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Waterbird Society*

*Association of Field Ornithologists  
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CALL FOR PAPERS -- 2013 Meeting AOU/COS. Members and other ornithologists are invited to contribute to the scientific session of the joint meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society being held **13 -17 Aug 2013** in Chicago, Illinois. DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION is noon (CDT) **3 May 2013** for oral presentations; deadline for posters **10 May 2013**. Proposals for oral presentations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the schedule is full. The Scientific Program Committee will select and organize papers in appropriate sessions based on scientific content of the abstract. Abstracts should summarize findings not methods. Oral presentations will be limited to 15 min which includes questions and technical difficulties. Posters should not exceed 115 cm wide by 115 cm height. To apply, submit abstracts by the web submission form (preferred -- URL: <http://fieldmuseum.org/explore/aou-2013/abstract-submit>), by e-mail or by post for receipt by 3 May 2013 to PETER E. LOWTHER, The Field Museum, 1400 South Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL 60605-2496 (EM: [plowther@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:plowther@fieldmuseum.org)).

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SORA 2.0 UPGRADE NOW AVAILABLE (URL: <http://sora.unm.edu>) -- Recently the University of New Mexico Library officially announced the launch of the new, upgraded Searchable Ornithological Research Archive (SORA). The ornithological community is once again indebted to the UNM library for investing in the open access distribution of our historical ornithological literature. We especially thank Kevin Comerford, the Digital Initiatives Librarian, and Blair Wolf, Associate Professor of Biology, for their ongoing efforts. SORA has been moved to a new platform that will allow the resource to grow and expand over time. Many of the SORA journal titles have been updated with additional articles, and a new ornithological title has been added to the site. SORA now offers a number of new features for users and provides tools for journal publishers to update the SORA repository directly, with little or no technical support. You do not need a user account to search, browse or download SORA articles. User accounts are an optional feature that provides added benefits. However SORA remains a free and open access scientific repository. These improvements have been

needed for some time, and the UNM Libraries SORA team appreciates your collective patience; it has taken over a year to convert the entire SORA article holdings and prepare the new site for production. A number of ongoing improvements are still in the works for 2013, and as with any major system upgrade, there are a countless number of small details that still require attention. If you have trouble with any of the new features or notice a fix that needs to be made, please send the SORA team an email using the CONTACT US link on the SORA top menu bar.

RAPTOR WORKSHOP: Accredited through University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point -- One of our 5-day workshops entitled "Introduction to Raptor Field Techniques" will be held in Stevens Point, WI by Eugene Jacobs of the Linwood Springs Research Station. Summer Session: 3-7 Jun, 2013. Fall Sessions: 26-30 Aug, 16-20 Sep, and 7-11 Oct 2013. Receive first-hand experience working with: live raptors, capturing, handling, banding techniques, broadcast call surveys, tree climbing, rappelling, blood sampling and more. Cost is \$435 and space is limited, so register early. For more information and a registration form visit (URL: <http://www.RaptorResearch.com>).

WORLD'S OLDEST DOCUMENTED WILD BIRD STILL BREEDING -- Wisdom, a Laysan albatross thought to be at least 62 years old, has hatched a chick at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. Wisdom was first banded in 1956 while incubating an egg and was estimated to be at least 5 years old (that is the minimum age of reproduction, though age 8 or 9 is more typical). Since then, according to Bruce Peterjohn, she has worn out 5 bird bands, logged an estimated 50,000 miles in flight, and produced 30-35 chicks.

## NEWS FROM THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Provided by the Ornithological Council. Major funding for the Ornithological Council is provided by its twelve member societies: American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, CIPAMEX, Cooper Ornithological Society, Neotropical Ornithological Society, North American Crane Working Group, 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.

AVMA RELEASES UPDATE OF EUTHANASIA GUIDELINES - The American Veterinary Medical Association has released the long-awaited update of its euthanasia guidelines: <https://www.avma.org/Pages/home.aspx>. These guidelines are problematic in various ways for wildlife researchers working in the field. That the federal funding agencies require compliance with the AVMA guidelines makes it virtually certain that Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees will challenge research protocols that entail euthanasia either as a planned element of the research or as a means of ending suffering of injured animals. The Ornithological Council, in partnership with the American Society of Mammalogists, raised these concerns and provided evidence to the AVMA to no avail. We will now seek to address the problem with the federal funding agencies to ensure that their policies recognize that the AVMA guidelines have little or no scientific basis with regard to wildlife research in the field setting and that the appropriate standards are those of the wildlife research community, which has cumulative decades of experience, unlike those who wrote the AVMA guidelines. IF YOUR RESEARCH CHALLENGES THE EUTHANASIA METHODS FOR YOUR RESEARCH PROTOCOL, PLEASE CONTACT THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ([ellen.paul@verizon.net](mailto:ellen.paul@verizon.net)).

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APPLY FOR YOUR MBTA PERMITS AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE! AND OTHER PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS - The Ornithological Council, after consultation with a USFWS regional MBTA permits chief, has published an article on Ornithology Exchange that will help assure that you obtain your MBTA permit in a timely manner. Applying early is the most important aspect of the process. The permit specialists and biologists have increasing workloads but staffing levels have not increased. Therefore, it is always a good idea to apply by mid-March for a summer field season; the earlier, the better! The looming threat of furloughs starting on 1 April 2013 could cause delay so make every effort to be sure your permit application is filed NOW if you haven't done so already. You can also make it easier for the USFWS staff to issue your permit by stating clearly and simply what you want to do, why you want to do that, and how many birds will be involved in each activity. Remember - you can collect blood and feather samples IF you are also marking the bird. Otherwise, you must have a scientific collecting permit. You may also request import/export authorization on a scientific collecting permit. Do all you can to be sure your permit covers all the activities that your research project will entail. Having to apply for amendments just increases the workload - including your workload, and your expenses - and slows things down for everyone. Read more here: [http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/\\_community/mbta-permits-practical-suggestions-for-the-ornithologist-r120](http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/_community/mbta-permits-practical-suggestions-for-the-ornithologist-r120)

NEW U.S. FEDERAL POLICY ON ACCESS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED RESEARCH - PUBLICATIONS AND DATA - On Friday, 22 February 2013, the White House issued a memorandum (URL: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp\\_public\\_access\\_memo\\_2013.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp_public_access_memo_2013.pdf)) that sets out the federal government's requirement for public access to data generated by federally funded scientific research. This policy is the most recent development in years of discussion among federal agencies, scientific societies and publishers, various representatives of the public such as patients' advocacy groups, and others. Originally called "open access" the basic concept is that all scientific literature should be freely available to anyone who wants to read it. The call for a government policy is based on the notion that taxpayer funded research should be available to the taxpayers. The discussion bounced between the Administration and the Congress as the public access advocates pushed for legislative mandates and the scientific community urged the development of a balanced policy that would take into account the intellectual property rights of researchers, the financial realities of scientific publishing, especially by nonprofit scientific societies, and the interests of the public, and copyright law." In 2011, Congress directed the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to establish a working group under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate Federal science agency research and policies related to the dissemination and long-term stewardship of the results of unclassified research, including digital data and peer-reviewed scholarly publications, supported wholly, or in part, by funding from the Federal science agencies. The memorandum resulted from this Congressional directive. It declares that the "Administration is committed to ensuring that, to the greatest extent and with the fewest constraints possible and consistent with law and the objectives set out below, the direct results of federally funded scientific research are made available to and useful for the public, industry, and the scientific community. Such results include peer-reviewed publications and digital data." This commitment is reflected in a mandate to the federal agencies to submit its draft plan to OSTP within six months. The guidance for these plans make clear that, "To the extent feasible and consistent with law; agency mission; resource constraints; U.S. national, homeland, and economic security; and the objectives listed below, the results of unclassified research that are published in peer-reviewed publications directly arising from Federal funding should be stored for long-term preservation and publicly accessible to search, retrieve, and analyze in ways that maximize the impact and accountability of the Federal research investment." However, agencies must also describe the measures they will take to prevent the unauthorized mass redistribution of scholarly publications, after ensuring that the public can read, download, and analyze in digital form final peer-reviewed manuscripts or final published documents within a time-frame that is appropriate. "Appropriate" is defined as a 12-month post-publication embargo. Moreover, the plans are to provide for the sharing of digitally formatted scientific data generated by research funded by the federal government, NOT to include laboratory

notebooks, preliminary analyses, drafts of scientific papers, plans for future research, peer review reports, communications with colleagues, or physical objects, such as laboratory specimens. The plans must protect confidentiality and personal privacy; recognize proprietary interests, business confidential information, and intellectual property rights and avoid significant negative impact on intellectual property rights, innovation, and U.S. competitiveness; and preserve the balance between the relative value of long-term preservation and access and the associated cost and administrative burden.

FEDERAL AGENCIES RESTRICT TRAVEL IN ANTICIPATION OF IMPACTS OF BUDGET SEQUESTRATION - Federal agency travel has been restricted for several years but the situation has worsened with the looming budget sequestration that will automatically cut the budgets of every federal agency by 8.2%. Those planning conferences and trying to project attendance should be aware of the virtual cessation of authorization of federal employee travel. This applies to every federal agency. A 22 Feb memo from the USGS to that agency's employees demonstrates how serious a situation this is. The details of the announcement are laid out in following email, which was distributed to USGS staff on Friday, 22 Feb: All February, March, and April attendance at conferences is suspended, including both USGS-hosted and non-hosted meetings, both DOI-approved and pending. Only mission essential travel should be allowed. Even mission-critical travel is limited to no more than 14 participants.

OC PROTESTS ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS BY USFWS ABOUT IMPACT OF SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING ON BLUE-THROATED MACAW - In its proposed listing of the Blue-throated Macaw (*Ara glaucogularis*) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the USFWS attributed the decline in the population in great part to collecting for museums: "The most significant impact to the decline of this species' population was likely due to collection for museums during the late 1800s and early 1900s." This statement perplexed ornithologists, who knew that there were fewer than a dozen specimens in museum holdings worldwide. In fact, it seems that there are only five known wild-collected specimens. Two of these five were collected in the 20th century. Two of the other three, the ones at the British Museum, have uncertain date and locality, but were catalogued there in 1850 and 1877. The fifth specimen, in Argentina, has no certain date and locality, and was taken in 1863. These numbers are consistent with earlier reviews. Forshaw and Cooper (1973) also determined that museums hold only five specimens - two (from Bolivia, collected in 1920 and 1922) in the Carnegie Museum, two (from Paraguay, catalogued in 1850 and 1877) in the British Museum, and one in the Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales (collected in 1863). Ingels et al. (1981) reached the same conclusions. The literature cited in the proposed listing did not, in fact, support the claim that there had been such extensive collecting that it contributed to the decline in the wild population. The Ornithological Council thus registered a protest with the USFWS, noting that "In the 20th century, scientific collecting has declined dramatically, in large part due to the development of government policies that greatly restrict the extent of this activity...the manner in which they are implemented seems to be informed by a belief on the part of government agencies that scientific collecting has played a significant role in species' decline and that it continues at a level that poses a continuing threat. We asked the USFWS to consider consulting the ornithological community (or its counterparts in other taxonomic areas in the museum and academic community) to obtain accurate information about the extent of scientific collecting, taxonomy and nomenclature, or any other aspect of the biology and ecology of wild birds.

## POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Positions and Opportunities section is available only in the on-line edition. It can be accessed at (<http://osnabirds.org/Jobs.aspx>). Submissions can be made any time and are posted free of charge. Members may post directly to the board after logging in to OSNA using their OSNA member log in. Non-members may have announcements posted by sending them to the Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: [ctrine@andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)) in the body of the email message.

AN E-LIST SERVICE is available. Subscribers to this list will receive the same announcements that appear on-line 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.

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN GREATER YELLOWSTONE – Biodiversity Research and Public Education: The Camp Monaco Prize. In Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the visit to Yellowstone by H.S.H Prince Albert I of Monaco, the Camp Monaco Prize is being awarded as a joint project of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center's Draper Museum of Natural History, the University of Wyoming's Biodiversity Institute, and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation-USA. The purpose of the \$100,000 prize is to stimulate scientific exploration and public education that will expand the knowledge and understanding of biological diversity in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE), and foster concrete actions to safeguard biodiversity in conjunction with continued social and economic development. The project must be conducted in the magnificent GYE, and we encourage projects with global implications. We are interested in proposals with a trans-boundary approach, recognizing that effective biodiversity conservation crosses geo-political/jurisdictional, academic disciplinary, and economic and social boundaries. For this reason, interdisciplinary projects will be privileged, and participation of non-profit organizations and private partners is encouraged. The deadline for submission is **19 Apr 2013**. Details for submission, contact information, and additional information about proposal topics and acceptable expenses can be found at the Draper Museum website (URL: <http://www.bbhc.org/explore/greater-yellowstone-natural-history/>) or the Biodiversity Institute website (URL: <http://www.uwyo.edu/biodiversity/>).

### PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

*A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO SOUTH GEORGIA*, 2nd ed., S. Poncer & K. Crosbie, 2012. Princeton University Press. 184 pp., 8" x 6", 450 color illus. ISBN: 9780691156583. (Paper, \$29.95). This photographic guide features hundreds of color photographs of the diverse wildlife and breathtaking scenery to be found at this unique tourist destination. It includes extensive and up-to-date coverage of all wildlife groups--from albatrosses and petrels to seals and penguins--as well as color maps and detailed information for the 23 key visitor sites. It describes the history, geology, and culture of South Georgia and provides a checklist of all fauna and flora as well as valuable tips for visitors to the islands.

*HANDBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD, SPECIAL VOLUME: New Species and Global Index*, Josep del Hoyo, Andrew Elliott, Jordi Sargatal, David A. Christie, editors. Lynx Edicions. 800 pp., 31 x 24 cm, 200+ illust., 300+ color photos, about 100 distribution maps. ISBN: 978-84-96553-88-0 (hardback). The aim of the Handbook of the Birds of the World Series was to cover in detail and illustrate every species of bird in the world. Volume 16, covering the last families of birds, was published in 2011. A number of species genuinely new to science, however, have been described since the publication of their respective volumes, and therefore are not featured in the 16 volumes of HBW. This Special Volume will cover and illustrate all of these species, some 68, with texts, plates and distribution maps in the classic HBW format. In addition, this volume has a section including the original scientific descriptions of some 12–17 species (final number pending peer-review process), all totally new to science; to find so many species described simultaneously, in the same paper, one has to go back well over a century. These descriptions, the combined work of a number of renowned Amazonian ornithologists, highlight the massive importance of the world's largest area of tropical forest. Also, the Special Volume will include a comprehensive, global index to the collection, a useful tool which will enable users to swiftly find the species they are searching for in the more than 12,500 pages of the 16 volumes.

### PERSONAL EXCHANGES

JOURNAL OFFER – *Zoological Record - Aves* Volumes 85 - 105 (1948-1968) in four bound volumes. Cost is free if the receiver will pay shipping charges. I am located in Raleigh, North Carolina, and can be contacted by email (EM: [wolkidae@gmail.com](mailto:wolkidae@gmail.com)).

AVAILABLE: I have a run of *Auk* from 1949 through 2009. I'd like to dispose of them. I can't say whether there might be a number or two missing in the series. There are other items, such as ten year indices, monographs, and ornithological newsletters. I also have runs of the *Wilson Bulletin*. 1943 to 1948 and 1961 to 2012, and *Journal of Field Ornithology*, 1961 to 2012. The deal would be best offer and the recipient pays for any shipping. DON BEIMBORN (EM: [beimborn@umn.edu](mailto:beimborn@umn.edu))

### 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

THE 131<sup>ST</sup> STATED MEETING OF THE AOU will be held **13-17 Aug 2013** in conjunction with the COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY Annual Meeting at the Palmer House-Hilton in Chicago, IL. It is being hosted by the Field Museum and the local committee chair is John Bates.

\*THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held in conjunction with the AOU 13-17 Aug 2013, in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting will be hosted by the Field Museum and the local committee chair is John Bates.

5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN FLIGHT CONFERENCE, Snowbird, Utah, **26-28 Aug 2013**. See <http://www.partnersinflight.org/PIF%20V%20-%20Save%20the%20date%20-%2017%20Sept%202012.pdf>

37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY, **24-29 Sep 2013**, in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. The Waterbird Society will hold its 37th annual meeting in 2013 in Germany for the first time. The Institute of Avian Research "Vogelwarte Helgoland", one of the oldest ornithological research institutes in the world, will be the host. The meeting venue is the Stadthalle, located in the center of Wilhelmshaven on the German North Sea coast. Wilhelmshaven can be reached easily by train from the nearby airports: Bremen, Hamburg, Hannover, Frankfurt or Amsterdam. Wilhelmshaven is located adjacent to the World Heritage Site "Wadden Sea National Park of Lower Saxony". There will be good opportunities to experience the rich biodiversity of the Wadden Sea, which provides critical habitat for both breeding and migrating waterbirds along the East-Atlantic Flyway. The opening reception will be held on Tuesday evening 24 Sep, the closing banquet on 28 Sep. The three day scientific program will consist of plenaries, symposia, contributed papers and poster sessions. Saturday, 28 Sep, will be a joint scientific day with the International Wader Study Group (IWSG) annual conference (27-30 Sep). Mid-conference field trips will be offered on Friday, 27 Sep. Exhibitors, including book and equipment suppliers, will be present during the meeting. Please check <http://www.waterbirds.org> for updated information. We welcome you to join us in Wilhelmshaven in Sep 2013!

I WORLDWIDE RAPTOR CONFERENCE, **21-24 Oct 2013**, Bariloche, Argentina--RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION annual conference 2013, III Neotropical Raptor Network Conference, WWGBP VII International Conference on Birds of Prey and Owls. The link to the conference website is (URL: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>). For the first time, a joint meeting between the Raptor Research Foundation, the Neotropical Raptor Network (The Peregrine Fund) and the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls will take place in South America. A perfect mixture of

wild nature and cultural heritage awaits you, so mark your calendars now and we will ensure that you experience all the wonders the city of San Carlos de Bariloche, Patagonia and Argentina have to offer. This international meeting will be held in the heart of Nahuel Huapi National Park, Bariloche City, Rio Negro province, Argentina. The conference will be hosted by the Universidad Nacional del Comahue – INIBIOMA/ CONICET, Bariloche, Argentina. Pre (workshops) and post (field trips) conferences activities are also offered. The conference venue is the Hotel Panamericano Bariloche, a five star hotel in downtown Bariloche. The local organizing committee chairs are Drs. MIGUEL D. SAGGESE, College of Veterinary Medicine-Western University of Health Sciences, California, USA (EM: msaggese@westernu.edu), VALERIA OJEDA (EM: campephilus@bariloche.com.ar) and SERGIO A. LAMBERTUCCI (EM: slambertucci@comahue-conicet.gob.ar), Labor-atorio Ecotono, Universidad Nacional del Comahue – INIBIOMA/CONICET, Bariloche, Rio Negro, Argentina. For more information, please contact the conference chairs or, preferred, send an email to (EM: barilocheraptors2013@gmail.com) Miguel D. Saggese - Valeria Ojeda – Sergio Lambertucci (Conference chairs)

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY, **31 Jul - 5 Aug 2014** (just a few days before ABS 2014 at Princeton, NJ) at Hunter College in the City of New York, contact: (EM: ISBE2014@gmail.com), updates (URL: <http://cabi.hunter.cuny.edu/>)

#### NEWS OF MEMBERS

PETER STETTENHEIM, Life Member and Fellow of the AOU (1951, Elective member 1968, Fellow, 1975), Life Member of the COS (1952), and member of WOS (1951), died unexpectedly and suddenly 20 Jan 2013. He was 84 years old. Peter graduated from Haverford College and received the PhD from U Michigan. He was a long term editor of *The Condor* and published the monumental *Avian Anatomy: Integument* (1972) with A. M. Lucas. The two-volume work is still in demand. Peter regularly attended society meetings, and participated in international symposia to share his knowledge of feathers and plumage. He taught a popular course, The Meaning of Birds in Art, and was instrumental in the development and success of the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, VT.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in June. 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@andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)), by **1 May 2013**. Submission by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file) or on diskette (PC format: Word-Perfect 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.