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- EARLY PROFESSIONALS MINI-TALK SYMPOSIUM – The AOU Early Professionals Committee is hosting a special symposium designed to highlight the exciting research performed by professionals in the beginning stages of their careers (i.e., those who are no longer students but are still in the early stages of their careers). During this lively and fast-paced event, early professionals will present 5-minute talks using automatically advancing slides to showcase their recent research advances, the techniques they employ, the future directions their research will take, and generally who they are as ornithologists. Please note that participation in this symposium does NOT preclude you from also submitting an abstract for the normal program; you may participate in both. E-mail MIKE BUTLER (EM: butlermw@lafayette.edu) with any questions.

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- EARLY PROFESSIONALS SOCIAL – Immediately following the Early Professionals Mini-talk Symposium, the AOU Early Professionals Committee will host a social event for all individuals in the beginning stages of their careers, including those who did not present during the symposium. At this event, early professionals will mingle with each other and senior scientists from academia, government agencies, and the private sector. This informal event will allow those in the beginning stages of their careers to receive advice and guidance from senior scientists who have served on search committees and tenure review committees, as well as to network with their fellow early-stage colleagues. Light snacks and beverages will be available. Registration for this event is free (but is required in advance).

NOTICE AND CALL FOR PAPERS: JOINT 2015 MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS, SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS/SOCIÉTÉ DES ORNITHOLOGISTES DU CANADA, AND THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, **16 - 19 July 2015**. AFO, SCO-SOC, and WOS will hold their joint 2015 annual meetings at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, from Thursday, 16 July through Saturday, 18 July, preceded on 15 - 16 July by council meetings. Thursday afternoon will include an optional WOS-sponsored workshop on mentoring. Field trips will be offered on Sunday, 19 July. Highlights of the scientific program include two plenary presentations, two symposia, and contributed papers. Dr. Erica "Ricky" Dunn, will give the WOS Margaret Morse Nice Medal Lecture on Friday morning (co-sponsored by SCO-SOC). On Saturday, Dr. James Dwyer will open the day with an AFO-sponsored plenary lecture. On Saturday afternoon, the societies will host two symposia, on "Successes and Challenges of Bird Conservation" and "Atlantic Canada and the Gulf of Maine: a Nexus for Migratory Birds". Contributed talks will take place on Friday and Saturday, and there will be a poster session on Friday evening. The deadline for receipt of Abstracts by the Scientific Program Committee is **1 April 2015**. Abstract submission will be online only; please contact MARTIN G. RAPHAEL (EM: mraphael@fs.fed.us), scientific program chair, with any questions about the program or submission process. Registration for the meeting will be available through the conference website in mid-March. Early registration is \$250 CAD for regular registrants and \$125 CAD for students (increasing after 1 April). Low-cost housing and meal options are available on campus. For U.S. residents, the current US-CAD exchange rate is highly favorable, making the meeting expenses very reasonable. We encourage all ornithologists to join us in Wolfville! Nova Scotia is a wonderful place to visit. Tourism opportunities in connection with the conference abound. Post-conference field trips currently planned include pelagic bird- and whale-watching from Brier Island, a hike to Cape Split, and a bus tour of local wineries. In addition to the conference website, important announcements, up-to-date information, opportunities for roommate and ride sharing, and much more, can be found on the Ornithological Exchange at <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/254-ornithology-meeting-2015/>.

FULL-ISSUE PDFS OF *THE AUK* AND *THE CONDOR* are now available for Cooper Ornithological Society and American Ornithologists' Union members to download through issues' Table of Contents pages on the Central Ornithology Publication Office (COPO) website. To download a PDF of a full issue of either journal, navigate to the contents page of that issue and look for "Full Issue," which will be the first item. For an example, see the most recent issue of *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*: <http://www.aoucospubs.org/toc/tauk/132/1>.

WELCOME TO THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT, Rebecca Deatsman, for the joint publication office of the American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society (the Central Ornithology Publication Office, or COPO). Rebecca will promote the research published in *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* and *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* through press releases and blog posts, manage the journals' joint newsletter and both journals' Twitter accounts, and more.

THE FIRST JOINT NEWSLETTER OF *THE AUK* AND *THE CONDOR* is available at <http://conta.cc/1DGy1Bf>. *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* and *The Condor: Ornithological Applications* will be continuing to release a quarterly joint newsletter containing summaries of recently-published open access articles, news and announcements, messages from the Editors, and useful links. To subscribe via email, use the link <http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1117729130041>.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OF Fellow and Elective Member of the AOU are **due 15 Apr 2015**. 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 (<http://www.aou.org/membership/special.php>). Nominators seeking to endorse a nominee must first obtain the instructions and forms for 2015, available on the AOU web site (<http://www.aou.org/about/nominations.php>) or from the Secretary, ANDREW W. JONES, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval Drive – University Circle, Cleveland, OH 44106 USA (PH: 216-231-4600 ext 3332, FX: 216-231-5919, EM: ajones@cmnh.org). 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 2015**. For ELECTIVE MEMBER nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare information to provide to current Fellows and Elective Members for electronic balloting in June 2015. 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 06 July 2015) and the names will be announced during the AOU's Business Announcements at the Meeting of Members in Norman, OK. For FELLOW nominations, the Secretary will compile and prepare packets to be sent to current Fellows in May 2015. Voting will take place at the Fellows Meeting in Norman, OK, in late July, 2015.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ERRATA: In the January 2015 OSNA Monthly News Update, the statement was made that "Studies in Avian Biology is the only outlet for longer works in ornithology in North America." This is in error. The Nuttall Ornithological Club, the oldest bird club in the U. S., has been publishing such manuscripts for over 50 years. Its most recent publication is the 473-page, highly-reviewed "Birds of New Hampshire" which is available from Audubon Society of New Hampshire and from Buteo Books. We are currently interested in receiving submissions of manuscripts for immediate review and can get titles into production briskly. My apologies to the Nuttall Ornithological Club for this oversight.

USFWS MAY ISSUE MBTA PERMITS FOR UNINTENTIONAL BIRD KILLS--The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to control incidental take of birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act via permits with conditions that require the use of measures to reduce or eliminate mortality. Ornithological research will be needed to determine the effectiveness of any particular measure! The Fish and Wildlife Service is considering establishing a permitting system that would allow the legal, unintentional killing of the more than 1,000 bird species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The concept of issuing permits for incidental take rests on the idea that the agency will now be able to require conditions designed to reduce or even eliminate the level of take; the permittees would not be prosecuted provided they complied with those conditions. To learn more, see: http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/_/community/usfws-may-issue-mbta-permits-for-unintentional-bird-kills-r196

RAPTOR WORKSHOP: Accredited Through University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point – Attend this 5-day introductory level field course designed to instruct students in a full-range of the latest field techniques used in the study of raptors. "Introduction to Raptor Field Techniques" will be held in Stevens Point, WI by Eugene Jacobs of the Linwood Springs Research Station. Summer Session: **15-19 June, 2015**. Receive first-hand experience working with: live raptors, capturing, handling, banding techniques, broadcast call surveys, tree climbing, rappelling, blood sampling and more. Cost is \$450 and space is limited, so register early. For more information visit <http://raptorservices.rezgo.com>

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

RUSTY BLACKBIRD SPRING MIGRATION BLITZ 2015 – Although huge strides have been made in understanding Rusty Blackbirds on their breeding and wintering grounds, we know surprisingly little about the migratory requirements and habits of this species. Are there hot spots where many individuals congregate during migration? Are similar migratory stopover areas used by Rusties each year? Are stopover areas protected, or might availability of these areas be limiting Rusty Blackbird survival? To address these questions, the International Rusty Blackbird Working Group, in partnership with eBird, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, have launched a Spring Migration Blitz. This Blitz challenges birders to seek out the elusive Rusty Blackbird throughout its migratory range, from the southern United States, through the Midwest and along the East Coast, and up into Canada. Sightings may be submitted to <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>, or contact your state coordinator for more information on how to get involved! For more information, see <http://rustyblackbird.org/outreach/migration-blitz/>

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 submit announcements on-line and the announcements will be posted after approval by the moderator. If there are problems with the online submission, please send your announcement to the Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: 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>. For other grant opportunities, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

WITMER STONE: THE FASCINATION OF NATURE, by Scott McConnell, 2015.. 424 pp., 17 b/w photos, 6 x 9", ISBN 978-0-692-22938-5 (Paperback, \$25). Scott McConnell has published a biography of Witmer Stone (1866–1939), ornithologist at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia for 51 years, *Auk* editor for 25 years, AOU classification committee member for 30 years (chairman for 16),

and author of Brewster Medal winner *Bird Studies at Old Cape May*. The book, *Witmer Stone: The Fascination of Nature*, is rich in ornithological history, full of insights into the lives and personalities of the prominent ornithologists from Stone's time. Stone's activities as an all-around naturalist, editor, author, and conservationist are covered, and the reader gets a strong sense of Stone's affable personality and engaging wit. Details about the book can be found at <http://witmerstone.com>.

MEETINGS

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

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*6th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM- WORKSHOP ON FRUGIVORES & SEED DISPERSAL, to be held at Alpine Heath, Northern Drakensberg, South Africa. **21-26 June 2015**. Theme: Searching for Commonality in Frugivory and Seed Dispersal: Merging Community Ecological Dynamics with Phylogeny Across Different Biomes. Late Registration Deadline: **30 May 2015** Organized and Hosted by: School of Life Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.fsd2015.ukzn.ac.za>

*THE XTH NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS (NOC) will be held in Manaus, Brazil, **20-24 July 2015** it is co-organized by the Sociedade Brasileira de Ornitologia and the Neotropical Ornithological Society. Abstract submission deadline: **30 Mar 2015**. For more information, please visit the website: <http://noc-cbo2015.com.br/>

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*2ND INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (IOCSEA2015), Rachawadee Resort & Hotel, Khon Kaen, Thailand, **20-23 July 2015**. The proposed program is a follow-up to the first IOCSEA 2012 hosted by Prince of Songkla University held in Phang Nga. The conference will focus on the theme of "Setting priorities for the future of SE Asian Ornithology". Deadline for Abstract Submission: **31 Mar 2015** For more information, visit the website: <http://www.sc.kku.ac.th/iocsea2015/index.html#>

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*39TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY, **11-15 Aug 2015**, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine. "WATERBIRDS 2015: CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES" - Bar Harbor, ME, **11-15 Aug 2015**. In addition to plenaries, oral contributed paper and poster sessions on a variety of topics and species groups, the scientific program will include symposia on "American Oystercatcher Ecology" and "Cormorant Biology and Management" among others. Meeting information including details on the venue, field trips, accommodations and special events are now posted on the Waterbird Society web site (http://www.waterbirds.org/annual_meeting-2015). The early bird deadline for registration is **17 May 2015** as is the deadline for abstract submission. Scientific Program Coordinator, ERICA NOL (EM: enol@Trentu.ca), Local Organizing Committee, JOHN ANDERSON (EM: jga@coa.edu).

*2015 WESTERN HEMISPHERE SHOREBIRD MEETING, Chincoteague Bay Field Station, Wallops Island, VA, **12-16 Sep 2015**. The scientific program will consist of 2 keynote lectures, 3 days of oral presentation sessions, an evening poster session, and to-be-determined symposia and ancillary meetings. Abstracts for oral or poster presentations: **due 1 Apr 2015**. More information is available at <http://www.WHSG2015.org> The scientific program committee at this time is chaired by SARAH KARPANTY (EM: Karpanty@vt.edu). To contact the local committee, please email (EM: whsg2015@gmail.com)

*2015 OHIO AVIAN RESEARCH CONFERENCE, Saturday, **17 Oct 2015**, Denison University in Granville, Ohio. This will be the third year for this annual conference. You can view details about last year's conference here: <http://tuckercasey.wix.com/aacri-birds#!oarc2014> This is a 'save-the-date' notification and to get you thinking about possible oral or poster presentations that you might like to share at this year's conference. A formal call for presentations will go out in August. The last two conferences were used as a model for a similar state conference that was held in Oregon in January of this year. Check out this YouTube video about that conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfy6TQxPXo0>. Contact: CASEY TUCKER [EM: tuckercasey@hotmail.com, PH: 614-403-5263 (cell)]

2ND WORLD SEABIRD CONFERENCE will be held in Capetown, South Africa at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, **26-30 Oct 2015**. The twenty groups forming the World Seabird Union will be sponsoring the conference. Conference registration will open in late 2014. Local Organizing Committee Chair: Ross Wanless. Scientific Programme Committee Chair: Peter Ryan. Please see the conference web site for further information: <http://www.worldseabirdconference.com>

*2015 Natural Areas Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, **3-5 Nov. 2015**. We'll explore many of the top issues that currently face conservation professionals, focusing on emerging changes in the conservation paradigm and the need for communication and constituency building in today's ever-changing political and social climate. We'll also delve into

cutting-edge techniques for managing open pine ecosystems, prescribed fire, and river restoration. Abstract submission deadline: **Monday, 27 Apr 2015**. For more information, the conference website is <http://naturalareasconference.org/>

RRF 2015 - Block out **4-8 Nov 2015** Raptor Research Foundation conference in Sacramento – the fiftieth anniversary of the groundbreaking 1965 Peregrine Falcon meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Sacramento, CA is easy to get to, with proximity to the diverse Central California coast, the Sierra Foothills, the Central Valley, and much more. Sessions will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, a stone's throw from the raptor-rich American River Parkway. Hosting the conference is the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO), celebrating 30 years of raptor migration monitoring in the Marin Headlands. The 2015 conference will feature a symposium on Golden Eagle conservation. Other anticipated symposia may include Strix owl conservation, rodenticide effects, raptor health and diseases, and mitigating energy impacts on birds of prey. Field trips are expected to the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory migration site in the Marin Headlands, to the Sacramento Valley National Wildlife Refuge complex, to Altamont Pass Wind Region, and to the California Raptor Center at UC Davis. For suggestions of events and to offer ideas or support, please contact: Local conference chair ALLEN FISH (EM: afish@parksconservancy.org) or RRF conference chair KATE DAVIS (EM: raptors@montana.com).

*6TH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE a joint meeting of American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, Cooper Ornithological Society, Raptor Research Foundation, Society of Canadian Ornithologists, Waterbird Society, Wilson Ornithological Society, will take place in Washington, DC - **16-21 August 2016**.

THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

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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), by **1 May 2015**. 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.