping paid. For sale to others. EM: snwiemeyer@aol.com

FOR SALE. Custom-built, stainless steel colony room cages (six total). Features: nest box attachments for bird removal (wooden nestboxes included) and easy clean-up draw. Price negotiable. For more information, please contact JORDAN COMINS (EM: jcomins@gmail.com).

FOR SALE: Marine Surveillance Radar for monitoring birds/bats. Just in time for fall migration! Essentially new FR1525 MK3 - 25 kW radar unit (range scales 1/8-96 n.mi.) with a 6.5 ft. horizontal array antenna, currently mounted on a heavy-duty cart and connected to an MK3 15" high resolution color CRT display monitor by a heavy-duty 30 meter cable. The equipment is housed in a 10 ft. trailer for transport and siting. Original price from Furuno for radar, antenna, cable and display monitor in 2005 was \$15,677. Trailer was purchased in 2005 for \$2400. The unit is assembled, operated (less than 15 hours), but never used for research. The package asking price: \$12,000, OBO. Contact R. HOLBERTON (Rebecca.holberton@maine.edu, PH: 207-669-2842) or WES WRIGHT (wright@maine.edu, PH: 207-581-2526) for more information.

MEETINGS

A 'permanent' meeting list is maintained on BIRDNET (URL: <http://www.mnh.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 ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ANNUAL MEETING, Ogden, Utah, **12 – 14 Aug 2010**. The meeting will be hosted by Weber State University, which is situated between the spectacular Wasatch Range of the Rocky Mountains to the east and the Great Salt Lake to the west. The conference will feature two days of contributed scientific papers, posters, and symposia. Field trips will take place before and after the meetings showcasing western specialties from alpine tundra to desert canyons. Birding in northern Utah this time of year will be impressive. In fact, Great Salt Lake was listed by Audubon Magazine as one of six "Best Fall Migration Hotspots"! Fall shorebird migration will be well underway during the meeting. The AFO encourages ornithologists to use this meeting as a jumping off point to explore the American West. Utah boasts five national parks, more than any other state in the lower 48, as well as eight national monuments and 48 state parks. In addition, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks are just a (gorgeous) day's drive away. Participants, their families and guests will find a community teeming with fun activities, beautiful mountain vistas and sites of both biological and historical significance. Ogden was listed by Sunset Magazine as the city with the "Best Access to the Outdoors." The landscape is spectacular and provides plenty of activities for the extreme enthusiast or someone just looking for a nice walk. This meeting also promises to be one of the most affordable ornithological meetings in years. Salt Lake City is just 30 miles away, and is a major hub for Delta Airlines resulting in relatively low airfare. Low-cost dorm rooms will be also available. For further information, visit the conference website (URL: <http://conferences.weber.edu/AFO2010/>) or contact the Local Committee Chair, JOHN CAVITT (EM: jcavitt@weber.edu).

25TH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS **2010 (22-28 Aug 2010)** Campos do Jordão, Brazil. We hope that you will circle these dates on your calendar and plan to attend! For further information, please visit our web page (URL: <http://www.i-o-c.org> or <http://www.acquaviva.com.br/sisconeve/index.asp?Codigo=26>), or contact PROF. DR. CRISTINA YUMI MIYAKI, Secretary-General of the 25th IOC (EM: ioc2010@ib.usp.br).

THE 1ST WORLD SEABIRD CONFERENCE (URL: <http://www.worldseabirdconference.com/>), **7-11 Sep 2010**, Victoria, Canada. From over 700 submissions, the Scientific Program Committee has developed an excellent conference program including a strong symposia on climate change and conservation at sea and on colonies; a wide array of special papers sessions including advances in seabird research, demographics, and long-term monitoring; contributed sessions including breeding biology, physiology, and conservation. Conference Information (URL: <http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1813&nid=12711>). Register now to obtain maximum savings (URL: <http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1813&nid=12707>). Book your accommodations at the official headquarters hotel, the Fairmont Empress (URL: <http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1813&nid=13405>). Become a sponsor (URL: <https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1813&nid=14011>). Become an exhibitor (URL: <http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1813&nid=1270>). Donate now (URL: <https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1813&tid=90>). Tell your colleagues. See you in September!

2010 RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION CONFERENCE, Fort Collins, Colorado, **22-26 Sep 2010**. The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program, a nonprofit organization that provides raptor rehabilitation and environmental education, will co-host the conference with EDM International, Inc., leaders in avian-related issues. The conference will be highlighted by symposia on Raptor-Human Conflicts, Raptors and Energy Development, Raptor Diseases, Raptor Banding and Research, and Raptors in Education. The conference will be held at the Fort Collins Marriott Hotel with room rates at \$102/night. For more information, contact JUDY SCHERPELZ, (PH: 970-484-7756 or EM: judy@rmrp.org). Watch for additional information at the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program website: (URL: <http://www.rmrp.org>).

WBBA TO MEET ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANCH—The Western Bird Banding Association will meet at the peak of landbird migration for their 2010 annual meeting at the lovely Starr Ranch Bird Observatory, **30 Sep – 3 Oct 2010**. SRBO is within the Starr Ranch Sanctuary (URL: <http://www.starranch.org/>), a 4,000-acre National Audubon Society preserve in the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains, in the mild and semiarid Mediterranean climate of southeastern Orange County, approximately 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The meeting is not to be missed, and will have exciting demonstrations and workshops of banding, data management, and analysis of banding data. Located at a long-running banding station in a riparian corridor amongst the unique California coastal sage scrub, the historic ranch boasts an old orange grove, offers shady trees for camping and some limited bunk space, as well as outdoor cooking facilities and nearby motels. Paper and poster presentations can reflect original research, summarize existing information, or address the use of banding as a tool in avian research and monitoring. Mist nets will be operated for the first time at Starr Ranch during fall migration. An NABC certification for banders and trainers is also planned. Please submit abstracts for papers or workshops electronically **by 15 Aug** to C. J. RALPH (EM: cjr2@humboldt.edu), specifying workshop, paper, or poster. For additional information on abstract submission and about WBBA's 2010 meeting, please visit the WBBA website (URL: <http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/next-meetings.html>), or contact C.J. (PH: 707 499-9707).

*THE SWAN SPECIALIST GROUP of WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL, 5th International Swan Symposium – **Postponed to Nov 2011**.

GYRFALCONS AND PTARMIGAN IN A CHANGING WORLD, an international conference convened by The Peregrine Fund, Boise State University, and the U.S. Geological Survey 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 predator-prey relationships. 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 at (EM: pf@peregrinefund.org).

81ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists, from **9-13 Mar 2011**, at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, to coincide with the northward migration of Sandhill Cranes. MARY BOMBERGER BROWN, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, is the local host.

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

IXTH NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS and VIIITH NATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS. Cusco, Peru (**8-14 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 to be held in the city of Cusco, Peru. 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 Union. Further information regarding the IXTH NOC and VIIITH CNO will be announced in the web page of the Neotropical Ornithological Society (URL: <http://www.neotropicalornithology.org>).

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RICHARD FRENCH, a Life member of the AOU since 1962 died at home at Gatehouse of Fleet in the UK, 10 May 2010. He was the author of *A Guide to the Birds of Trinidad and Tobago*. Richard went to the West Indies in 1955 where he held teaching posts in Barbados and Trinidad. He was a pioneer in the Asa Wright Nature Centre and conducted research and interacted with many ornithologists over his long career.

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