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THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS pleased to announce that the Council has elected Dr. Mary Bomberger Brown as Editor of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* beginning with Volume 125. Effective 1 July 2012, manuscripts and communication may be directed to: Mary Bomberger Brown, Editor, *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska, 3310 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, NE 68583 (EM: wjo@unl.edu).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAPTOR WORKSHOP: Accredited through University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Three 5-day workshops entitled "Introduction to Raptor Field Techniques" will be held in Stevens Point, WI by Eugene Jacobs and Loren Ayers of the Linwood Springs Research Station. Fall Sessions: **27-31 August, 17-21 September, and 8-12 October 2012**. 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>).

DALE A. ZIMMERMAN BIRD PRINTS FOR SALE! – New Mexico Ornithological Society. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of artist and NMOS Life Member Dale A. Zimmerman, you have the opportunity to acquire signed, limited edition prints of Dale's artwork depicting ten bird species representative of the diverse avifauna of New Mexico. Dale and his wife Marian have chosen ten of their favorite drawings. You can purchase these wonderful prints by sending a letter describing your order and a check to our mailing address. Individual 8 1/2" X 11" prints are available for \$25 apiece, or you can purchase a pre-packaged set of five different species for \$100. PRE-PACKAGED SET A includes: Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Painted Redstart; Gila Woodpecker; Black-throated Sparrow; and Gambel's Quail. PRE-PACKAGED SET B includes: Greater Roadrunner; Montezuma Quail; Bridled Titmouse; Pinyon Jay; and Mexican Spotted Owl. There will be no substitutions in the pre-packaged sets. Check out the page on our website (URL: <http://www.nmbirds.org/?p=3668>) to see the artwork. To place orders, please write to the following address describing what you want to order, providing a check made out to "NMOS". A 15% domestic shipping and handling charge must be included in your payment.

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THE ORIGINAL WORK OF ROGER TORY PETERSON TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION 8 Sep 2012. An unprecedented auction of hundreds of original paintings, drawings and photographs by Roger Tory Peterson (1908 - 1996) will be conducted by Guernsey's in early September at New York City's prestigious Arader Gallery on Madison Avenue. This first major offering of Mr. Peterson's original work is coming directly from the estates of Roger Tory Peterson and Virginia Marie Peterson. Painted in the now-familiar vertical format useful in the field, each of the two hundred works of art in the auction created for Field Guide pages consist of from six to sixteen detailed images of birds. Reduced down to fit the books, the far larger actual paintings are magnificent. Additionally, the auction will contain many of the artist's preliminary studies including a section devoted to Penguins, a family of birds that Mr. Peterson was most fond of. Surprising to many is the fact that Mr. Peterson also was considered "the father of wildlife photography," founding the North American Nature Photography Association which now consists of more than 2,500 professional members. Rounding out the auction will be two hundred of Roger Tory Peterson's stunning photographic prints, each being printed for the very first time, Estate stamped and numbered 1/1. Bidders will be able to participate in the event by bidding on line (URL: <http://liveauctioneers.com> will be the online host of the sale), but fans of Mr. Peterson will certainly want to consider acquiring Guernsey's handsome auction catalogue and attending the event in person. Those interested in participating are encouraged to call the auction house (PH: 212-794-2280) or visit (URL: <http://www.guernseys.com>) for more complete information.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO THE 2014 IOC, TOKYO EXTENDED TO 31 July 2012 – In August 2014 the 26th International Ornithological Congress will be held in Tokyo, Japan. We hereby repeat our invitation to submit proposals for symposia and for plenary speakers that was launched earlier this spring. The deadline for submitting proposals has now been extended to the end of July. We welcome all proposals or symposia on any aspect of ornithology, preferably submitted by convenors from different continents or at least countries. Please check the IOC website (URL: <http://www.ioc26.jp/>) for further information, or do not hesitate to contact us by email. ERIK MATTHYSEN, SPC chair (EM: erik.matthysen@ua.ac.be); KEISUKE UEDA, Congress Convener (EM: keisuke@rikkyo.ac.jp). We look forward to your contributions and hope to see you in Tokyo in 2014.

STATE OF CANADA'S BIRDS: FIRST-EVER REPORT Shows Dramatic Changes in Bird Populations – The State of Canada's Birds report draws on 40 years of data – from professionals and citizen scientists – to present an overview of how Canada's birds are faring. It summarizes the status of Canada's bird populations for eight regions, including the boreal forest, prairies, Arctic and oceans. This scientific report also identifies the most significant conservation opportunities for Canadians to ensure healthy bird populations and healthy ecosystems. The report finds that there are fewer birds now than in the seventies – on average, Canadian bird populations have declined by 12%. However, some species are doing well, while others are declining. Overall, more species are decreasing (44% of species in Canada) than increasing (33%). Some groups have severely declined, including grassland birds, migratory shorebirds and aerial insectivores (birds that catch insects in flight). These groups have all decreased by more than 40%, on average, and some individual species in these groups have decreased by more than 90%. Other species have increased as a result of successful conservation efforts. To view and download an electronic copy of the report, visit the State of Canada's Birds website (URL: <http://www.stateofcanadasbirds.org>).

THIRD WORKSHOP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RUSTY BLACKBIRD WORKING GROUP – Save the Date: **16-18 Oct 2012**. To get caught up on all of the great Rusty work since Powder Mill in 2008, welcome new members, reinvigorate the group, establish our vision, and set a new course... The third IRBWG meeting will be held 16-18 Oct 2012 at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, MA in conjunction with the Northeast Bird Conservation Conference (NBCC), which is sponsored by Northeast Partners In Flight. The IRBWG will meet independently on Tuesday, 16 Oct, concurrently with the NBCC on Wednesday, 17 Oct, and will have sessions integrated into the NBCC meeting on Thursday, 18 Oct. The NBCC meeting will continue on Friday, 19 Oct. Anyone with an abiding interest in *Euphagus carolinus* is encouraged to attend! Information on program contributions will be coming soon.

AMERICAN KESTREL PARTNERSHIP launched by The Peregrine Fund – The Peregrine Fund launched the American Kestrel Partnership (URL: <http://kestrel.peregrinefund.org>) in April to advance research and conservation of kestrel populations in the Western Hemisphere. Data from the Breeding Bird Survey, Christmas Bird Count, migration counts (see recent data summary by Raptor Population Index), and several nestbox monitoring programs indicate that American Kestrel populations are experiencing long-term, sustained declines in many regions of North America. The American Kestrel Partnership is an international research network designed to generate data, models, and conservation strategies for kestrel habitat and populations at large spatial scales by uniting the data-generating capacity of citizen scientists with the data-analysis expertise of professional scientists. Among other research goals, the Partnership is coordinating and supporting an international network of locally managed nestbox monitoring programs by providing an interactive website for partners to create their own profiles, access and share resources, and contribute, manage, and access nestbox monitoring data. We encourage researchers to create partner profiles and participate in the Partnership's network. We are seeking kestrel researchers to serve on the Partnership's Scientific Advisory Committee for developing grant proposals and research programs focused on demographics, toxicology, and genetics of the American Kestrel at a continental scale. Please contact MATT GIOVANNI (EM: mgiovanni@peregrinefund.org) for more information.

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.

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) 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>

ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM for Ornithological Research in Latin America and the Caribbean. CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Ornithological Council (OC), a consortium of twelve scientific societies of ornithologists in the Western Hemisphere, has initiated a small grants program for projects that integrate ornithological research and conservation. Research projects that improve the likelihood of success of a specific conservation project in the region from Mexico in North America, through Central America and the Caribbean to South America are eligible to compete for funding. Preference will be given to projects focusing on resident species but benefits to migratory birds will also be considered. This three-year pilot program will provide funds up to US\$7,500 per year for one or more projects. Grants will be made to members of any of the OC member societies. An applicant must be willing to join an OC member society if he or she receives an award and is not already a member. Grant application deadline: **1 August 2012** (e-mail receipt). Announcement of awards: 15 September 2012. Proposal requirements and other information can be found at <http://www.ornithologyexchange.org>. For additional information, contact DR. GWEN BREWER (EM: gibrewer@comcast.net).

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

BIRDS OF SOUTH ASIA: The Ripley Guide, 2nd ed., Pamela C. Rasmussen, John C. Anderton, 2012. Illustrated by Jonathan Alderfer, John C. Anderton, Hilary Burn, Albert Earl Gilbert, Cynthia House, Ian Lewington, Larry B. McQueen, Hans Peeters, John N. Schmitt, Thomas Schultz, Kristin Williams, Bill Zetterstrom. Published by Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C. and Michigan State University and Lynx Edicions. FREE POSTAGE UNTIL AUGUST 15TH! ISBN-13: 978-84-96553-85-9. Format: 22.1 x 15.3 cm, Paperback. Set of two volumes. Not for sale separately. The most complete and up-to-date guide to the birds of the region. Revised and updated with the newest findings on vocalizations and taxonomy, including several taxa newly recorded for the region, species whose voice was previously unknown, and additional newly recognized species. Species lists follow familiar Peters order except where changes are well-corroborated by recent research.

NATURE'S COMPASS: The Mystery of Animal Navigation, James L. Gould & Carol Grant Gould, 2012. Princeton University Press. 320 pp., 6" x 9", cloth. ISBN: 9780691140452 (\$29.95). Nature's Compass is a book for general readers that presents a complete look at the science of animal navigation. Noted biologist James Gould and popular science writer Carol Gould delve into the elegant strategies and fail-safe backup systems, the invisible sensitivities and mysterious forces, and incredible mental abilities used by familiar and rare species, as they investigate a multitude of navigation strategies, from the simple to the astonishing. The Goulds discuss how animals navigate, without instruments and training, at a level far beyond human talents. They explain how animals measure time and show how the fragile monarch butterfly employs an internal clock, calendar, compass, and map to commence and measure the two-thousand-mile annual journey to Mexico. They look at honey bees and how they rely on the sun and mental maps to locate landmarks such as nests and flowers. And they examine whether long-distance migrants, such as the homing pigeon, depend on a global positioning system to let them know where they are. Ultimately, the authors ask if the disruption of migratory paths through habitat destruction and global warming is affecting and endangering animal species.

AMERICA'S OTHER AUDUBON by Joy Kiser, 2012. Princeton Architectural Press. 11 x 13 in, 192pp, color lithographs throughout. ISBN 978-1-61689-059-9 (\$45.00, Hardcover). In 1876, amateur naturalist and artist Genevieve Jones was suffering from a broken heart after her father forbade her from marrying the man she loved. Hoping to take her mind off her troubles, she visited the Centennial World's Fair in Philadelphia and for the first time saw John James Audubon's breathtaking Birds of America paintings. The daughter of a country doctor, Genevieve had collected birds' nests and eggs since childhood and had always been frustrated that no reference book existed to help her identify them. Inspired by Audubon's example, Genevieve became determined to create her own book illustrating the nests and eggs that Audubon left out. Subscriptions were sold and Genevieve threw herself into the project, learning the art of lithography, recruiting friends to help with the hand coloring, and carefully examining specimens so she could render them precisely. The nests and eggs were drawn true to size and printed on Whatman's Hot-pressed Antiquarian paper—the same brand of imported paper that Audubon had used. After completing only five illustrations, Genevieve died suddenly of typhoid fever. Devastated by their loss, her grieving family vowed to complete the book in her memory, which they did, even as mounting production costs drained the family's savings and a nearly fatal illness robbed Mrs. Jones of her eyesight. Their passion and dedication paid off. The resulting book, published in 1886, was extraordinary, exquisitely beautiful and meticulously detailed. Naturalists and ornithologists called it "magnificent" and praised its scientific accuracy, unrivaled by any work since Audubon. Only ninety copies were published, and less than half have been located in libraries and private collections. Now, in *America's Other Audubon* (Princeton Architectural Press, May 2012), Joy Kiser brings these remarkable lithographs back into public view and finally tells the story of the Jones family and their unique contribution to American art. *America's Other Audubon* reproduces the art at full size and features the original book's field notes, new text by Joy Kiser about the Jones family and their work, and an introduction by Leslie K. Overstreet, curator of Natural-History Rare Books at the Smithsonian Institution.

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

JOURNAL COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE—I have recently retired and am looking to reduce the size of my library. I have issues of *Condor* back to the early 1900s and issues of *Auk* back to at least 1930s. I am willing to give these away, but would like the recipient to pay shipping. LARRY WOLF (EM: llwolf@syr.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

5TH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, **14-18 Aug 2012**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. NAOC web site (URL: <http://www.naoc-v2012.com>).

THE 130TH STATED MEETING OF THE AOU will be held as part of the Fifth North American Ornithological Conference (NAOC-V) at the University of British Columbia, **14-18 Aug 2012** (see above).

THE 13TH PAN-AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, Arusha, Tanzania from **14-21 October 2012**. A call for abstracts has just been published on the website (URL: <http://www.paoc-africa.org>).

INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (IOCSEA), Phuket, Thailand (**27-29 Nov 2012**). This bird conference is the first organized specifically for Southeast Asian birds. It is our hope that it will become a regular event in the region in future years. Three plenary talks will be given by renowned ornithologists from the region: Phillip D. Round, Assistant Professor, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand, "Biogeography and taxonomy of birds in Southeast Asia" (tentative title); Dr. George A. Gale, Bangkok, Thailand, "Issues to consider when surveying birds as part of a long-term monitoring program;" Dr. Christoph Zöckler, ArcCona, 30 Eachard Road, Cambridge, U.K., "The Spoon-billed Sandpiper and bird conservation in SE Asia - a review." The scientific program will comprise plenary talks, oral presentations, symposia, workshops, and poster sessions, complemented by social events, a conference banquet, a welcome evening, and post conference tours. For more information and to register and submit abstracts, please visit the website (URL: <http://www.harrison-institute.org/IOCSEA/index.html>).

6TH NORTH AMERICAN DUCK SYMPOSIUM: ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL (**27-31 Jan 2013**) – A Symposium and Joint Meeting of The North American Duck Symposium and Workshop, The North American Arctic Goose Conference, and The International Sea Duck Conference. Local Organizer/Host: Mississippi State University. Given worldwide significance of waterfowl, scientists of the above organizations are planning an international symposium (ECNAW) for all people interested in waterfowl science and conservation. The symposium will feature experts addressing the (1) state of our understanding of the ecology and conservation of North American waterfowl and (2) future needs to sustain waterfowl populations, their habitats, and hunting. Manuscripts will be published in a special volume of the on-line journal, *Avian Conservation and Ecology*. Additionally, the symposium will provide a forum for students to present their research, gain professional experience, and network with waterfowl professionals from around the world. Forthcoming details will be posted on the NADS web site (URL: <http://www.northamericanducksymposium.org>). Co-Chairs: RICHARD M. KAMINSKI, Ph.D., Professor and James C. Kennedy Endowed Chair in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation, Mississippi State University (EM: rkaminski@cfr.msstate.edu, PH: 662.325.2623) and J. BRIAN DAVIS, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Waterfowl & Wetlands Ecology, Mississippi State University (EM: bdavis@cfr.msstate.edu, PH: 662.325.4790).

*THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held **7-10 Mar 2013**, in Williamsburg, Virginia. The meeting will be hosted by and held at the College of William & Mary. On- or off-campus hotel rooms, an optional meal plan, and numerous restaurants will be available, and several birding trips are planned. The local host, DAN CRISTOL, may be reached at the Department of Biology, College of William & Mary, PO Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. (PH/FX: 757-221-2405/6483, EM: dacris@wm.edu).

*37TH 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 centre 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 September, the closing banquet on 28 September. The three day scientific program will consist of plenaries, symposia, contributed papers and poster sessions. Saturday 28 September will be a joint scientific day with the International Wader Study Group (IWSG) annual conference (27 to 30 September). 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 September 2013!

NEWS OF MEMBERS

CURTIS ADKISSON (AOU member since 1964 and elective member since 1982, AFO member since 1998) died 17 Oct 2011 from complications resulting from ALS. Contributions may be made to the Archbold Biological Station where Curt loved to spend time pursuing his ornithology interests and studying the reforestation efforts of scrub jays, online (URL: <http://www.archbold-station.org>), or by writing the Station at 123 Main Drive, Venus, Florida 33960 (PH: 863-465-2571).

JOHN ROTENBERRY has retired from the University of California but maintain emeritus status on the faculty at UC-Riverside. He is now in the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota working on strategic planning for the UMN field stations. His updated contact information is: College of Biological Sciences, University of Minnesota, 1475 Gortner Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55108 and PH: 612-625-5005. His email address remains the same (EM: john.rotenberry@ucr.edu).

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in October. 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), **by 1 September 2012**. Submission by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file) or on diskette (PC format: WordPerfect 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.