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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION IN 2014 – Are you a student interested in joining the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU)? The AOU provides one-year student membership awards to qualified undergraduate or graduate students interested in pursuing a career in ornithology. There are many benefits to becoming a member of the AOU: (1) You will receive electronic access to *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, the world's leading journal of ornithology. (2) You will have access to the online membership directory *The Flock*, providing contact information for all members of the Ornithological Societies of North America. (3) You will be eligible to apply for travel awards to attend annual meetings, including the upcoming joint AOU meeting in Estes Park, Colorado in September of 2014. (4) You will be eligible to apply for research grants to support high quality research (only members can apply). (5) You will become part of a forward-looking organization that promotes participation of professionals and amateurs in the mission of understanding and conserving birds. To qualify, students must: **Have no current or prior membership in the AOU, **Provide a resume or curriculum vitae describing the current degree program, the expected date of completion and the candidate's academic and/or work experience, and interests in ornithology (submit by email, details below), and **Provide a brief letter of sponsorship from an academic advisor from the institution in which the student is currently enrolled (submit by email, details below). Awards are not renewable, but recipients can continue to be AOU members at the reduced student rate, as long as they retain student or post-doctoral status. To apply, please read the full application details through the "Membership" link on the AOU website (URL: <http://www.aou.org/>) and forward your materials electronically the Student Membership Awards organizer, DANIEL MENNILL (EM: dmennill AT uwindsor.ca). Applications are due **before 1 Jan 2014**.

2014 AOU STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS - Information on the 2014 AOU Student Research Awards can be found at <http://www.aou.org/awards/research/>. The deadline for submission is **31 Jan 2014**. Questions should be directed to the Chair of the AOU Student Research Awards Committee, BRIAN PEER (EM: BD-Peer@wiu.edu).

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NEW PUBLISHER FOR *STUDIES IN AVIAN BIOLOGY* - The Cooper Ornithological Society is pleased to announce that CRC Press of the Taylor & Francis Group will be the new publisher for *Studies in Avian Biology*. The society and publisher have signed a 5-year agreement for publication of the series, and have made new arrangements for project development. For 35 years, *Studies in Avian Biology* has been one of the best outlets for longer works in ornithology, including edited volumes and monographs. Five exciting new projects currently in development include studies of the ecology and conservation status of sea ducks, Lesser Prairie-Chickens, and Golden-winged Warblers; the effects of climate change on the phenology of avian migration; and the stopover ecology of migratory songbirds. *Studies in Avian Biology* provides opportunities for synthetic research, and recent volumes have been organized around current topics in ornithology (avian disease, urban birds, videos of nests), critical habitats (boreal birds), and species of conservation concern (grouse, forest owls). Editorial teams with plans for new books are welcome to contact the Series Editor to discuss project ideas at any time. Projects start with a book proposal describing the topic, editorial experience of volume editors, an outline of chapters and expected contributors, and a timeline for peer review. Proposals are then reviewed by the Editorial Board, which includes Steve Beissinger, Bonnie Bowen, Jen Owen, Michael Patten, Amanda Rodewald, and Morgan Tingley. The target length for completed manuscripts is 100,000-200,000 words (or 500-1000 manuscript pages). To see our recent publications, the last eight volumes of *Studies in Avian Biology* (vol. 38-45) have now been archived at JSTOR, and are available for sale from Buteo Books or UC Press. For further information, please contact the Series Editor, BRETT K. SANDERCOCK, Division of Biology, Kansas State University (EM: bsanderc@ksu.edu, URL: <http://www.ksu.edu/bsanderc>).

THE AUK: ORNITHOLOGICAL ADVANCES REQUESTS MANUSCRIPTS – With the transition of leadership and management, our society's journal is now ready for its next steps to become a primarily online journal that benefits from its long tradition of excellence in publishing leading articles about the biology of birds. *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* is therefore awaiting your manuscripts, as leaders in our field and supporters of the society. We are looking for both original research articles to contribute a new understanding of fundamental aspects of ornithological science, and perspective/opinion pieces to reshape our thinking about what we thought we knew. With an editorial board of 2 editors and 30+ associate editors, and 2 new managing editors, we promise detailed peer-review, speedy handling, and high quality online output for your articles. Thank you for your support of AOU and our journal: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/auk>

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ATTENDANCE OF 2014 INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS Applications for support are invited from ornithologists world-wide. Funds have been committed by the American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society (and hopefully will be forthcoming from the National Science Foundation) of the USA, to help participants attend the 2014 IOC in Tokyo, Japan (IOC Website: <http://ioc26.jp/>). The amount available to awardees may vary, although the Committee hopes to provide from \$500 - \$1,000 per individual. Awards will reimburse selected individuals for legitimate expenses (e.g., air fare, lodging at the congress, and registration fees: original receipts required). We encourage participants to seek assistance from additional sources (e.g., home institution, government grants, etc.). Eligibility: Applicants must be registered participants in the congress. The committee will use a number of factors to determine awards. For example, academic rank, past participation in IOCs and other scientific congresses, the nature of the applicant's

participation at the 2014 IOC, and country of current employment. Apply at (URL: <http://www.emailform.com/builder/form/2LISf88Mgzk5W5sG>): Online application will require: (1) personal data; (2) abstract of presentation with information as to the nature of the applicant's participation; (3) current CV, including publication list, current position; (4) one paragraph statement describing how applicant is furthering development of ornithology; (5) statement detailing the degree of need for funding and budget information; (6) ornithological and other scientific society membership; (7) a letter of support (from a director or colleague); and (8) optional information on racial or ethnic identity. Travel awards will be given to some awardees at the Congress. However, some US citizens may need to submit receipts following the congress with award checks to be mailed subsequently. Awardees must agree to participate in follow-up surveys and/or contribute a letter of support for future grant proposals, discussing the benefits of their participation in the IOC. Applications must be submitted by **1 Jan 2014**, and will be evaluated by an international committee of ornithologists with announcement of awards by 1 February 2014. Only online submissions will be considered (link above). If you have questions, contact the Committee Chair, STEPHAN J. SCHOECH (EM: sschoech@memphis.edu)

RED KNOT PROPOSED AS FEDERALLY THREATENED SPECIES--
A little over a month ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to list the Red Knot - "rufa" subspecies - as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The adoption of Threatened status would provide additional protection measures for the species along with increased funding dedicated to the recovery of Red Knot populations. This important step marks at least a decade-long effort of warning and focused advocacy on behalf of the Red Knot. Since 2005, there have been four formal requests to list the Red Knot under the Endangered Species Act. Citing a lack of resources and other priorities, the USFWS opted not to list the species but, instead, placed it in the functional limbo of "candidate species" in 2006. The USFWS noted that a primary factor in the recent decline of Red Knots has been reduced food supply in Delaware Bay resulting from an over harvesting of horseshoe crabs. The ability of Red Knots and other shorebirds to refuel and fatten up on horseshoe crab eggs during migratory stopovers during their journey from South America to their Arctic breeding grounds is critical to their survival. The knot's population decline has been most dramatic since 2000. Scientists speculate that the species' breeding grounds in the Arctic have warmed, feeding areas on Delaware Bay, Cape Cod, and elsewhere have been impacted by rising sea levels and ocean acidification, and increasing temperatures have interfered with their lifecycles. For example, horseshoe crabs in Delaware Bay may be laying their eggs earlier than usual, thus leaving the migratory shorebirds with a shortfall when they reach this critical stopover site. Although Threatened status is different from Endangered status, such a move could require states to adopt better regulatory mechanisms to limit horseshoe crab harvest, or the Service could additionally designate critical protected habitat for the shorebird, such as sand dunes for roosting or habitat areas which support prey. The USFWS is currently accepting comments regarding the proposed Threatened listing until 29 November. You can find more information here: <http://tinyurl.com/FedRegisKnot>

SOCORRO DOVE (*Zenaida graysoni*) ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO RETURNING TO THE WILD after 40 Years of Extirpation in the Wild – On 5 September 2013, a ceremony took place on the premises of the Africam Safari zoo at Valsequillo (Puebla/Mexico) to celebrate the return of the Socorro Dove to Mexico. The Socorro Dove Project represents the dedication of many institutions working for a common goal. More than 20 institutions participate in conservation breeding efforts. The Socorro Dove is endemic to Socorro Island in the Revillagigedo Archipelago. The last record of the species in its natural habitat dates from 1972. Introduced mammals drove it to extinction through predation and habitat destruction. Dr. Luis Baptista, founder of the Island Endemics Foundation, initiated the Socorro Dove Project in 1987-1988 after corroborating that a viable population existed in human care. By 2004, a breeding station funded by the Island Endemics Foundation and the Mexican Navy was built on Socorro Island. In 2005, avian influenza outbreaks in Europe prevented a direct return of the doves to Mexico. In order to move closer to the goal of returning doves to its home country, Socorro Doves bred by participating zoos were sent to the Albuquerque Biological Park in 2008. In April 2013, after careful

planning, the ex situ conservation breeding program was successfully extended to Mexico. All participants in the Socorro Dove Project are thrilled with the return of the species to Mexico and share with the conservation and ornithological communities their happiness and enthusiasm to achieve the reintroduction of the Socorro Dove to its ancestral island in the near future. On the occasion of the celebration, Frank Carlos Camacho (Africam Safari) declared. "This is a great opportunity to revert what seemed to be the imminent process of extinction of a Mexican species. It is thrilling to witness the collaboration of so many institutions and people of so many countries making the recovery of the Socorro Dove possible."

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

SEEKING FROZEN BLACKBIRD SPECIMENS, especially male and female representatives of all extant members of the *Quiscalus* genus (grackles). Roadkill or window kills are fine for my purposes. I am conducting some experiments on UV reflectance in plumage and tissue. I am seeking males & females of the following species: *Quiscalus quiscula* (Common Grackle, Quiscale bronzé), *Quiscalus major* (Boat-tailed Grackle, Quiscale des marais), *Quiscalus mexicanus* (Great-tailed Grackle, Quiscale à longue queue), *Quiscalus nicaraguaensis* (Nicaraguan Grackle, Quiscale du Nicaragua), *Quiscalus niger* (Greater Antillean Grackle, Quiscale noir), *Quiscalus lugubris* (Carib Grackle, Quiscale merle). Please contact CASEY TUCKER, Master's Student, Miami University, Dept. of Zoology, Project Dragonfly, PO Box 241, 670 N. Jefferson, Utica, OH 43080 [EM: tuckercasey@hotmail.com or tuckercj@miamioh.edu, PH: 614-403-5263 (cell)].

TEXAS WHOOPING CRANE SIGHTINGS – This is the time of year when Endangered Whooping Cranes start appearing at their wintering area at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Coast. On occasion, stray Whooping Cranes have also spent the winter elsewhere in Texas or even in Oklahoma. This wintering behavior of Whooping Cranes has changed somewhat over the past couple of years. In fact, in April of last year, at least 16 cranes from the regular Aransas-Wood Buffalo National Park population spent at least part of the winter outside their typical coastal areas. The Texas scene even has an additional twist: some of the Whooping Cranes from an experimental flock in Louisiana spent most of the summer months in Texas. To track this potential trend, Texas Whooper Watch has been launched. This volunteer monitoring program is a part of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Nature Trackers program. The program was developed to help the agency learn more about Whooping Cranes and their winter habits in Texas. The program seeks the help of citizen scientists in identifying Whooping Crane migration stopover sites and non-traditional wintering areas. Observers can help by reporting sightings of the cranes and by preventing their disturbance when they remain overnight at roosting and feeding locations. You can review the materials and participate in activities through this site (URL: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/whoopingcranes/>) and Whooping Crane sightings may be reported here (URL: <http://www.whoopingcrane.com/report-a-sighting/>).

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>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

THE CROSSLEY ID GUIDE: Britain and Ireland, Richard Crossley & Dominic Couzens, 2013. Princeton University Press. 304 pp., 6 x 9, 300+ color plates. 250 maps. ISBN: 9780691151946 (Paper flexbound, \$27.95 / £16.95). Aimed at beginner and intermediate birders, yet suitable for all levels, this new volume in the groundbreaking Crossley ID Guide series is a user-friendly guide to the birds of Britain and Ireland, and shows readers how to identify birds in their natural habitats using size, structure, shape, probability, and behavior. This volume treats more than 300 species—all the regularly occurring birds likely to be encountered by observers. Beautiful, in-focus scenes present birds in various plumages and in lifelike poses set in identifiable British and Irish habitats. The plates also illustrate how a bird's appearance changes with distance. This book also sets itself apart by containing more images that demonstrate flight, behavior, habitat, and plumages than any other volume available. Available from Princeton University Press (URL: <http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10102.html>).

PENGUINS IN THE WILD, David Tipling, 2013. The MIT Press, Cambridge, MA. 160 pp., 139 color photographs, 10.8 x 9.5 in, ISBN: 9780262019606 (cloth, \$29.95). This book features 139 striking photographs of these unique birds taken in the wild. In the accompanying text, Tipling profiles all of the world's seventeen penguin species, and chapters cover every aspect of their lives and behavior, including migration, defending against predators, and life in extreme climates. Photographer David Tipling has worked as a freelance wildlife photographer since 1992. His work has been featured in countless magazines and newspapers, and he has been the author or photographer for more than forty books on birds and wildlife photography.

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

FOR SALE: USED QUESTAR BIRDER SPOTTING SCOPE AND TRIPOD – Questar and tripod adapted for ease of use for birdwatching. Three powers of 8.5x, 40X and 65X with the included 32mm and 24 mm eyepieces. Soft plastic caps for eyepiece and finder and metal screw front lens cap. Weight of less than 4 lbs. Waterproof Travel Case. Basic camera coupling set. Due to use in the tropics, the scope needs to be returned to Questar, which can return it to pristine condition and provide a 10-year warranty on repairs for approximately \$1,000. Asking price for scope, and carry case is \$1,200 plus shipping as is or \$2,250 good as new with a 10-year warranty plus shipping. Used Linhof Porfi-Port Tripod and Pan/Tilt Head with special adaption to improve ease of focusing of a mounted Questar Spotting Scope. \$500 plus shipping. Contact Daphne (EM: daphnedgemill@verizon.net).

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

*2014 PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP'S 41ST MEETING, Juneau, AK, **19-22 Feb 2014**. Early Registration Is Open! We are pleased to announce the 2014 Pacific Seabird Group's 41st meeting in Juneau, AK. This year, PSG will be using an on-line system for everything related to the annual meeting. On both the PSG website, and within our registration website, please find directions to register for the conference, and to purchase field trips, banquet tickets, and merchandise. Early registration rates available until **16 Dec 2013**. After that date, increased registration rates apply. For registration please go to this link: <http://www.regonline.com/psg2014>

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/afw-wos-meeting/>

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY: the ISBE 2014 conference takes place **31 Jul - 5 Aug 2014**, in New York City. Morning chorus (Early Bird!) registration is now open! <http://www.isbe2014.com/registration.html> Register for the conference now, by **30 Nov 2013**, for a discounted, morning chorus rate of \$495 for most participants, including post-docs; the reduced early bird rate is \$245 for any current students and for students and other researchers based in developing-world countries. There will be limited availability for dormitory housing at New York University, ranging from \$50 doubles or \$80 singles / night (subject to change). Early registration will guarantee your priority access to be able to book the dorm rooms. (URL: <http://isbe2014.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d426aeab856206490af447bab&id=6a8d0eca09&e=c9fff815f1>NYU>). We will also recommend nearby hotels on the website. The Conference Registration Fee includes a 7-day unlimited local bus & metro travel pass in NYC, all scientific session attendances, welcome reception, morning and afternoon snacks, and poster session receptions. Lunch meal-plans and conference banquet costs are extra, and will be advertised soon. In addition to all scientific events associated with the conference, there will be a "free day" on Sunday, 3 Aug, 2014, with a variety of sporting and entertainment excursions options soon to be available for you to consider. As more details become available we will be in contact with you. In the meantime, please feel free to ask any questions by emailing us (EM: contact@isbe2014.com)

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 AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION and 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, CO.

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.

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

KEVIN G. MCCracken NAMED INAUGURAL KUSHLAN CHAIR in Waterbird Biology and Conservation at University of Miami. He will serve a dual appointment as associate professor in the Department of Biology at the College of Arts and Sciences and in the Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. "The Kushlan Chair position provides a great opportunity for the Rosenstiel School to develop research and education programs in Waterbird Biology, an expertise the school lacked and is yet a very important aspect of the marine ecosystem," said Dean Roni Avissar of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. McCracken's research interests lie at the intersection of population biology, genomics, and physiological genetics. He has also performed many other studies focusing on waterbirds as intercontinental carriers for pathogens like influenza and on the systematics of waterbirds including ducks and herons. The Kushlan Chair in Waterbird Biology and Conservation was established in 2012 through a generous endowment from three-time University of Miami alumnus Dr. James A. Kushlan.

RUSSELL GREENBERG, AOU member since 1982, elective member since 1985, and fellow since 1991, died 24 Oct 2013, at Montgomery Hospice's Casey House in Rockville, MD, at the age of 60. Greenberg was named director of the Migratory Bird Center in 1991, the year that it opened, and he served in that position until his death. He was an early leader in the field of addressing Neotropical bird declines, was instrumental in launching International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), authored over 110 papers and chapters on migratory birds, and was a champion of the much-neglected Rusty Blackbird. He is widely credited for initiating a movement for shade-grown, bird-friendly coffee plantations around the world, for which he received the Elliott Coues Award from the American Ornithologists Union earlier this year.

THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in February. 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 January 2014. 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.