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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS- The Waterbird Society is pleased to announce its 35th and 2011 meeting, to be held in Annapolis, Maryland, **9-12 Nov 2011**. Simultaneous paper sessions will be held Thursday, 9 November; Friday, 10 November; and Saturday, 11 November. The poster session will be held on Friday evening, 10 November. Deadline for submitting proposals for symposia: **1 Jul 2011**. Proposals should include 1-2 paragraph summary including rationale, and list of proposed speakers and presentation titles, and should be sent to Scientific Program Chair, Katherine Parsons (EM: katherineparsons@gmail.com). Potential topics include but are not limited to: 1) conservation science of beach-nesting shorebirds, 2) first-year update of impacts of Deepwater Horizon oil spill on waterbirds, 3) assessing abundance and demographics of secretive marshbirds, 4) coordinated monitoring of colonial-nesting waterbirds, 5) restoration of wetland habitats in Chesapeake Bay, 6) transboundary management and conservation issues of seabirds, 7) new developments in tracking technology. Deadline for submitting abstracts for paper sessions and posters is **1 Sep 2011**. Detailed information about travel, accommodations, field trips, and other information along with the abstract submission and registration system is available on the Waterbird Society website (URL: <http://www.waterbirds.org/>).

AOU SILENT AUCTION – After its fantastic success in 2010, the AOU Student Affairs Committee Silent Auction is back for its 4th year! In this conference-long event, items donated by various companies and AOU members are bid on by conference attendees - and to the highest bidder go the spoils! From jewelry to fine art to books and monographs, we've got it all. The generosity of our donors and bidders help fund events hosted by the AOU Student Affairs Committee at future conferences. To do this WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS! Suggested donations include, but are not limited to: books and field guides (new and used, vintage, hard-to-get, out of print, or autographed books are especially welcome), binoculars or other optics, tripods, field supplies, education materials, services (e.g. statistics consulting or bird identifications), trips, jewelry, art, decorations, and software. This is the perfect opportunity to support ornithology students and recycle those used, but still valuable items laying around your lab or office! If you have suitable items to donate, or have any questions, please contact STEPHANIE WRIGHT (EM: wright.1295@osu.edu). We can make arrangements to give receipts for donated items, for donors who may wish to take a tax deduction.

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AOU ELECTIVE MEMBERS AND FELLOWS should receive ballots for Elective Member nominees in early May. Fellows or EMs who do not receive a ballot by 20 May should request one from SCOTT GILLIHAN (EM: aouExecutiveOfficer@aou.org; PH: 505-326-1579). Ballots must be returned by mail to the Secretariat by three weeks before the Stated Meeting (i.e., by 5 Jul 2011). FELLOWS will be sent a separate mailing in May that includes information related to their upcoming meeting (26 Jul 2011 in Jacksonville), during which they elect new Fellows, vote on changes to the bylaws, and conduct other business. Contact Secretary Sara Morris (EM: aousecretary@aou.org) for more information.

AOU OFFICERS AND ELECTIVE COUNCILORS WILL BE ELECTED by electronic and postal ballots this year. In late May, all members will be contacted explaining the election process (most members will only be contacted through email). Biographies of all officer and elective councilor nominees will be available on the AOU website (URL: <http://www.aou.org>). Any member preferring a paper ballot, should contact SCOTT GILLIHAN (EM: aouExecutiveOfficer@aou.org; PH: 505-326-1579) after 1 June. Balloting will end 5 Jul 2011.

VACANCY: EDITOR POSITION, "WATERBIRDS" – *Waterbirds*, the International Journal of the Waterbird Society, is seeking a new Editor to take over tenure from the current incumbent, Bob Elner, in 2013. The term of the initial appointment is three years and includes an annual honorarium. The new Editor will be selected by May 2012 and will begin receiving manuscripts in October 2012. There will be a transition period for the last three months of 2012 where both editors will work together. Funds are available to employ a part-time assistant and to pay expenses involved with dealing with papers. *Waterbirds* publishes four issues per year containing approximately 80 papers from some 120 submissions plus special publications, such as proceedings of symposia. The Editor of *Waterbirds* is responsible for professional services in editing and publication of the Society's journal as well as the special publications. Duties of the Editor include: *Determining the scope and direction of the scientific content of the journal; *Overseeing manuscripts submitted for review and their publication; *Selecting and supervising an Editorial Assistant; *Directing interactions with the publisher (E. O. Painter Printing Company, Inc., Florida). The Editor also serves as a member of the Waterbird Council and is responsible for presenting annual reports to the Society's Officers and Council. All Associate Editors are appointed by the Editor, who also determines their duties. The successful applicant will be an accomplished professional scientist with not only extensive experience in waterbirds but also a broader interest and appreciation of biology. Excellent communication skills and a willingness to learn new fields are essential. The new Editor will be selected by an Editorial Search Committee (JOANNA BURGER, Chair: burger@biology.rutgers.edu; BOB ELNER: Bob.Elner@ec.gc.ca; CHIP WESELOH: Chip.Weseloh@ec.gc.ca; ERICA NOL: enol@trentu.ca and DAVID SHEALER: David.Shealer@loras.edu), and approved by the Waterbird Council. The Search Committee will accept both direct applications and nominations for the position. Any member of the Search Committee may be approached regarding the vacancy but formal applications, consisting of a letter of interest and curriculum vitae, should be sent to: DR. JOANNA BURGER, Chair, "Waterbirds" Editorial Search Committee Rutgers University Division of Life Sciences, 604 Allison Road, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854-8082 USA (PH: 732-445-4318, EM: burger@biology.rutgers.edu). The closing date for receipt of applications is **30 Sep 2011**.

THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS, THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, AND THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY held their annual meetings in joint conference 9-12 Mar 2011 in Kearney, Nebraska. The scientific program included 193 oral presentations organized into 33 topical sessions and 4 symposia on Cerulean Warblers, Prairie Grouse, birds

and agriculture, and management of Piping Plover and Least Terns, and 76 poster presentations. There were three plenary lectures: for AFO, GARY L. KRAPU presented "Sandhill Cranes and the Platte River: a local and global perspective"; for COS, THOMAS B. SMITH presented "Diversification along ecological gradients in the tropics"; and for WOS, the winner of the Margaret Morse Nice Medal was RICHARD N. CONNOR, who presented "The ecology of the Red-cockaded woodpecker, by necessity a multidisciplinary study." Student travel awards were presented jointly by the three societies to CATHERINE ALSFORD and KYLE HORTON, Canisius College; TAZA SCHAMING, Cornell University; ANTHONY DALISIO, Emporia State University; TYLER BECK, Florida Atlantic University; JOHN POURTLESS, Florida State University; STEPHANIE KANE, Fort Hays State University; ERIK JOHNSON and JARED WOLFE, Louisiana State University; LAURA KEARNS, DAVID SLAGER, JENNIFER THIEME, and KAREN WILLARD, The Ohio State University; AUBREY ALAMSHAH, Ohio Wesleyan University; EMILY THOMAS and ANDREW WEBER, Pennsylvania State University; MEGAN SHAVE, Stonehill College; JENNIFER MA, SUNY-ESF; JESSICA KLASSEN, Texas A&M University; BLAKE GRISHAM and JANICE KELLY, Texas Tech University; MELISSA CREASEY, Trent University; JHERIME KELLERMANN and CHRIS MCCREEDY, University of Arizona; JULIE JED-LICKA, UCLA-Santa Cruz; MDUDUZI NDLOVU, University of Cape Town; NICHOLAS PER HUFFELDT, University of Copenhagen; CHRISTINE REGA, University of Delaware; JESSICA OSWALD, University of Florida; TERESA LORENZ, University of Idaho; WENDY SCHELSKY, University of Illinois; LINDA LAIT, University of Lethbridge; EMILY PIPHER and MAGGI SLIWINSKI, University of Manitoba; STEFANIE BERGH, MEADOW KOUFFELD, BAILEY MCKAY, and GOPI SUNDAR, University of Minnesota; ANNA PETERSON, University of Minnesota-Duluth; DIANE LANDOLL, University of Oklahoma; KATERINA TVARDIKOVA, University of South Bohemia; THAN BOVES, University of Tennessee; MATTHEW HAYES, University of Wisconsin-Madison; LAUREN THROOP, University of Wyoming; and MONIKA MAIER and STEPHEN PETERSON, Utah State University. The Alexander Wilson Prize for the best student oral presentation (\$300) was awarded to NICOLE M. DAVROS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for "An experimental test of density-dependent reproduction in Prothonotary Warblers, *Protonotaria citrea*." The Lynds Jones Prize (\$300) for best student poster presentation was awarded to VALERIE STEEN, University of Alaska Fairbanks, for "Potential effects of climate change on the distribution of wetland-associated birds in the Prairie Pothole Region, U.S.A." JOHN A. POURTLESS IV, Florida State University, received the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Oral Paper Award (\$100) for "An interpretation of the tenth skeletal specimen of *Archaeopteryx*," and A. B. ANDERSON, The Citadel, received the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Poster Award (\$100) for "Hormonal correlates of West Nile Virus seropositivity in House Finches."

TWO LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AWARDS (\$2500 each) were presented by WOS: to IRENE LIU, Duke University, for "Relationship between genetic diversity and extra-pair mating in populations of a songbird" and to JUAN PABLO GOMEZ, University of Florida, for "Turnover of bird communities along a tropical precipitation gradient in Colombia." ARCH MCCALLUM, Eugene Oregon, won the WOS George A. Hall/Harold F. Mayfield Award (\$1000) for the study "The coevolution of repertoire and syntax in *Empidonax* and allies." Paul A. Stewart Awards (\$500 each) were received from WOS by CAROL BRACKETT, East Carolina University, for "Reproductive ecology and population genetics of the King Rail on MacKay Island National Wildlife Refuge, North Carolina"; CATHERINE DALE, Queens University, for "Variation in cognition and migratory strategy in a partially migratory passerine"; RYAN GERMAIN, University of British Columbia, for "Effects of individual phenotype vs nest site quality on reproductive success in birds"; RAPHAEL LAVOIE, Queens University, for "Effect of migration patterns on mercury exposure in fish-eating birds"; DUGAN MAYNARD, University of Windsor, for "Male quality and female mate choice in a tropical lekking bird, the Long-tailed Manakin"; ALYSSA STEPHENSON, California State University at Fullerton, for "Spatial and temporal foraging patterns of nesting Elegant Terns (*Thalasseus elegans*) in southern California based on GPS tracking"; MATT WILKINS, University of Colorado, for "A test of the functional role of Barn Swallow trill rate and its implications for song evolution and population divergence"; and THEODORE JOSEPH ZENZAL, University of Southern Mississippi, for "Habitat and resource use of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (*Archilochus colubris*) at

a coastal stopover site during fall migration." The Edwards Prize for the best paper published in volume 122 (2010) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to ROBB S. A. KALER, STEVE E. EBBERT, CLAIT E. BRAUN, and BRETT K. SANDERCOCK for "Demography of a reintroduced population of Evermann's Rock Ptarmigan in the Aleutian Islands." The Storrs L. Olson Prize for the best book review published in volume 122 (2010) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to STORRS L. OLSON for his review of "The curse of the Labrador Duck. My obsessive quest to the edge of extinction" by Glen Chilton. CHARLIE and LEANN BLEM received from WOS the 2011 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award.

THE COS LOYE AND ALDEN MILLER RESEARCH AWARD for lifetime achievement in ornithological research was presented to SUSAN M. HAIG, Wildlife Ecologist with the U. S. Geological Survey's Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, Corvallis, Oregon. A full citation will be published in *The Condor*. The Painton Award was given to MARK RIEGNER for his 2008 paper, "Parallel evolution of plumage pattern and coloration in birds: implications for defining avian morphospace," *Condor* 110:599-614. The Katma Award, for an outstanding paper related to ornithology that offers unconventional ideas or innovative approaches, was presented to SIEVERT ROHWER, KEITH HOBSON, and VANYA ROHWER for their 2009 paper, "Migratory double breeding in Neotropical migrant birds" (*PNAS* 106: 19050-19055). Two COS Young Professional Awards were given to MATTHEW D. CARLING, Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center, University of Wyoming, for "Genetics of speciation: insights from *Passerina buntings*", and KARL S. BERG, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, for "Vertical transmission of vocal memes in wild parrots". COS presented two awards to students for outstanding presentations: VANYA ROHWER, for his paper with Paul Martin, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, received the A. Brazier Howell Award for "Fitness consequences and selective mechanisms favoring local nest morphologies in Yellow Warblers: nest transplant experiments between subarctic and temperate populations", and KYLE HORTON, for his paper with Sara Morris, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, received the Frances F. Roberts Award for "Flight calls in wood-warblers: do migrants respond to conspecifics calls?". COS awarded two Mewaldt-King Awards (\$1000 each) to ANN MCKELLAR, Queen's University for her proposal "Does winter rainfall influence breeding phenology and behaviour in a long-distance migratory songbird?" and JOANNA WU, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, for her proposal "Seed dispersal ecology in endemic versus exotic birds in Hawaii". BENJAMIN WINGER, University of Chicago, was given the Grinnell Award for his proposal "Understanding variability in population differentiation across a biogeographic barrier".

AFO COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Because of the short time between the AFO 2010 meeting (Aug 2010) and the 2011 meeting (Mar 2011), the Council voted to retain the Class of 2011 and not elect the Class of 2014 until the 2012 AFO Meeting. All AFO officers were reelected to their current positions for another year. The following individuals were elected to or continue in office for the Cooper Ornithological Society: Kimberly A. Sullivan, President; Frank Moore, President-elect; Abby Powell, Secretary; T. J. Fontaine, Assistant Secretary; Katie Dugger, Treasurer; Margaret Petersen, Assistant Treasurer; Michael Patten, Editor-in-Chief of The Condor, and Brett Sandercock, Editor of Studies in Avian Biology. Through on-line balloting the members of the Society elected Anna Chalfoun, Victoria Dreitz, and Scott Sillett to three-year terms as members of the Board of Directors. The following officers of the Wilson Ornithological Society were elected: Robert C. Beason, President; Robert L. Curry, First Vice-President; Sara R. Morris, Second Vice-President; John A. Smallwood, Secretary; and Melinda M. Clark, Treasurer. William H. Barnard, Mark E. Hauber, and Margret I. Hatch were elected as Members of the WOS Council for 2011-2014.

AFO OUTSTANDING STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARDS: The AFO Best Student Oral Presentation Award was given to CARA JOOS, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO for her presentation "Settlement order and productivity of Bell's Vireo." The AFO Best Student Poster Presentation Award was given to RYAN SHIPLEY, Oklahoma Biological Survey, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK for his poster "Why is there a gap in the breeding range of the Painted Bunting?" The AFO thanks BFW Publishing Co., Cornell University Press, Princeton University Press, Sinauer Publishing Co., and Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Co. for donating prizes for these students. Each winner will also receive a free one year membership in AFO.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTANCE SAMPLING WORKSHOPThe Centre for Research into Ecological and Environmental Modelling (CREEM) is hosting two linked workshops in the summer of 2011 in our purpose-built facilities at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. The aim of these workshops is to train participants in the latest methods for design and analysis of distance sampling surveys, including line and point transects. The workshops are taught by leading researchers in the field, using industry-standard software. For both workshops, participants are encouraged to bring their own data sets, and can expect to do some preliminary analyses with their data. Computer sessions take place in our modern computer classroom (attached to the seminar room); participants can use our computers or bring their own laptops. Additional details regarding the workshop can be found at ([URL: http://www.ruwpa.st-and.ac.uk/distance.workshops/distance2011/workshop_overview.html](http://www.ruwpa.st-and.ac.uk/distance.workshops/distance2011/workshop_overview.html)). **The first workshop (30 Aug - 2 Sep)** will run at an introductory level, and will focus on "conventional" distance sampling methods, as described in the standard reference book "Introduction to Distance Sampling." The workshop will be a blend of theory and practice and participants will learn how to use the program "Distance." Participants will gain a solid grounding in both survey design and methods of analysis for distance sampling surveys. Note this year we have moved the 'automated survey design' topic out of the advanced workshop into the introductory workshop. **The advanced distance sampling workshop (5-7 Sep 2011)** will include advanced treatment of: incorporating covariates in detection function modeling, analyses in which detectability on the transect line is not assumed to be perfect (the so-called $g(0)$ problem) and spatial (or density surface) modeling. The aim of this workshop is to bring participants up to date with the latest developments in distance sampling methods and software. It is also an opportunity for those actively engaged in the design, analysis and execution of distance sampling surveys to discuss common issues and problems, and set future research directions. The workshop will be a combination of lectures and computer sessions, with considerable time for discussion.

ECOLOGY OF ANIMAL MIGRATION, International PhD-student course--Centre for Animal Movement Research, Lund University. **18 - 28 Oct 2011**. Animals move across different spatial and temporal scales either as part of their daily life or as part of seasonal migrations to exploit resources in the environment. Well known examples are the global scale seasonal migrations in birds, sea turtles, fish and mammals, such as whales and wildebeests. Also movements at smaller scales occur, such as the vertical movements in plankton, the dispersal in soil collembolans and movements of pollinating insects. But what are the ecological causes and evolutionary consequences of animal movements? During this two-week course you will get insight in a number of different methods and approaches to study the migration of birds, insects, fish, amphibians and mammals, ranging from experimental studies in the laboratory to tracking long-distance migration in wild animals. Lectures will be given by international authorities in the field and by researchers in the CAnMove Group at Lund University covering the following areas: ****Locomotion, **Bird Ringing, **Migration & Dispersal, *Orientation & Navigation, *Ecophysiology *Genetics of Migration *Migration & Population Ecology *Evolution & Patterns of Migration, *Migration & Conservation, *Ecophysiology, *Modelling Migration**. In addition to lectures, there will be time for own projects, an excursion to the bird migration station at Falsterbo, demonstrations of bird ringing and orientation experiments as well as tracking and radar techniques and a tour to the wind tunnel. During the course we will also have literature seminars, and you will have ample opportunities for discussion and further gain experience in presenting your research to fellow students. Application deadline **31 Aug 2011**. Maximum enrollment 40 persons. The course fee: 3000 SEK. Find the program and online application at: ([URL: http://canmove.lu.se/node/537](http://canmove.lu.se/node/537)).

BIRD BANDING CERTIFICATION SESSION—The Eastern Bird Banding Association is scheduling its next North American Banding Council (NABC) certification session for landbirds at the Bander level for up to six candidates seeking or already possessing a US or Canadian banding permit or subpermit; and at the Trainer level for up to three candidates who have already achieved NABC Bander certification. The session is scheduled for **30 Sep-2 Oct 2011** at Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) near Rochester, NY. Applications may be obtained from and submitted, **no later than 15Aug**, to ELIZABETH W.

BROOKS, 5540 Jericho Hill Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803; (EM: brookser@earthlink.net; PH: 607-587-9571). NABC manuals are available from the NABC website ([URL: http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding/](http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding/)). Accepted candidates will be notified no later than 27 Aug. Those seeking Bander certification are encouraged to contact an NABC Trainer (see website) as early as possible to proctor the written exam portion of the certification prior to coming to BBBO; however, for those not able to do so, the exam may be taken at BBBO by prior arrangement. Passing the examination is required in order to do the Bander field evaluation at BBBO. Trainer candidates who have previously passed Bander certification need not retake this written exam if their grade was 90 or better. Persons not yet Bander certified may apply for both the Bander and Trainer candidate positions being offered and will be evaluated for Trainer based on first passing the Bander certification at this session and a written exam score of 90 or better.

ORNITHOLOGYEXCHANGE.ORG: THE PLACE TO BE! – This new website serves as a central exchange of information for ornithologists and a resource hub for the ornithological community. The site hosts discussion forums on a wide range of topics including permits, research methods and ethics, teaching, Q&A on writing papers, presenting talks, preparing posters, research funding, and all aspects of the science of ornithology. In addition, Ornithology Exchange features articles highlighting trends in ornithology, current research programs, and much more. Stay up to date with all the current news and announcements from your ornithological societies, get involved by participating in journal club or poetry slams, and find a ride-share to an upcoming meeting. The site also features user-generated blogs, photo galleries, calendars, and much more. The site will be open to all members of any of the ornithological societies listed here: 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, Wilson Ornithological Society. Registering for Ornithology Exchange as a member of one of these societies has its perks, such as access to forums, articles, and other content. Even without registration or membership in a society, you will always have access to basic content such as society news and announcements and job listings. Best of all, members will be able to create content and initiate discussions. OrnithologyExchange.org will also link to the websites of the sponsoring ornithological societies and other ornithological organizations. Upon request, we can provide access and forums to other ornithological groups. To register, visit the site at ([URL: http://OrnithologyExchange.org](http://OrnithologyExchange.org)). Note: OrnithologyExchange.org will not replace society websites, but will consolidate the information your societies send out and will replace ornith-L and OCNET. For further information about OrnithologyExchange.org, please contact CHRIS MERKORD (EM: chris@merkord.com) or ELLEN PAUL (EM: ellen.paul@verizon.net).

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. We also appreciate the support of individual ornithologists; contributions can be made when you renew your membership in any of the OSNA societies (on paper or online at <http://www.osnabirds.org/>) or via paypal on the BIRDNET homepage at <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET>.

USDA PROPOSES NEW REGULATION CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS to prohibit or restrict the importation of bird and poultry products from regions where any subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza is considered to exist. In late Jan 2011, USDA proposed this regulatory change to supplement or replace existing restrictions on the importation of live birds and poultry, and bird and poultry products and byproducts from regions where exotic

Newcastle disease or highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) subtype H5N1 are considered to exist. Although the proposed regulation largely codified restrictions and procedures in place for a number of years, the Ornithological Council expressed concern about several specific provisions. The primary concern was USDA's proposal to include all HPAI in the import bans and restrictions. The USDA based this proposal on the premise that "AI viruses also are characterized as low pathogenic (LP) or highly pathogenic (HP) by their ability to produce disease or by molecular characteristics." However, researchers at the USDA's own Agricultural Research Service stated in a 2007 paper, "However, discordant results between the molecular classification and virulence for experimentally infected chickens have been observed with several H5 and H7 subtype AI viruses. Because the declaration of HPAI virus results in severe effects on trade for the entire country, the gap between the genetic and phenotypic markers is an important issue, and it requires us to reexamine what should be considered an HPAI virus by the Office International des Epizooties standards." That paper reported a finding that an avian influenza virus (H7N2) isolated from birds found in the live bird market in the United States that appeared to be highly pathogenic based on molecular characteristics was in fact not virulent in experimentally inoculated chickens. The Ornithological Council recognized that it is necessary to impose restrictions on an emergency basis until the characteristics of a particular pathogen or strain of pathogen can be studied, but that including all HPAI would mean a drastic restriction on the ability of ornithologists to move bird specimens and tissue around the world. The restrictions already include most of the Asian and African continents, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. The Ornithological Council also requested that the USDA consider an alternative way to import materials that are not treated to inactive virus, because untreated materials are considered superior for research purposes. We asked that USDA consider whether it might be possible to establish a procedure for pre-import testing of the material in a laboratory and with methods equivalent to those used by the USDA labs. If the material tests negative, it could be certified by that lab as free of HPAI, sealed, and shipped to a BL2 lab in the United States. We also pointed out that USDA uses a pre-import, targeted testing program for poultry eggs. The import of avian material for research purposes (nearly all derived from wild birds) is a very small-scale activity that poses far less threat than the import of poultry eggs not only because of scale but also because HPAI concentrates in poultry flocks. By contrast, it is rarely found in wild birds except waterfowl, which serve as natural reservoirs of the virus.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: The Ornithological Council and the American Society of Mammalogists have organized a conference to be held 26-28 Oct 2011 to bring together researchers, IACUC members, and government officials for a robust conversation that will lead to more meaningful and appropriate application of animal welfare laws in the context of wildlife research and, in turn, to improved care and use of wild animals in wildlife research. To achieve this goal, we will convene speakers and participants from the various sectors that interact in the animal welfare arena: wildlife biologists, IACUC members, veterinarians, government officials from relevant agencies (primarily the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare of the National Institutes of Health and the USDA APHIS Animal Care program), and key private organizations such as AAALAC International, PRIM&R, and the Scientists Center for Animal Welfare. This conference is needed because animal welfare statutes and regulations espouse both broad principles and very specific procedural requirements. The plethora of official guidance documents issued by governmental entities to aid Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs) in applying these laws leave much to interpretation, particularly in the realm of wildlife biology. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that IACUC members at most institutions come primarily from the biomedical community and have little or no exposure to wildlife biology. The very purpose of most wildlife research is vastly different from biomedical research. Rather than using animals as a model for biological processes, wildlife biology usually focuses on understanding the animals themselves in their natural environments. Wildlife increasingly faces challenges tied to anthropogenic modifications of their environment. In wildlife research, the study species, other species that share their habitats, and often the individual study animals themselves, are the intended beneficiaries. Field conditions also are a world removed from laboratory conditions. Not only are the problems associated with studying wild taxa vastly different from domestic species, but field sites are often remote, supplies and equipment may be limited to what is carried in by foot, and weather conditions can be

challenging. Wildlife biologists and IACUC members often have no common frame of reference. Dialogue and education can do much to fill this gap. IACUC protocol review is not the best time to attempt to develop a sufficient knowledge base to assure that the deliberation process results in meaningful and biologically appropriate protection for research animals without imposing unwarranted restrictions that do not benefit the animals to be studied. The program will start with the well-known IACUC 101 program. This full day of didactic and interactive training provides IACUC members and researchers with basic IACUC training and supplemental guidance regarding field studies. An experienced faculty will address the PHS Policy, USDA animal welfare regulations, AAALAC recommendations, and IACUC responsibilities. The second and third days will focus on research involving wildlife (mammals, birds, and fish), such as: *Diversity in use of wild animals in research (ecology, behavior, museum collecting, etc.); *Application of regulations and guidance written for biomedical applications and domesticated animals to field studies and wild animals; *Compliance issues with free-ranging animals; *Classification of field techniques under USDA categories of pain and distress; *Euthanasia in the field; *Captive wildlife (quarantine, husbandry, behavioral enrichment, veterinary care); *Compliance issues (quarantine, security, safety); *Release of captive animals back to the field; *Common field procedures—capture, marking, surgery etc.; *Zoonoses, physical injury, and other hazards associated with field biology; *Research v. management—when does the AWA apply? *The NIH and NSF assurance processes will be covered, as will key features of the recently revised Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (2010) insofar as they pertain to wildlife research. For more information and to register, visit (URL: <http://mysite.verizon.net/iacuc101/>) or contact Ellen Paul (EM: ellen.paul@verizon.net).

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

PLEASE REPORT SIGHTINGS – We banded reintroduced ospreys with blue, green and orange color bands with alpha-numeric codes during a project in southeastern South Dakota from 2004-2010. Please report sightings of birds with these color bands and codes, if possible, to EILEEN DOWD STUKEL, SD Game, Fish and Parks (EM: eileen.dowdstukel@state.sd.us; PH 605-773-4229).

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Positions and Opportunities section is available only in the on-line edition. It can be accessed from the Ornithological Newsletter Home Page (<http://www.osnabirds.org/on/>), or directly at (<http://www.osnabirds.org/on/ornjobs.htm>). Submissions can be made any time, and are posted free of charge. Please send submissions to Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: ctrine@andrews.edu).

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR INFORMATION ON CONTINUING GRANTS PROGRAMS relevant to ornithological research, visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/grants/index.html>

WATERBIRD GRANTS – The Waterbird Society will again entertain applications for the Kushlan and Nisbet grants for research focused on wading birds and gulls-terns, respectively. Applications must be received **by 15 Jul 2011** directed to DR. MICHAEL ERWIN. Details on the application process are on the website of The Waterbird Society (URL: <http://www.waterbirds.org>).

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

HAWKS AT A DISTANCE: Identification of Migrant Raptors, Jerry Liguori, 2011. Princeton University Press. 216 pp., 6 x 8-1/2. ISBN13: 978-0-691-13559-5 (Paper: \$19.95), ISBN13: 978-0-691-13558-8 (Cloth: \$49.50). This field guide is the first volume to focus on distant raptors as they are truly seen in the field. Jerry Liguori, a leading expert on North American raptors, factors in new information and approaches for identifying twenty-nine species of raptor in various lighting situations and settings. The field guide's nineteen full-color portraits, 558 color photos, and 896 black-and-white images portray shapes and plumages for each species from all angles. Useful flight identification criteria are provided and the accompanying text discusses all aspects of in-flight hawk identification, concentrating on features that are genuinely observable at a distance. (PH: 609-258-3897, FX: 609-258-1335, URL: <http://www.press.princeton.edu>).

STUDIES IN AVIAN BIOLOGY--a long-running series published by the Cooper Ornithological Society (COS), includes monographs, edited volumes, and book-length projects on important topics in ornithology. Starting in 2011, the series will be published as part of the book catalogue of the University of California Press. The COS is delighted to announce that four volumes of the Series in Avian Biology are scheduled for publication in 2011 and are currently available for purchase from the publisher's website (URL: <http://www.ucpress.edu/go/sab>).

- **Volume 38. Greater Sage-Grouse: Ecology and Conservation of a Landscape Species and Its Habitats.** Steven T. Knick and John W. Connelly, editors--This multifaceted volume provides a comprehensive synthesis of scientific information on the biology and ecology of the Greater Sage-Grouse. It describes the bird's population trends, its sagebrush habitat, and potential limitations to conservation.
- **Volume 39. Ecology, Conservation, and Management of Grouse.** Brett K. Sandercock, Kathy Martin, and Gernot Segelbacher, editors--This volume summarizes current knowledge of grouse biology in 25 chapters contributed by 80 researchers from field studies around the world. The chapters offer important insights into spatial requirements, movements, and demography of grouse. Much of the research employs emerging tools in ecology that span biogeochemistry, molecular genetics, endocrinology, radio-telemetry, and remote sensing.
- **Volume 40. Population Demography of Northern Spotted Owls.** Eric D. Forsman and coauthors--This book contains the results of a long-term effort from 1985-2008 by a large group of leading researchers to document population trends of the Northern Spotted Owl. This broad, synthetic work provides the most complete and up-to-date picture of the population status of this inconspicuous forest owl, which is at the center of the complex and often volatile debate regarding the management of forest lands in the western United States.
- **Volume 41. Boreal Birds of North America: A Hemispheric View of Their Conservation Links and Significance.** Jeffrey V. Wells, editor--This volume brings together new research on boreal bird biology and conservation. It highlights the importance of the region to the global avifauna and to the connectivity between the boreal forest and ecoregions throughout the Americas. The contributions showcase a unique set of perspectives on the migration, wintering ecology, and conservation of bird communities that are tied to the boreal forest in ways that may not have been previously considered.

Editorial teams or authors who would be interested in developing a book-length project in ornithology are welcome to contact the Series Editor, BRETT K. SANDERCOCK, Kansas State University (URL: <http://www.ksu.edu/bsanderc>) or visit the COS website for more information (URL: <http://www.cooper.org>).

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

CORRECTION TO EMAIL ADDRESS IN APRIL ISSUE – WANTED: rubber Yagi antenna and/or used or dead Holohil transmitters. Contact EM: LPowel9@LSU.edu.

MEETINGS

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

LOOKING FOR THE WEB SITE of an ornithological meeting or conference? Visit <http://www.birdmeetings.org> to find links and to post a link to your meeting.

* in this section indicates new or revised entry

THE 129TH STATED MEETING OF THE AOU will be held in Jacksonville, FL, **26-29 Jul 2011**.

*THE 2011 MEETING of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists will be held in **Moncton, New Brunswick, on 4-6 Aug 2011**. Early registration ends on **15 Jun**. Our meeting will feature a keynote presentation by Dr Bridget Stutchbury, a public conference by Dr Joël Bêty, and a symposium on human-related sources of bird mortality. The meeting also coincides with the first wave of Semipalmated Sandpipers migrating through the Bay of Fundy. A field trip should allow witnessing this spectacular event. All details can be found on our website (URL: http://www.sco-soc.ca/2011_conference.html).

4TH WESTERN HEMISPHERE SHOREBIRD GROUP CONFERENCE – **11-15 Aug 2011**, Vancouver BC Canada (URL: <http://www.sfu.ca/biology/wildberg/4WHSG/4WHSG.htm>).

*THE WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held **12-14 Aug 2011** at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in northern Utah. Activities planned will include papers, posters, snowy plover banding, landbird banding, demonstrations of field techniques, and field trips to view the fall shorebird migration at various sites in the scenic Great Salt Lake area. For additional information on abstract submission and about WBBA's 2011 meeting, please visit the WBBA website (URL: <http://www.westernbirdbanding.org/next-meetings.html>).

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS – Windemere Hotel and Conference Center Sierra Vista, Arizona, **17-21 Aug 2011**. The meeting will include presentations of research papers, workshops, featured speakers, social events and area field trips--general paper sessions, workshops, and identification panels will be included. For additional information on abstract submission and about WFO's 2011 meeting, please visit the WFO website (URL: <http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/>). Contacts for the meeting are: ED PANDOLFINO, Meeting Committee Chair (EM: erpfromca@aol.com) and co-chairs of the Scientific Program: DEBBIE VAN DOOREMOLEN (EM: debbie.vandooremolen@snwa.com) and DAVE QUADY (EM: davequady@att.net).

RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – **5-9 Oct 2011**, Duluth, Minnesota. The Natural Resources Research Institute and Department of Biology at the University of Minnesota-Duluth will host the 2011 RRF conference in Duluth. Co-hosts include Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory and Duluth Audubon. Organizers: Dr. Gerald J. Niemi, (University of Minnesota-Duluth), Dr. Matthew Etterson (US EPA Mid-Continent Ecology Division) and Julie O'Conner (Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory). Contact: JULIE O'CONNOR (EM: RRFinDuluth@aol.com, PH: 218-348-2291).

IXTH NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS (NOC) and VIIITH PERUVIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS (COP) – The Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS) and the Peruvian Ornithological Union (UNOP) are pleased to announce the IXth Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC) and VIIIth Peruvian Ornithological Congress (COP) to be held in the city of Cusco, Peru (**8-14 Nov 2011**). The objective of the congress is for interchange of information related to recent research and advances in the areas of ecology, evolution, systematics, and conservation of Neotropical birds and their habitats with colleagues from throughout the world. To obtain more information, please visit the congress web site (URL: <http://www.ixconperu2011.org>).

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*ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS- The Waterbird Society is pleased to announce its 35th and 2011 meeting, to be held in Annapolis, Maryland, **9-12 Nov 2011**. Simultaneous paper sessions will be held 9-11 November. The poster session will be held on Friday evening, 10 November. Deadline for submitting proposals for symposia: **1 Jul 2011**. Proposals should include 1-2 paragraph summary including rationale and list of proposed speakers with presentation titles, and should be sent to Scientific Program Chair, Katherine Parsons (EM: katherineparsons@gmail.com). Potential topics include but are not limited to: 1) conservation science of beach-nesting shorebirds, 2) first-year update of impacts of Deepwater Horizon oil spill on waterbirds, 3) assessing abundance and demographics of secretive marshbirds, 4) coordinated monitoring of colonially-nesting waterbirds, 5) restoration of wetland habitats in Chesapeake Bay, 6) transboundary management and conservation issues of seabirds, 7) new developments in tracking technology. Deadline for submitting abstracts for paper sessions and posters is **1 Sep 2011**. Detailed information about travel, accommodations, field trips, and other information along with the abstract submission and registration system is available on the Waterbird Society website (URL: <http://www.waterbirds.org/>).

BIOLIEF 2011 - 2nd World Conference on Biological Invasions and Ecosystem Functioning. Mar del Plata, Argentina, **21-24 Nov 2011**. BIOLIEF 2011 will be a forum for the presentation, discussion, and synthesis of research on biological invasions in its broadest sense. Contact: JORGE L. GUTIÉRREZ (EM: biolief@grieta.org.ar). For more information, visit our website (URL: <http://www.grieta.org.ar/biolief/>), and follow us in Facebook for news and updates (URL: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/BIOLIEF-2011/126444150720221?ref=sgm>).

QUAIL VII ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS – The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, University of Tennessee, invite you to the Seventh National Quail Symposium in **Tucson, Arizona, 9-12 Jan 2012**. Quail VII will feature the diversity in conservation of quails with field tours of areas supporting Gambel's, scaled and Mearns' quail and will highlight current management and research, including progress of the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative and The Western Quail Plan. The meeting includes posters, oral presentations and a peer-reviewed proceedings. Proceedings from the quail symposia series can be found at (URL: http://gamebird.forestry.uga.edu/quailvi/previous/index_html). See (URL: <http://www.azgfd.gov/quailvii/>) for details.

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

ELEANOR HERRICK STICKNEY, life member of the AOU, died April 8. She joined the AOU in 1933 at the age of 14. She was an ornithologist for the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History for thirty years.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in August. 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@atandrews.edu), **by 1 July 2011**. Submission by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file) or on diskette (PC format: Word-Perfect 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.

THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS of the Society journals and the month of mailing are: *Auk*, 2011, Vol. 128, #2 (May); *Condor*, 2011, Vol. 113, 1 (Mar), *J. Field Ornith.*, 2011, Vol. 82, #1 (Mar), *Raptor Res.*, 2011, Vol. 45, #1 (Mar), *Waterbirds*, 2011, Vol. 34, #1 (Mar), *Wilson J. Ornith.*, 2011, Vol. 123, #1 (Mar). 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.