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KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THE NAOC IV – Thinking about attending the NAOC VI in Washington, D.C., **16-20 August 2016**? Sign up to receive NAOC 2016 email notifications with news and updates: <https://www.cvent.com/Events/ContactPortal/Login.aspx?cwstsub=c5e02368-9a79-439c-904c-ab50edc6d322>

AUK AND CONDOR JOINT NEWSLETTER – The latest issue of *The Auk* and *The Condor's* joint newsletter, with journal-related news and updates, is available online at <http://conta.cc/1ALfs8Z>.

WATERBIRD SOCIETY NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS --Nominations are being received for three awards given by the Waterbird Society. The two international awards are for waterbird research (Robert C. Murphy Award) and the Kai Curry-Lindahl Award for Conservation. Also, the Society is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for exceptional service rendered to the Society. For information, check the Society's web page (<http://www.waterbirds.org>) and submit the nomination to Dr. MICHAEL ERWIN (EM: mikeerwin67@yahoo.com) by **30 Sep 2015**.

THE 2015 AOU RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS were: Carolyn Bauer, North Dakota State University, *Does a migratory lifestyle accelerate telomere loss in Junco hyemalis?*; Alexandra Bentz, University of Georgia, *Understanding the Mechanistic Role of Hormone-mediated Maternal Effects in Programming Avian Offspring Aggression*; Sara Berk, University of Montana, *Stress, condition, and sexual selection in the Mountain Bluebird, Sialia currucoides*; Misha Blizard, University of Chicago, *Proximate mechanisms of female aggression in a species exhibiting sex-role reversal*; Emerson Bowers, Illinois State University, *Dynamics of offspring begging and parental food provisioning in the house wren*; Sarah Burgan, University of South Florida, *Repeated Pathogen Exposure in Avian Hosts: Implications for Transmission in the WNV System*; Daniel Field, Yale University, *Geometric evolution of the avian musculoskeletal system*; Ariel Gaffney, University of New Mexico, *A test of the physiological basis of elevational replacement in hummingbirds using a hypobaric chamber*; Juan Pablo Gomez, University of Florida, *Environmental gradients as predictors of avian malaria: Are parasites correlated to morphological differences?*; Tyler Hallman, Oregon State University, *Closing the gap: the convergence of professional bird surveys and citizen science*; Johanna Harvey, Texas A&M University, *The Role of Avian Life History Characteristics in Migratory Connectivity of Malaria Parasites*; John Jones, Appalachian State University, *Influences of personality and competition on Golden-winged Warbler conservation*; Todd Jones, University of Illinois, *Examining the post-fledging period of migratory birds: do carryover effects influence fledgling behavior and survival?*; Holly Kilvitis, University of South Florida, *Effects of Early-life Immune Challenge on Avian Resistance in Adulthood: An Epigenetic Approach*; Carlos Lara, University of Otago, *Does oxidative damage mirror a comprehensive account of reproductive effort?*; Christine

Lattin, Yale University, *Using positron emission tomography (PET) to assess tissue-specific energetic trade-offs between immune function and reproduction in a wild bird*; Sara Lipshutz, Tulane University, *Behavioral drivers of reproductive isolation and hybridization in a sex-role reversed system*; Leeann Louis, University of California, Berkeley, *A novel method to understand hovering in small passerine birds*; Ashley Love, Oklahoma State University, *Disease-mediated Parental Effects in Birds: Mechanisms and Implications*; Sarah MacLellan, University of California Berkeley, *Interactive effects of climate and land-use change on century-scale range shifts of Californian birds*; Flavia Montaño Centellas, University of Florida, *Assembly of mixed species flocks along an elevation gradient: importance of environment and species interactions*; Jennifer Morinay, University of Lyon, *Within- and among-individual variation in mitochondrial density and functioning in a natural bird population: causes and consequences*; Nadjé Najar, University of Northern Colorado, *Geographic Patterns of Song Complexity in the Rock Wren (Salpinctes obsoletus)*; Esther Niemasik, Cornell University, *Can interspecific competition drive cooperative breeding in Brown-headed nuthatches (Sitta pusilla)?*; Joel Slade, University of Western Ontario, *Chemical and acoustic signaling of MHC genotype in Song Sparrows (Melospiza melodia)*; Nicholas Sly, University of Illinois, *Using gene expression to reveal the mechanisms of melanin-based feather pigmentation*; Andrew Sweet, University of Illinois, *Correlated cospeciation patterns between New World ground-doves and their parasitic lice*; Anna Tigano, Queen's University, *The genomic basis of bridling and thermal adaptation in a dimorphic species, the common murre (Uria aalge)*; Brian Trevelline, Duquesne University, *The Effects of Stream Acidification on Trophic Niche Differentiation in Riparian Songbird Communities*; Paul van Els, Louisiana State University, *Comparative phylogeography of South American savanna birds: adding a missing piece to the puzzle of Neotropical diversification*; Brad Woodworth, University of Guelph, *Demographic and environmental drivers of population dynamics in a migratory songbird*.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S THAT BIRD? Snap a Photo. Now Computers Can ID the Bird – In a breakthrough for computer vision and for bird watching, researchers and bird enthusiasts have enabled computers to achieve a task that stumps most humans—identifying hundreds of bird species pictured in photos. Called Merlin Bird Photo ID, the identifier is capable of recognizing 400 of the mostly commonly encountered birds in the United States and Canada. The bird photo identifier, developed by the Visipedia research project in collaboration with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, is available for free at <http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/photo-id>. "It gets the bird right in the top three results about 90% of the time, and it's designed to keep improving the more people use it," said Jessie Barry at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "That's truly amazing, considering that the computer vision community started working on the challenge of bird identification only a few years ago." To see if Merlin can identify the bird in your photo, you upload an image and tell Merlin where and when you took it. To orient Merlin, you draw a box around the bird and click on its bill, eye, and tail. Merlin also asks you to describe the color, size, and behavior of the bird you saw. Merlin does the rest. Merlin's success relies on collaboration between computers and humans. The computer learns to recognize each species from tens of thousands of images identified and labeled by bird enthusiasts. It also taps in to more than 70 million sightings recorded by birders in the eBird.org database, narrowing its search to the species found at the location and time of year when the photo was taken.

THE OLDEST BALD EAGLE – This last June, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reported a Bald Eagle killed alongside a road in Monroe County in upstate New York. The bird, a male banded with the number 03142, had actually been an individual that had been brought to New York from Minnesota as a youngster in 1977 and released at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge as part of New York's Bald Eagle Restoration Program. The USGS Banding Lab Longevity Records indicate that the eagle turned out to be the oldest banded Bald Eagle on record to date - older by a surprising five years. Once this 38-year-old male reached breeding age in 1981, he began nesting at Hemlock Lake, about 50 miles to the west of Minnesota NWR which is today part of Hemlock-Canadice State Forest. The Hemlock Lake nest territory continued, and this eagle became a steady and successful father to many eaglets fledged from that site for many more years. Peter Nye, the now retired DEC Wildlife Biologist who spearheaded New York's Bald Eagle Restoration Program, commented on the bird, "His longevity, 38 years, although ingloriously cut short by a motor vehicle, is also a national record for known life-span of a wild Bald Eagle. All I can say is, hats off to you, 03142; job well done!" (Excerpted from July 2015 *Birding Community E-bulletin*, <http://refugeassociation.org/news/birding-bulletin/>)

RAPTOR WORKSHOP: Accredited through University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point – Attend this 5-day introductory level field course designed to instruct students in a full-range of the latest field techniques used in the study of raptors. "Introduction to Raptor Field Techniques" will be held in Stevens Point, WI by Eugene Jacobs of the Linwood Springs Research Station. The Fall Session is scheduled during the peak of the Saw-whet Owl migration, **12-16 October, 2015**. Receive first-hand experience working with: live raptors, capturing, handling, banding techniques, broadcast call surveys, tree climbing, rappelling, blood sampling and more. Cost is \$450; space is limited, so register early. For information visit <http://raptorservices.rezgo.com>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS-ICAZ BIRD WORKING GROUP – The 8th Bird Working Group Meeting of the International Council for Archaeozoology will take place at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas, USA, from **11-14 January 2016**, with a Special Post-Meeting Excursion from 15-16 January 2016. Information and the Call for Papers can be found at http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/cosm_home/esp_home/esp_about/bwg-meeting. The abstract deadline is **30 Sep 2015**. Members presenting oral or poster presentations will have the opportunity to submit their research for consideration as a publication in a Special Issue of Archaeological and Anthropological Science. This is the first time the Bird Working Group has held a meeting in the USA. The chosen location of South Texas is one of the premier birding spots in the nation, boasting over 500 species, including many tropical and subtropical species. For more information contact Dr. FRANK J. DIRRIGL JR [EM: dirrigf@utpa.edu (EM: frank.dirrigl@utrgv.edu after September 1, 2015).]

WORKSHOP: SPATIAL MODELLING METHODS FOR DISTANCE SAMPLING LINE TRANSECT DATA – On **27-30 Oct 2015** Duke Environmental Leadership program in collaboration with the University of St Andrews will offer a workshop on spatial modelling methods for distance sampling line transect data. The workshop will cover: the basics of organizing survey data in ArcGIS using the MGET toolbox, developed at the Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab, Duke; followed by building and evaluating spatially explicit models of abundance (using environmental predictors) in R, using packages developed at the Centre for Research into Ecological and Environmental Modelling, St Andrews. The aim will be to demonstrate an end-to-end workflow for spatial modelling of distance sampling data, and illustrate the underlying theory behind both spatial modelling using generalized additive models and distance sampling (we will focus on the "density surface modelling" approach). The course is intended for graduate students/postdocs/ faculty in applied ecology, government/industry scientists and wildlife managers interested in developing spatially explicit models of abundance. Prior knowledge of R and ArcGIS will be highly advantageous, as is a quantitative background. The course will be taught by David L Miller (St Andrews), Jason J Roberts (Duke) and Eric Rexstad (St Andrews), at the Duke campus in Durham, NC. The deadline for registration is **12 Oct 2015**. Detailed information on the course content and registration can be found at <https://nicholas.duke.edu/del/distance>.

XENO-CANTO IS 10 YEARS OLD! Xeno-canto is a website dedicated to sharing bird sounds from all over the world. Whether you are a research scientist, a birder, or simply curious about a sound that you heard out your kitchen window, we invite you to listen, download, and explore the bird sound recordings in the collection. It is also a collaborative project. You are invited to share your own bird recordings, help identify mystery recordings, or share your expertise in the forums. Over the 10 years the 2400 recordists worldwide have contributed, 240000 recordings, of 9300+ species and the forums are populated with 10000+ discussions. Visit Xeno-canto at <http://www.xeno-canto.org>

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

SEEKING YELLOW WARBLER TISSUES: As part of a study of how muscle physiology affects migration distance, we are seeking relatively fresh tissue samples from Yellow Warblers. If you would be willing to share a 50mg piece of breast muscle tissue from this species that is fresh or has been frozen for no more than 5 years, please contact KELSEY CONDELL (EM: klcondell@gmail.com). Thank you.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: PREMATURE FEATHER LOSS – In July 2014 we observed a rare condition coined premature feather loss (PFL) among Common Terns, *Sterna hirundo*, at a small colony in northern Lake Ontario, Canada. This condition, which may have been linked to a lake turnover event, is characterized by affected chicks losing all their wing, tail, head and body feathers several weeks after hatching. We are seeking input from the scientific community about (1) similar, unusual phenomenon among wildlife of Lake Ontario in July 2014 or other avifauna anywhere, (2) advice on potential analytical approaches for current samples and sampling protocols and funding sources for any future PFL manifestations, and (3) other possible events in early July 2014 in Lake Ontario that may explain the reemergence of PFL among Common Tern chicks. Extensive documentation of this event, including comparative photographs, is freely available online at <https://peerj.com/preprints/1196/>. Members can leave comments on this page or email me directly (EM: jma25@psu.edu) with any information they feel might be insightful.

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Positions and Opportunities section is available only in the on-line edition. It can be accessed at (<http://osnabirds.org/Jobs.aspx>). Submissions can be made any time and are posted free of charge. Members may post directly to the board after logging in to OSNA using their OSNA member log in. Non-members may submit announcements on-line and the announcements will be posted after approval by the moderator. If there are problems with the online submission, please send your announcement to the Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: ctrine@andrews.edu) in the body of the email message.

AN E-LIST SERVICE is available. Subscribers to this list will receive the same announcements that appear on-line in a weekly/biweekly list. To subscribe, send the following message to: <lyris@cornell.edu>, in the body of the message type: join Birdjobs-L "your name". The subject line should be blank. Please use the "plain text only" e-mail format option, include your own name in the message, and put quotation marks around your name.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

FOR INFORMATION ON CONTINUING GRANTS PROGRAMS relevant to ornithological research, visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/grants/index.html>. For other grant opportunities, visit: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/139-grants-awards/>

NOTICE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS TO BEGIN OR CONTINUE IN 2016 – The Loro Parque Fundación supports projects which have parrot species as their focus of attention. Its main interest

is to utilize these projects to improve the conservation prospects of threatened parrots and to promote biodiversity conservation. In 2015 the Loro Parque Fundación budgeted US\$ 1,025,000 for project support. The Loro Parque Fundación supports projects in two categories: A) "Principal Projects": these tend to be long-term and have a significant proactive input by the Loro Parque Fundación; budgets are usually above US\$ 20,000 per annum. B) "Small-scale grants": created to address short-term parrot conservation research priorities, with a relatively small input by the Loro Parque Fundación. Individual project budgets in this category average US\$ 5,000 per annum. Applications for projects to begin in 2016 will be reviewed in 2015 by the Board of Trustees and Advisors of the Loro Parque Fundación. To be included in the review, applications must be received by the Loro Parque Fundación **by Wednesday 16 Sep 2015**. The application form and the Guidelines for Applicants can be downloaded at: <http://www.loroparque...vacion-en-2016/> For any matter not covered by the guidelines, please contact director@loroparque-fundacion.org

WILDLIFE ACOUSTICS SCIENTIFIC PRODUCT GRANT – Wildlife Acoustics' mission is to support efforts in conservation and environmental stewardship. We want to enable those involved in animal biology, research and conservation to do their best work easily and quickly. To that end, Wildlife Acoustics has established a grant program to support bioacoustics research efforts from chiropteran, avian, terrestrial, amphibious and marine wildlife, to everything else in between. Every quarter, Wildlife Acoustics will be giving away up to \$5,000 of product to grant recipients worldwide. If they choose to make the results public, recipients will also have their work featured on our website and social media channels. Grant recipients must be associated with a charitable, educational or other tax-exempt organization. **Deadline: 2015 Q3: 31 Aug 2015, Awarded: 30 Sep 2015; Deadline: 2015 Q4: 30 Nov 2015, Awarded: 31 Dec 2015.** For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.wildlifeacoustics.com/grant>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

CHECK-LIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS – The 56th Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds was published July 1 in *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, and is open access at <http://www.aoucospubs.org/doi/full/10.1642/AUK-15-73.1>.

JOINT COLLECTION ON COLOR – *The Auk* and *The Condor* have released a new Joint Collection on Color, collecting selected articles from both journals on all aspects of bird coloration. It is available at <http://www.aoucospubs.org/page/color>.

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

NATURAL HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE – I have about 160 books for sale, mostly bird books, with many field guides from locations around the world (SE Asia, Australia, Southern Africa, etc.), and a few "family" guides, such as Swifts, Woodpeckers, Swallows and Martins, and Shorebirds. Examples: *Rails: a Guide to the Rails, Crakes, Gallinules and Coots of the World*, Barry Taylor, 1998, 1st edition, dust jacket, \$8; *Parrots of the World*, Joseph Forshaw, 1977, hard cover, \$20; *Woodpeckers: an Identification Guide to the Woodpeckers of the World*, Winkler, Christie and Nurney, 1995, 1st edition, dust jacket, \$10. For a list, contact FRED SLADEN in New London, (EM: nhfwsladen@gmail.com). Prices are negotiable. Buyer must pay shipping.

FREE HALF-CENTURY OF AUK: I have continuous series of *The Auk* from 1964 to present; I will give these copies to any individual, group, or institution willing to pay the shipping cost from Woodbridge, Virginia. They are in good condition and are boxed in cardboard boxes suitable for shipment. If interested, contact (EM: whnesbitt@gmail.com).

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

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

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

2015 OHIO AVIAN RESEARCH CONFERENCE, Saturday, **17 Oct 2015**, Denison University in Granville, Ohio. This will be the third year for this annual conference. You can view details about last year's conference here: <http://tuckercasey.wix.com/aacri-birds#oarc2014> This is a 'save-the-date' notification and to get you thinking about possible oral or poster presentations that you might like to share at this year's conference. A formal call for presentations will go out in August. The last two conferences were used as a model for a similar state conference that was held in Oregon in January of this year. Check out this YouTube video about that conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfY6TQxPXo0>. Contact: CASEY TUCKER [EM: tuckercasey@hotmail.com, PH: 614-403-5263 (cell)]

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

2015 NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE, Little Rock, Arkansas, **3-5 Nov. 2015**. We'll explore many of the top issues that currently face conservation professionals, focusing on emerging changes in the conservation paradigm and the need for communication and constituency building in today's ever-changing political and social climate. We'll also delve into cutting-edge techniques for managing open pine ecosystems, prescribed fire, and river restoration. For more information, the conference website is <http://naturalareasconference.org/>

RRF 2015 - Block out 4-8 Nov 2015 Raptor Research Foundation conference in Sacramento – the fiftieth anniversary of the groundbreaking 1965 Peregrine Falcon meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Sacramento, CA is easy to get to, with proximity to the diverse Central California coast, the Sierra Foothills, the Central Valley, and much more. Sessions will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, a stone's throw from the raptor-rich American River Parkway. Hosting the conference is the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO), celebrating 30 years of raptor migration monitoring in the Marin Headlands. The 2015 conference will feature a symposium on Golden Eagle conservation. Other anticipated symposia may include Strix owl conservation, rodenticide effects, raptor health and diseases, and mitigating energy impacts on birds of prey. Field trips are expected to the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory migration site in the Marin Headlands, to the Sacramento Valley National Wildlife Refuge complex, to Altamont Pass

Wind Region, and to the California Raptor Center at UC Davis. For suggestions of events and to offer ideas or support, please contact: Local conference chair ALLEN FISH (EM: afish@parksconservancy.org) or RRF conference chair KATE DAVIS (EM: raptors@montana.com).

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

RICHARD G. BEIDLEMAN, a member of the AOU and COS since 1948, and of AFO since 1989, passed away on August 7, 2014 after a battle with cancer. He dedicated his life and career to teaching, research, and conservation, and ornithology was his passion and a central focus of his endeavors. He participated in the Breeding Bird Census and, for over 60 years (his last at age 90), in Christmas Bird Counts (CBC). He taught university ornithology courses at Colorado State University, University of Colorado, and Colorado College. In addition to sharing his knowledge and love of the environment with his students, Dr. Beidleman gave hundreds of public lectures nationally and internationally. He received many awards, including the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Ronald A. Ryder Award for Distinguished Service to Colorado Field Ornithology in 2004, and was responsible for helping to save, as open space, additions to the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, as well as the Aiken Canyon Preserve for The Nature Conservancy, Mueller Ranch for Colorado State Parks, and Florissant Fossil Beds for the National Park Service.

THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

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MICHAEL ERWIN, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (Senior Scientist Emeritus), UVA Dept of Environmental Sciences (Retired). Home: 97 Gov. Thomson Ter., Weaverville NC 28787; Email: mikeerwin67@yahoo.com

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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](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)), **by 1 September 2015**. Please submit announcements by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file). Items sent to the OSNA office may not reach the Editor in time. Items with deadline dates should be submitted at least four months in advance of that date to allow time for response.