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THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY is pleased to announce that Council has elected DR. MARY BOMBERGER BROWN as Editor of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* for Volume 131 (2019). 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; e-mail wjo@unl.edu Manuscripts should continue to be submitted through Peer Track at: www.editorialmanager.com/wilsonjo

OSNA RENEWALS FOR 2019: The OSNA Member Portal will open for 2019 renewals in early October 2018. You will receive an email with instructions for renewing your memberships and updating your member profile. If you have elected to have your memberships renewed automatically, you will receive a message before the renewal occurs and a message after the renewal is complete. Thank you for your continued support of the ornithological societies. If you have questions about your membership, contact SCOTT GILLIHAN at OSNAmembers@gmail.com

BIRDNET: NEW WEBSITE-- BirdNet, the website of the Ornithological Council - has been providing information to ornithologists for the past 20 years with the generous hosting of the National Museum of Natural History. It's finally time to leave that nest and strike out on our own, so you can now find us at: <https://birdnet.org/> We have transferred all the content but we are still working on updating some content. The new site already features: -Updates for all 50 state permitting pages, -The new literature review on the impacts of small unmanned aircraft on birds. Of course, you will also find: -Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research, -The Model Wildlife Protocol. And much more, including the OC newsBRIEF, outlining all the work that OC does by and for ornithologists! For all the latest news about public policy that ornithologists need to know, visit the Ornithological Council forum on OrnithologyExchange.org BIRDNET is provided by the Ornithological Council, a consortium supported by 11 ornithological societies. Join or renew your membership in your ornithological society if you value the services these societies provide to you, including Ornithology Exchange and the Ornithological Council!

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRD FEARED EXTINCT REDISCOVERED IN THE BAHAMAS – One of the rarest birds in the Western Hemisphere, the Bahama Nuthatch, has been rediscovered by research teams searching the island of Grand Bahama. The finding is particularly significant because the species had been feared extinct following the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and had not been found in subsequent searches. It is unclear how many nuthatches may be left. Observations of two birds together and other single birds (including a juvenile) scattered across miles of forest indicate that five or more birds could survive. The Bahama Nuthatch is an Endangered species, only known from native pine forest on Grand Bahama Island, which lies approximately 100 miles off Palm Beach, Florida. (Excerpted from <https://abcbirds.org/article/bird-feared-extinct-rediscovered-in-the-bahamas/>)

PROJECT DRAGONFLY EARTH EXPEDITIONS – Miami University's Project Dragonfly is accepting applications for 2019 Earth Expeditions graduate courses that offer extraordinary experiences in 16 countries throughout the world. http://EarthExpeditions.MiamiOH.edu/18-19_news Earth Expeditions can build toward the Global Field Program (GFP), a master's degree that combines summer field courses worldwide with web learning communities so that students can complete the GFP master's part-time from anywhere in the United States or abroad. http://GFP.MiamiOH.edu/18-19_news Project Dragonfly also offers the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) master's degree that combines web instruction from Miami University with experiential learning and field study through several AIP Master Institutions in the U.S. Applications for Miami's 2019 cohorts are being accepted now with place-based experiences provided at zoos in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, New York, San Diego, Seattle, and St. Louis. http://AIP.MiamiOH.edu/18-19_news Graduate tuition for all programs is greatly reduced because of support from Miami University.

FIVE YOUNG WHOOPING CRANES IN LOUISIANA – Five new Whooping Cranes hatched and fledged in late April and early May this summer in southwestern Louisiana marked a significant milestone in the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project. The five colts are the most to hatch in any one year since the project started in 2011. Previously, three Whooping Cranes hatched and one fledged in 2016, and three hatched and one successfully fledged in 2017, thus making 2018 with its five fledglings a real winning year for the project. Louisiana's Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project began when 10 Whooping Cranes from Patuxent Wildlife Research Center were released at the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. The original idea was to establish and nurture a non-migratory flock. Every year since 2011, more Whooping Cranes have been added to the initial flock, and the current Louisiana population is now up to 66 (61 adults plus the five 2018 fledglings). All five youngsters were hatched in nests on private lands in southwest Louisiana, significantly located amid commercially-oriented crawfish ponds. According to Sara Zimorski, with the restoration project, the cooperation of private landowners and farmers has been vital to the success of the effort. For more information and crane-family videos go to <https://ldwf.cantoflight.com/v/WhoopingCraneChicks/landing> (Birding Community E-bulletin - September 2018, <https://www.refugeassociation.org/news/birding-bulletin/>)

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

HOW TO MAKE FIELDWORK SAFER - REQUEST FOR INFO – How can we make fieldwork less dangerous? We are analyzing Richard Conniff's Memorial of Fallen Naturalists (<https://strangebehaviors.wordpress.com/2011/01/14/the-wall-of-the-dead/>) to better understand

the circumstances and causes of scientist mortality during fieldwork. If you know of someone who is missing from this list, please add their information to our database. Your contribution will help establish new safety standards for fieldwork and memorialize the contributions of those who gave their lives to further our understanding of the natural world. Please contribute your information at <https://goo.gl/forms/2TEJQCPh2KhlFFG13>, where you can read more about the study. Also, please forward this call for information widely. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. This is an IRB-exempt study registered with the University of Michigan Institutional Review Board. Many thanks in advance, TALIA YUKI MOORE, University of Michigan (EM: taliaym@umich.edu and MARTIN STERVANDER, University of Oregon (EM: mste@uoregon.edu)

ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL SEEKING PAPERS THAT ASSESS IMPACT OF STUDY TECHNIQUES – The Ornithological Council publishes the peer-reviewed *Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research*. It was most recently updated in 2010 and it has been our intent to supplement it with literature published after that date, ultimately developing a database that incorporates all literature cited and all supplemental literature (volunteers welcome!). The Guidelines are recognized by federal agencies and private organizations as a resource reference. It is extremely important that we provide them - and your Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (Animal Care and Use Committees in Canada) - the most up-to-date information available. Help us to keep it current by making sure we know about your methods papers! Send info to: ellen.paul@verizon.net If you have published methods papers since 2010 that assess the impact of study techniques on the birds you are studying, please bring them to our attention. The OC simply doesn't have the resources to search for these studies on an ongoing basis (volunteers welcome!). Additionally, if yours is not a methods paper per se but assessed the impact of the study methods, please bring that to our attention, too. Help us to help you!

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The OSNA Ornithological Jobs page is currently unavailable. To POST or FIND ornithological jobs, please go to the Ornithology Exchange, <http://ornithologyexchange.org/jobs>

THE BIRDJOBS-L E-LIST will continue to be an option for receiving notices about ornithological jobs. Subscribers to this list will receive the same announcements that appear on Ornithology Exchange, 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. If you need help, contact ctrine@andrews.edu.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

PUBLICATIONS

OKLAHOMA WINTER BIRD ATLAS, Dan L. Reinking, 2017. University of Oklahoma Press. 552 pp., 255 color photos, 360 maps, 240 graphs, 11 figures, 256 tables. Paperback 978-0-8061-5897-6 (\$39.95). Hardcover 978-0-8061-5898-3 (\$65). Beautifully illustrated with color photographs, maps, graphs, and tables, the *Oklahoma Winter Bird Atlas* offers ornithologists and amateur birders alike a wealth of easy-to-read information about the status of bird species in Oklahoma. A companion to the *Oklahoma Breeding Bird Atlas*, this landmark volume by biologist Dan L. Reinking provides a detailed portrait of more than 250 Oklahoma winter bird species, from the common Red-tailed Hawk, Dark-eyed Junco, and Northern Flicker to the rarely seen Blue-headed Vireo, Cassin's Finch, and Verdin. The atlas—one of the first of its kind for winter birds—uses a combination of species accounts, and illustrations

to provide a systematic inventory of winter bird distribution across Oklahoma's counties. Each species account includes a photograph of the featured bird, along with a brief description outlining the times of year it appears in the state, its habitat, its distribution across the state's counties, and its behavior. Maps indicate surveyed locations in which the species was spotted, while charts and tables further describe the bird's abundance.

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

BANDING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE -- UNUSED - 2 nylon nets, stock number 4 N 70/2 black, 1.5-inch mesh, 60-ft x 7-ft Made in Japan (Bleitz Wildlife Foundation, bought through Avinet, Inc), (comparable new is \$150-plus each) \$300.00. UNUSED - Accu-weigh 500 gram (1 pound-plus) tubular scale (bought through Avinet, Inc), \$50.00. UNUSED - 300-plus+ plastic colored leg bands, size 0 [vireo, warbler], mostly red solid or striped with red, some without; some still on original metal posts at 10/post, others in film cannisters (bought through Hughes, and I think Avinet), at 10-cents apiece when new - \$30.00. USED ONCE - 1 terelene, stock number 28-T green 50d/2ply, 1.5-inch mesh, 42-ft x 3-ft Made in Japan (Bleitz Wildlife Foundation, bought through Avinet, Inc), \$50.00. Used a few times - Pesola 50-gram scale (bought through Avinet, Inc), \$35.00. Used - banding pliers (sizes 0-3), \$20.00. So, \$500.00 (or good reasonable offer) + \$15.00 shipping (ship via USPS) for all items; also willing to sell items separately (located in western Montana, if individual wants to avoid shipping costs). Contact JIM GREAVES, (EM: lvbiman AT blackfoot.net), PO 1867, 108 Woodland Street, Thompson Falls MT 59873-1867.

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

*2018 ANNUAL MEETING INLAND BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION (IBBA) at St Louis, Missouri, **26-28 Oct 2018**. Sponsored by: World Bird Sanctuary, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Powder Valley Nature Conservation Center, Audubon Center at Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The meeting will be at MDC's Powder Valley Nature Conservation Nature Center, with the Saturday evening Social at the Audubon Center at the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. On Sunday, we will be at the World Bird Sanctuary for a tour and program. The conference will include the annual IBBA Member Meeting. For the 2018 Board Ballot please go to the web site listed below. If you have any questions, please contact LINDA TOSSING (EM: ltossing@aol.com) or SAMANTHA MATCHEFTS (EM: Samantha.matchefts@umsl.edu). For more information and meeting registration: ibbainfo.org

*RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2018 CONFERENCE, **12-16 Nov 2018**, Planned for the Nombulo Mdluli Conference Centre at the Skukuza rest camp in Kruger National Park, South Africa. The conference will be co-hosted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and BirdLife South Africa. For information on the conference and to register, go to: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/293968/>

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be jointly held with the Association of Field Ornithologists in Cape May, New Jersey **from 27-30 Oct 2019**. The meeting venue will be the oceanfront Grand Hotel (<http://www.grandcapemay.com/>), where reasonably priced accommodations will be available for participants. Fall migration is a spectacle in Cape May where migrating raptors, waterbirds and songbirds can all be viewed on the NJ coast. Our local hosts will be the Director, David LaPuma, and staff members of the Cape May Bird Observatory of New Jersey Audubon. Save that date and plan on a fantastic fall meeting in 2019. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact WOS President MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (EM: deutschlander@hws.edu) or AFO President DAN ARDIA (EM: dardia@fandm.edu).

RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2019 CONFERENCE on **5-10 Nov 2019** is planned for the Hilton Fort Collins in Fort Collins, Colorado. Additional information on the conference will be posted on the RRF website this fall.

IN MEMORIAM

KATHLEEN S. (BETTY) ANDERSON, a member of AOU since 1954 (Elective Member–1974, Fellow–2005), AFO since 1983, WOS since 1961, passed away 24 August 2018 at St. Elizabeth's in Boston at the age of 95. She founded Manomet Bird Observatory in 1969, and served as its Director through 1983. Among her many awards, in 1995, Anderson received the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Arthur A. Allen Award for her outstanding contributions to ornithology. She was the first person without a Ph.D. to earn this prestigious prize. She also published more than 60 papers in the fields of distribution, migration, conservation, populations, banding, and more in ornithological journals and lay publications.

JAMES (JIM) W. WILEY, a member of AOU since 1970 (Elective Member--1982, Fellow-- 2010), AFO since 1983, COS since 1970, WS since 1978 and WOS since 1975, passed away on 19 September 2018. In 2010, the Journal of Caribbean Ornithology dedicated a volume to Jim. In the dedication, Herb Raffaele, Joe Wunderle, and Noel Snyder wrote, "Were his only contribution the monumental bibliography on West Indian birds that he published in 2000 [ed. note: A Bibliography of Ornithology in the West Indies, 2000. *Proceedings of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology*, vol. 7], Jim Wiley would rank among the most important ornithologists to have ever focused their attention on birds of this region." Among the many species for which he made significant contributions were several endangered species, among them the Yellow-shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius xanthomus*), Hispaniolan Parrot (*Amazona ventralis*), Puerto Rican Parrot (*Amazona vittata*), and California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*). He was a founding member of the Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (now known as BirdsCaribbean) and served as the first editor of its newsletter, *El Pitirre*, for nine years (now the *Journal of Caribbean Ornithology*). He also served for many years as editor of publications for the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in California. In 2014, the Association of Field Ornithologists honored Jim with the Alexander F. Skutch Medal for his significant contributions to the scientific literature that have aided in the conservation of a wide range of imperiled species in the Latin American-Caribbean region. His published over a hundred substantial scientific publications, mostly on West Indian birds. One of his lasting legacies are the many students, particularly from the Caribbean region, that he mentored both formally and informally.

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To alert your colleagues of new address information, contact the *Ornithological Newsletter* Editor, CHERYL L. TRINE (EM: ctrine AT andrews.edu)

THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS of the Society journals and the month of mailing are: *Auk*, 2018, Vol. 135, #3 (Jul); *Condor*, 2018, Vol. 120, #3 (Aug), *J. Field Ornith.*, 2018, Vol. 89, #23 (Jun), *Raptor Res.*, 2018, Vol. 52, #3 (Sep), *Wilson J. Ornith.*, 2018, Vol. 130, #2 (Jun). Numbers follow at about 3-month intervals. If you are missing an issue, please contact OSNA. New members receive the first issue of the volume year. Please check your address label to confirm membership information and address.

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), **by 15 November 2018**. 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.

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