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CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS – The 132nd Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, the 84th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists will be held jointly on **23-27 Sep 2014** in Estes Park, Colorado. We hereby invite proposals for symposia and workshops.

- Symposia proposals should include: (1) title of symposium, (2) a 2-5 sentence rationale for the symposium's topic, (3) names, contact information, and presentation topics of presenting speakers and 1-2 alternate speakers (please also indicate whether the speakers have tentatively committed to attending), and (4) requested length of symposium (whole day or half day). Symposia are allowed either 15 or 30 min slots for each presentation in the collection.
- Workshop proposals should include the following: (1) title of workshop, (2) a 2-5 sentence rationale for the workshop's topic, (3) names and contact information for the workshop's leaders, (4) short description of target audience, (5) requested length of workshop, (5) anticipated format and required logistical resources (e.g., room size/type, projection equipment, large table, field access, etc.), and (6) any required additional costs and/or charges to participants.

The deadline for submission of symposium and workshop proposals is **Friday, 15 Nov 2013**. Please direct questions or submit proposals to MIKE WUNDER (EM: michael.wunder@ucdenver.edu). Have a look at the meeting poster and share with your colleagues (URL: <http://birdmeetings.org/aoucossco2014/files/aoucossco2014-poster.pdf>).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AOU SCIENTIFIC AWARDS FOR 2014: Nominations are invited for the following AOU Awards. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Rob Fleischer (EM: fleischr@si.edu) **by 15 Feb 2014**.

- WILLIAM BREWSTER MEMORIAL AWARD-The Brewster Award is given for the most meritorious body of work (book, monograph, or series of related papers) on birds of the Western Hemisphere published during the past ten years. Nominations should include (1) the name, institution, and contact information for the nominee, (2) a written letter that includes a description of the contributions of the nominee to ornithology, and (3) a CV of the nominee.

- ELLIOTT COUES AWARD-The Elliott Coues Award recognizes extraordinary contributions to ornithological research and involves no limitation with respect to geographic area, sub-discipline(s) of ornithology, or the time course over which the work was done. Nominations should include (1) the name, institution, and contact information for the nominee, (2) a written letter that includes a description of the contributions of the nominee to ornithology, and (3) a CV of the nominee.
- NED K. JOHNSON YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD-The Ned K. Johnson Award recognizes outstanding and promising work by a researcher early in his/her career in any field of ornithology. Successful nominees will excel in research and show distinct promise for leadership in ornithology within and beyond North America. They must have received their doctorate within five years of being nominated, must not have received the award previously, and must be a member of the AOU at the time of nomination. Nominations should be in the form of a written letter that includes (1) the name, institution, and contact information of the nominee, and (2) a written summary why the nominee should be considered for an award, including statements on his/her scientific accomplishments, the relevance of his/her research to scientific ornithology, and his/her promise as a leader in ornithology. Nominations should also include a CV of the nominee.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AOU RALPH W. SCHREIBER CONSERVATION AWARD FOR 2014. This award recognizes extraordinary scientific contributions to the conservation, restoration, or preservation of birds and/or their habitats by an individual or small team (usually less than 10 people). Contributions from throughout the world and over any time course are eligible. Appropriate activities include the following: Applied research, restoration, and educational actions that conserve birds, or preserve significant bird habitats; Scientific examination of the principles of avian conservation and application of new insights into species restoration; and/or Scientific evaluation, guidance, creation, and oversight of avian recovery programs or habitat reserve/restoration programs. Nominations should include (1) the name, institution, and contact information for the nominee(s), (2) a CV of the nominee(s), and (3) a written letter that summarizes why the nominee(s) should be considered for an award, including statements on scientific, educational, and conservation accomplishments, the relevance of his/her science to avian conservation, and his/her leadership in avian conservation, documentation of the conservation implications of the candidate's work, and what birds have benefitted from the science. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Conservation Committee, MICHAEL REED (EM: Michael.reed@tufts.edu) **by 15 Feb 2014**.

NOMINATIONS FOR AOU OFFICERS AND ELECTIVE COUNCILORS must be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Thus, this year, nominations are **due 23 May 2014**. Officers to be elected will be President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Elective Councilors. The election will occur by electronic and postal ballots prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of the 132nd Stated Meeting, Susan M. Haig, will complete her term as President and Scott M. Lanyon will begin his first year as President. The Bylaws of the AOU require that the Secretary and Treasurer be elected or re-elected annually. The incumbent Treasurer (James Herkert) is willing to stand for reelection, however, the incumbent Secretary (Sara R. Morris) will be retiring at the end of the meeting. Of the total of twelve Elective Councilors, four are elected annually to serve terms of approximately three years, beginning at the close of the Stated Meeting. Elective Councilors to be replaced at the conclusion of the 132nd Stated Meeting in 2014 are Irby J. Lovette, Scott K. Robinson, Kenneth V. Rosenberg, and Kevin Winker. Continuing to serve in 2014-2015 will be Elective Councilors Daniel R. Ardia, David N. Bonter, Kevin J. Burns, Maria Del

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Coro Arizmendi, Deborah M. Finch, Patricia J. Heglund, Rebecca T. Kimball, and Jorge L. Perez-Eman. The procedure for nominating AOU officers and Elective Councilors is outlined in the Bylaws (Art IV, Sec 2). "Each Fellow and Elective Member shall be invited to nominate to the Secretary, persons for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Elective Councilors. These nominations shall be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Nominations for all Officers and Elective Councilors must be accompanied by documented consent of the nominee." Nominations may be submitted in writing, or electronically to the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716-888-2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: morriss@canisius.edu).

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OF Fellow and Elective Member of the AOU are due **17 May 2014**. Fellows and Elective Members are encouraged to submit nominations of deserving colleagues. Nominations and full supporting information are to be supplied by the nominators. Lists of current Fellows and Elective Members are available on the AOU website (URL: <http://www.aou.org/membership/special.php3>). Nominators seeking to endorse a nominee must first obtain the instructions and forms for 2013, available on the AOU web site (URL: <http://www.aou.org/nominations.php3>) or from the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716 888 2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: morriss@canisius.edu). The Committee on Nomination of Fellows and Elective Members will prepare additional nominations. Any AOU member who would like to put forward a name for consideration by the committee should contact the chair of the committee, JACK DUMBACHER (EM: JDumbacher@calacademy.org), **by 15 Apr 2014**. For ELECTIVE MEMBER nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare information to provide to current Fellows and Elective Members for electronic balloting in August 2014. Anyone preferring a hard copy may request one as long as it is returned by mail to the Secretariat by three weeks before the Stated Meeting (i.e., by 1 Sep 2014) and the names will be announced at the Business Meeting of Members in Estes Park, CO. For FELLOW nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare packets to be sent to current Fellows in July 2014. Voting will take place at the Fellows Meeting in Estes Parks, tentatively scheduled for 23 September 2014.

THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION held its 131st Stated Meeting and the Cooper Ornithological Society held its 83rd Annual Meeting jointly in Chicago, Illinois, at the Palmer House Hilton from 13-17 Aug 2013. John Bates (The Field Museum) chaired the Committee on Local Arrangements, and Peter Lowther (The Field Museum) chaired the Committee on the Scientific Program. There were 664 registrants, including 300 students. The program included five plenary lectures, 105 papers in 10 symposia, and 366 contributed papers (229 oral papers and 137 posters). Highlights of the joint meeting include the following:

- THE JOINT AOU/COS PRESENTATION AWARDS COMMITTEE was co-chaired by Anna Chalfoun (COS) and Rebecca Kimball (AOU). Awards were given to eight students for excellence in the rigor and quality of their scientific papers, and these awards were unranked. MIKUS ABOLINS-ABOLS of Indiana University received the COS A. Brazier Howell Award for "Shift in trade-off linked with change in hormonal cross-talk." CLARK RUSHING of Smithsonian Conservation Biol. Inst., Migratory Bird Center received the COS Francis F. Roberts Award for "Climate drives long-distance dispersal in a migratory bird." DANIEL BALDASSARRE of Cornell University and the Laboratory of Ornithology received a COS Board of Directors Award for "Experimental evidence of asymmetrical introgression of a sexual signal via extra-pair mating." SARA KAISER of Cornell University received a COS Board of Directors Award for "Habitat specific reproductive strategies in response to food supplementation increase male fitness in a songbird." MATTHEW G. HETHCOAT of University of Wyoming received the AOU Best Student Conservation Presentation for "Increased nest predation and energy development; what's in the pipe for sagebrush obligate songbirds?" The three AOU Council Presentation Awards were given to MICHAEL J. ANDERSEN of University of Kansas for "Phylogenomics and hybridization in an oceanic archipelago: high-throughput sequencing resolves patterns of diversification in the Fiji Whistler *Pachycephala vitiensis*," BLAKE C. JONES of University of Memphis for "They remember: Long-term memory and

the link between stress physiology and anti-predator behavior in free-living Florida Scrub-jays (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*)," and ALLISON J. SHULTZ of Harvard University for "Phylogeography and signatures of pathogen-mediated selection using genome-wide diachronic comparisons in the House Finch (*Haemorrhous mexicanus*)."

- THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS (including the AOU's Marcia Brady Tucker travel awards) was chaired by Rolf Koford (COS) and Rebecca Kimball (AOU) and granted awards to 76 students to help defray expenses for transportation to the annual meeting. The committee is pleased to announce the winners for 2013 were MIKUS ABOLINS-ABOLS (Indiana University), ROBERT A. ALDREDGE (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), MEDHAVI AMBARDAR (Oklahoma State University), MICHAEL J. ANDERSEN (University of Kansas), SARAH K. BAILLIE (Villanova University), DANIEL T. BALDASSARRE (Cornell University and Lab of Ornithology), DOUGLAS G. BARRON (Washington State University), JESSICA BRAUCH (Colorado State University), COURTNEY L. BRENNAN (Cleveland State Univ. & Cleveland Mus. of Nat. His.), JESSICA CATON (Michigan State University), ANDREA N. CHAVEZ (University of New Mexico), KELLY COMMONS (Millikin University), KRISTEN M. COVINO (University of Southern Mississippi), JENNY A. CUNNINGHAM (University of Missouri Columbia), CLAIRE M. CURRY (University of Oklahoma), ROSLYN DAKIN (Queen's University), LAUREN M. DEANER (Georgia Southern University), KRISTEN G. DILLON (University of Idaho), EMILY ELDERBROCK (University of Memphis), CHRISTINE ELDRIDGE (Villanova University), ANNA FERRARONI (Instituto de Biociencias da Universidade de São Paulo), JESSICA A. FOWLER (Arkansas State University), ARIEL M. GAFFNEY (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), SPENCER C. GALEN (University of New Mexico), VICTORIA GARCIA (Virginia Tech), JACQUELYN K. GRACE (Wake Forest University), DAVID P. GRUNZEL (University of Maine), CHRISTOPHER I. GURGUIS (University of Arizona), NATALIA GUTIERREZ-PINTO (Universidad de los Andes), JENNIFER A. HALE (The Ohio State University), MORGAN HARRIS (Appalachian State University), MICHAEL G. HARVEY (Louisiana State University), MATTHEW G. HETHCOAT (University of Wyoming), KYLE HORTON (University of Delaware), ROSA A. JIMÉNEZ (Instituto de Ecología, A.C.), BLAKE C. JONES (University of Memphis), MATTHEW JONES (University of Wyoming), SARA A. KAISER (Cornell University), EVAN P. KELEMEN (Villanova University), LUKAS KLICKA (San Diego State University), SARAH A. KNUTIE (University of Utah), JUSTIN M. KRILOW (University of Lethbridge), CHRISTOPHER M. LITUMA (The University of Tennessee), MING LIU (University of South Dakota), ZACHARY LOMAN (Mississippi State University), MARIA LOZANO (Universidad de los Andes), JOSEPH D. MANTHEY (University of Kansas), MOLLY E. MCDERMOTT (Ohio State University), ASHLEY O. MCKELVY (City University of New York Graduate Center), AMANDA MOORE (Texas State University - San Marcos), MADELEINE F. NAYLOR (Oklahoma State University), KIERSTEN N. NEWTOFF (University of North Carolina Wilmington), CARMÍ ORE (California Academy of Sciences), KRISTINA L. PAXTON (University of Southern Mississippi), TRACY A. PINNEY (Baylor University), ELIZABETH A. RIGBY (University of Minnesota), KARLA D. RIVERA-CÁCERES (University of Miami), LINNEA M. ROWSE (The Ohio State University), RAFAEL RUEDA-HERNÁNDEZ (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), A. RUIZ-SÁNCHEZ (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), CLARK S. RUSHING (Smithsonian Conservation Biol. Inst. - Migratory Bird Ctr.), KATHARINE J. RUSKIN (University of Maine), ROMINA CLARA SCARDAMAGLIA (Universidad de Buenos Aires), JONATHAN SCHMITT (University of New Mexico), ALLISON J. SHULTZ (Harvard University), ASHLEY SMILEY (University of New Mexico), J. ROBERTO SOSA-LOPEZ (University of Windsor), MARIA STAGER (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), RICHARD A. STANTON, JR. (University of Missouri-Columbia), CONOR C. TAFF (University of California, Davis), ELKIN TENORIO (Universidad de los Andes), FLAVIA TERMIGNONI (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), BRAM H.F. VERHEIJEN (Kansas State University), DEBORAH M. VISCO (Tulane University), MATTHEW WASELIK (Oklahoma State University), and STEPHANIE G. WRIGHT (The Ohio State University).

- AOU POST-DOCTORAL TRAVEL AWARDS FOR 2013 were granted to 13 recipients: WILLIAM S. BEATTY (University of Missouri), ANDREA BONISOLI-ALQUATI (University of South Carolina), KEVIN C. FRASER (York University), ADAM FUDICKAR (Indiana University), EMMA I. GREIG (Cornell University), JONATHAN P. KELLEY (Florida State University), KEVIN C. R. KERR (Royal Ontario Museum), ANN E. MCKELLAR (University of Missouri - Columbia), ALEJANDRO SALINAS-MELGOZA (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico), HELEN R. SOFAER (Colorado State University), COREY E. TARWATER (University of British Columbia, Vancouver), CHRISTOPHER M. TONRA (Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute), and VIRGINIA L. WINDER (Kansas State University).
- The 132nd Stated Meeting of the AOU and the 84th Annual Meeting of the COS will be held jointly in Estes Park, Colorado **24-27 Sep 2014**.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 131ST STATED MEETING OF THE AOU INCLUDED: AOU Officers re-elected were Secretary: SARA R. MORRIS, and Treasurer: JAMES HERKERT. Newly-elected Councilors were DAVID N. BONTER, KEVIN J. BURNS, DEBORAH M. FINCH, and PATRICIA J. HEGLUND. The Council elected MARK HAUBER as Editor of *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*.

- The William Brewster Memorial Award was presented to J. V. ("VAN") REMSEN, and the Elliott Coues Award was presented to RUSSELL GREENBERG. COREY TARWATER received the Ned K. Johnson Young Investigator Award and SHEILA CONANT received the Ralph W. Schreiber Conservation Award. SPENCER G. SEALY received the Marion Jenkinson AOU Service Award.
- The Fellows elected 16 new Fellows: F. KEITH BARKER, KIMBERLY SUE BOSTWICK, MARY BOMBERGER BROWN, PAUL F. DOHERTY, JR., KIMBALL L. GARRETT, COLLEEN M. HANDEL, MARK E. HAUBER, MORTON L. ISLER, KENN KAUFMAN, KEVIN J. MCGOWAN, DANIEL J. MENNILL, THANE K. PRATT, J. MICHAEL REED, TERRELL D. RICH, PAUL R. SWEET, and PEPPER W. TRAIL.
- The Fellows elected three new Honorary Fellows: ROLF ÅKE NORBERG (University of Göteborg, Göteborg, Sweden), NICOLA S. CLAYTON (Clare College, Cambridge, UK), and TOMASZ OSIEJUK (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland)
- Fellows and Elective Members elected 26 new Elective Members: LISA T. BALLANCE, SHARON M. BIRKS, CARLOS A. BOTERO, W. ALICE BOYLE, MATTHEW D. CARLING, ANNA D. CHALFOUN, RICHARD B. CHANDLER, CAREN B. COOPER, MARK E. DEUTSCHLANDER, JOSEPH (TJ) FONTAINE, JOCELYN HUDON, GARY M. LANGHAM, DANIEL J. LEBBIN, RANDOLPH S. LITTLE, BERNARD LOHR, ROBERT G. MOYLE, TROY G. MURPHY, TREVOR D. PRICE, DUSTIN R. RUBENSTEIN, THOMAS B. RYDER, CAZ M. TAYLOR, MARKUS P. TELLKAMP, ANDREA K. TOWNSEND, ERIC A. VANDERWERF, ERIC L. WALTERS, and C. SCOTT WEIDENSAUL.

AOU AND COS LAUNCH ONLINE PORTAL FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION AND PEER REVIEW – The Central Ornithology Publication Office (COPO) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online portal for manuscript submission and peer review for articles for *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* and *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*. You can log in to the PeerTrack submission system, update your profile, and submit research papers for consideration in the 2014 ornithology journals published by the American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society. The new online portal was launched in early September 2013. Manuscripts for *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* can be submitted at <http://editorialmanager.com/condor>. Manuscripts for *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* can be submitted at <http://editorialmanager.com/auk>. Many users of the journals' previous online system received an email with a username and password; please use that to log in. Otherwise, search for your name on the login page, and if you do not find it, then register as a new author. The system will then guide authors through the manuscript submission process. The downloadable Author Instructions document also contains details about how to submit a manuscript. Send inquiries about submission or publication questions to the managing editors at COPO (EM: aoucospubs@gmail.com). If you have a manuscript currently under review in ScholarOne, you will receive an email from COPO about how and when you will be able to access your manuscript in PeerTrack.

In 2014, *The Condor* will become *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*, and will focus on applied ornithological study, and *The Auk* will become *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, and will focus on basic ornithological science. You can read more about the transition of *The Condor* and *The Auk* and the joint publication model in an announcement from the AOU and COS Presidents in the August 2013 issue of the Ornithological Newsletter. <http://www.osnabirds.org/Newsletter/215.aspx>. Dr. MARK HAUBER (EM: mark.hauber@hunter.cuny.edu) of Hunter College-CUNY is Editor-in-Chief of *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* and Dr. PHIL STOUFFER (EM: pstouffer@lsu.edu) of Louisiana State University is Editor-in-Chief of *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*. Send inquiries about the suitability of an article topic for the journals to either Editor-in-Chief. *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* and *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* will be primarily online journals, with articles published weekly. Posted articles will have a DOI and final page numbers for citation. Printed issues will continue on a quarterly basis. Both journals will be available on BioOne (bioone.org) and on a new publishing platform, which will be announced later in the fall. Research articles, Perspectives, Commentaries, and Reviews undergo peer review through the new portal. All manuscripts that are submitted for peer review should be submitted as Research Articles. Please contact the Editor-in-Chief of the appropriate journal before submitting Perspectives, Commentaries, and Reviews. Send book reviews, In Memoriam essays, and News and Notes directly to the respective editors or to COPO (EM: aoucospubs@gmail.com). Specify which journal you are submitting a non-research article submission to: *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* or *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*. Send any questions to the managing editors in the COPO office (EM: aoucospubs@gmail.com), and submit your papers to <http://editorialmanager.com/condor> and <http://editorialmanager.com/auk>! We welcome your contributions to our new publishing venture.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL for PAPER and POSTER ABSTRACTS -- *Enhancing Wildlife Conservation Program Delivery Among Agricultural and Other Natural Resources Interests*, 2014 Joint Annual Meeting of Washington Chapter-The Wildlife Society (WA-TWS), Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology (SNVB), 4th International Burrowing Owl Conference (BUOWC), Researchers Implementing Conservation Action (RICA), Northwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NWPARC), at the Red Lion Inn, Pasco, Washington (**3-7 Feb 2014**). This meeting will promote effective implementation of conservation practices and programs among natural resource professionals, land owners, managers, and cooperators and funders supporting such work. The Meeting Theme, supported by workshops, technical sessions, and an emphasis on people, practices, programs, and land, will encourage important interactions for conservation delivery. We invite abstracts for presentations and poster sessions, workshop concepts, mini-symposia proposals, and ideas for other facets of the program. All topics in wildlife, vertebrate biology, and conservation programs and practices are welcomed, although emphasis will be placed on: **The meeting theme; **Successful conservation programs and practices; **Partnering with federal/state/county conservation agencies and programs; **Working with conservation districts, agricultural extension professionals, and NGOs; **Maintenance of habitat connectivity and ecosystem function in modified landscapes; **Burrowing Owls and other Raptors; **Understanding wildlife values in human communities; **Emerging technologies in conservation and management; **Channeled scabland habitats and wildlife; **Population and ecological genetics; **Application of research findings to conservation and management practices. An additional program goal is to encourage strong participation by professionals with NRCS, FSA, Conservation Districts, Agricultural Extension, NGOs, producer groups, and other land management stakeholder groups that are important partners in conservation. Ideas on ways to accomplish his goal are welcome, and should be submitted to A.J. KROLL (EM: aj.kroll@weyerhaeuser.com). For more information, please visit: BUOWC <http://www.globalowlproject.com/>; PARC <http://www.nwparc.org/>; SNVB <http://www.thesnvb.org/>; RICA (EM: JeffLincer@gmail.com); WA-TWS <http://wildlife.org/washington/>

IN HONOR OF TED PARKER – VOICES OF THE PERUVIAN RAIN-FOREST -- August 3, marked the 20th anniversary of the death of renowned ornithologist and conservationist Theodore A. Parker III. Parker's death at age 40 in a plane crash in Ecuador in 1993 stunned the conservation community. Parker had strong ties to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology where he served on the administrative board and shaped the Lab's conservation vision. Parker was a specialist in the birds of South America and had a phenomenal ability to remember wildlife sounds. He could identify more than 4,000 bird species by their songs alone. He made high-quality sound recordings and was a vital contributor to the Cornell Lab's Macaulay Library (then called the Library of Natural Sounds), where some 10,000 of his recordings are archived, representing more than 2,000 species of birds, mammals, and amphibians. To this day, Parker's work and his passion remain a source of inspiration to a new generation of scientists. In his honor, the Cornell Lab is offering for the first time a free digital download of Parker's recordings from the "Voices of the Peruvian Rainforest" first produced as a cassette in 1985. You can access the download at (URL: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/TedParker>). The Lab has also launched a special effort to fund shipment of Parker's bird sound guides to educators and conservationists in Latin America and the Caribbean. (URL: <http://bit.ly/18RJ8ma>). Read more about Parker's life and work on the Lab's All About Birds blog (URL: <http://tinyurl.com/qxjwche>).

LEAD BULLETS AND THE U.S. MILITARY – Lead-based ammunition is responsible for the poisoning of millions of birds every year following ingestion of either old or recently spent shotgun pellets - mistaken for grit or seeds - or lead particles left in gut piles following successful hunts. Among birds impacted are waterfowl, loons, eagles, hawks, vultures/condors, and doves. (A nationwide ban on lead shot in waterfowl hunting, started in 1991, has been highly effective in reducing avian mortality due to ingestion while maintaining projectile efficacy in waterfowl hunting.) Recent moves by the U.S. military to buy significant quantities of non-lead bullets in at least two calibers are positive signs. A move in 2010 to convert the 5.56 mm bullet to a non-lead bullet eliminated almost 2,000 tons of lead from the environment. A similar shift is now underway in the military involving a move to a non-lead version of their 7.62 mm bullet. Combined, these two efforts could result in an additional 4,000 tons of lead being eliminated from ammunition production over the next few years. Use of the military's new 7.62 mm non-lead ammunition is expected to begin next year. These moves should help to reduce lead contamination in the environment, although they will likely not have a great impact on the current bird-poisoning-by-ingestion situation. The shift in use by the military in these two ammunition types should still have three potential long-term influences: 1) verifying the performance of non-lead (e.g., copper alloy) bullets by a user group – the military - whose expectations are high, 2) increasing the non-lead market in general, 3) and reducing the cost of non-lead bullets, along with the installation of new equipment and large-quantity sales. The results can influence trends in the hunting community and increase positive attitudes toward non-lead alternatives. For more on the subject, here is more information from the American Bird Conservancy (URL: <http://www.abcbirds.org/newsandreports/releases/130819.html>) and the United States Army (URL: http://www.army.mil/article/106710/Picatinny_ammunition_goes_from_regular_to_unleaded/) (Excerpted from Birding Community E-bulletin, September 2013)

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

SEEKING INFORMATION about wildlife ecology/conservation professionals that served in the military. My project is a tribute to those that have served and yet have or are making contributions to vertebrate ecology and conservation including, ornithology, mammalogy, or herpetology. Individuals can be in academia, governmental agencies or NGO's. I need a short description of their service and a photo, if available. Please send information to DAVE MANUWAL (EM: aulet@u.washington.edu).

CONDOR ISSUES WANTED BY LIBRARY--Two recent issues of the *Condor* have gone missing from the largest ornithological library in Scotland, run by the Scottish Ornithologists' Club (URL: <http://www.the-soc.org.uk/our-headquarters/the-library/>). If you have volume 113 (2011) issues 1 and 2 and would be prepared to donate them, the SOC will repay postage. Please contact the librarian KAREN BIDGOOD (EM: library@the-soc.org.uk).

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: citrine@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>

THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY IS ENCOURAGING NOMINATIONS FOR THREE AWARDS: the Kai Curry-Lindahl Award for excellence in Conservation, the Robert Cushman Murphy Award for excellence in waterbird research contributions, and the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary service to the Waterbird Society as an organization. Details of the awards and a short biography of past recipients are found on the WS web site (URL: <http://www.waterbirds.org/awards>). Nominations should be sent to Dr. MICHAEL ERWIN (USGS emeritus senior scientist) (EM: mikeerwin67@yahoo.com).

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

THE WARBLER GUIDE, by Tom Stephenson & Scott Whittle, 2013. Drawings by Catherine Hamilton. Princeton University Press. 560 pp., 6 x 8 1/2, 1,000+ color illus. 50 maps. ISBN: 9780691154824 (Paper Flexibound, \$29.95 / £19.95). *The Warbler Guide* enables you to quickly identify any of the 56 species of warblers in the United States and Canada. This groundbreaking guide features more than 1,000 color photos, extensive species accounts with multiple viewing angles, and an entirely new system of vocalization analysis that helps you effectively learn songs and calls. This volume covers all 56 species of warblers in the United States and Canada with visual quick finders to help you identify a warbler from any angle. Song and call finders make identification easy using a few simple questions and it uses sonograms to teach a new system of song identification that makes it easier to understand and hear differences between similar species. The detailed species accounts show multiple views with diagnostic points, direct comparisons of plumage and vocalizations with similar species, and complete aging and sexing descriptions. A complete, page-by-page audio companion to all of the 1,000-plus songs and calls covered by the book is available for purchase and download from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (links to the audio companion are available at <http://press.princeton.edu/titles/9968.html>).

MEETINGS

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

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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 of 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) conference 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), Laboratorio 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)

*THE 13TH NORTH AMERICAN CRANE WORKING GROUP WORKSHOP will be held **14-18 April 2014** in Lafayette, Louisiana at the Hotel Acadiana. The workshop will include two full days of presentations and one day of fieldtrips to the spectacular Louisiana wetlands. The call for abstracts is now open. Please see the North American Crane Working Group website (URL: <http://www.nacwg.org/>) for specific details.

*THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS and the WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will meet jointly at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, **29 May – 1 Jun 2014**. The local host, JAMESON (JIM) CHACE, may be reached at the Dept. of Biology and Biomedical Sciences, Salve Regina University, 100 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI 02840 (PH: 401-341-3204; EM: jameson.chace@salve.edu); MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (EM: deutschlande@hws.edu) and MARTIN RAPHAEL (EM: mraphael@fs.fed.us) will co-Chair the Scientific Program Committee. Applications for Student Travel Awards will be due **15 Jan 2014**; the deadline for abstracts and early registration will be **15 Mar 2014**. For additional information, visit <http://wos.salvereginablogs.com/afo-wos-meeting/>

*The X Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC) will be held in Manaus, Brazil, in **July 2015**. It is co-organized by the Sociedade Brasileira de Ornitologia and the Neotropical Ornithological Society. Information on inscription, program, and other issues will be announced when available.

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/>)

THE 132ND STATED MEETING OF THE AOU and THE 84TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COS will be held jointly in Estes Park, Colorado **24-27 Sep 2014**.

THE WORLD SEABIRD UNION has endorsed an Expression of Interest by the African Seabird Group to host World Seabird Conference II in Cape Town, South Africa, **12-16 Oct 2015**. Although formal approval is awaiting provision of further details, all those interested in seabirds are advised to put these dates in their diaries and plan accordingly. It is expected that an official First Circular would be produced in late 2013. For more information, about the World Seabird Union please visit <http://www.seabirds.net>

NEWS OF MEMBERS

RICHARD C. BANKS has a new home e-mail address (EM eudromia22@aol.com).

ROBERT C. WHITMORE, Ph.D.; Elected Member AOU; Life Member WOS; Member COS, SFO, SCB, ESA (CSE), TWS (CWB) has retired after 38 years of service to the Program in Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, West Virginia University where he will remain as Emeritus Professor. His contact information is: EM: rwhitmor@wvu.edu, cell PH: 304-376-4301 and home address: 703 Willow Creek Road, Grand Junction, CO 81515, effective 13 August 2013. Through the miracle of the internet, Bob will continue to teach on-line classes in Conservation Ecology and Invasive Species Ecology at WVU. "Say a prayer for the pretender, who started out so young and strong, only to surrender."

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in December. Items you wish to have included must reach the Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE, 3889 E. Valley View, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 (PH: 269-471-7886; EM: [ctrine AT andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)), **by 1 November 2013**. **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.