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THE 32ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS will be held jointly on 23-27 Sep 2014 in Estes Park, CO. Website: <http://www.birdmeetings.org/aoucossco2014/>

The American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Society of Canadian Ornithologists will hold their 2014 annual meetings in Estes Park, Colorado from Tuesday through Saturday, 23-27 September 2014, preceded by council meetings and field trips. Register now and sign up for workshops, field trips, and social events. On-site child care will be available through a professional event child care service. The deadline for receipt of abstracts for the scientific meeting is **30 May 2014**, and a deadline for a special symposium of Early Professionals Mini-talks is **30 June 2014**. See meeting website to submit abstracts, register for the meeting, reserve lodging and meal plans, and for more information on events and childcare (URL: <http://www.birdmeetings.org/aoucossco2014>). Highlights of the meeting will include plenary talks by Drs. Alexander Badyaev, Susan Haig, H. Grant Gilchrist, and the winners of the Young Professionals Award, workshops on "R", a showing of "From Billions to None: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction", a tribute to Ornithologists in the Military, a rousing on-site Bird Band Jam and Poetry Slam, closing banquet, and more than 20 field trips. Come join us!!

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

RESEARCH COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY FOR BANDERS – The Cameron Lab at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign welcomes partnerships with bird banders and ornithologists across the United States for the 2014 banding season. Collaborators will opportunistically collect avian excreta during routine banding. Samples will be shipped to the U of I to be screened for evidence of bumble bee predation. Goals of the study include identifying bird species that are major bumble bee predators and to shed light on the importance of these declining insect populations on the available forage for these

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birds. Banders/stations will be acknowledged in all resulting publications. Supplies and shipping expenses are provided. Interested parties should contact JOHN MADDUX (EM: maddux2@illinois.edu) for more information or to register for a collection kit.

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Positions and Opportunities section is available only in the on-line edition. It can be accessed at (<http://osnabirds.org/Jobs.aspx>). Submissions can be made any time and are posted free of charge. Members may post directly to the board after logging in to OSNA using their OSNA member log in. Non-members may have announcements posted by sending them to the Ornithological Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Trine (EM: ctrine AT 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>

THE WORLD OWL HALL OF FAME IS CURRENTLY SEEKING NOMINATION for its 2015 awards. The awards are for people and owls who have made this world a substantially better place for owls. Three awards are given: The Champion of Owls Award is given to humans who have had a broad geographical impact (usually at least one continent) on owls in multiple fields such as conservation, science, legislation, education, and/or rehabilitation, usually over a lifetime. The Special Achievement Award is for humans who have made a significant contribution to owls through a specific project or for efforts in a specific geographic area. The Lady Gray'l Award is for an owl who as an individual (usually with the assistance of some humans) has had a significant impact toward making this world a better place for owls, in multiple fields such as education, research, rehabilitation, or changing cultural attitudes. Nominations are due **by 31 August 2014** and will be judged by a panel of five owl experts from four countries. Winners will be notified in late September and awards will be presented at the International Festival of Owls on March 7, 2015 in Houston, Minnesota, USA. You can find more information and nomination forms at <http://www.festivalofowls.com/halloffame.html>. Awards are sponsored by the International Festival of Owls and the Global Owl Project.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

ALAN FEDUCCIA'S REVIEW ON BIRD EXTINCTION has been published: Avian extinction at the end of the Cretaceous: Assessing the magnitude and subsequent explosive radiation. *Cretaceous Research* 50(2014):1-15.doi.org/10.1016/j.cretres.2014.03.009. A pdf is available upon request to (EM: feduccia@bio.unc.edu).

40 YEARS OF EVOLUTION: Darwin's Finches on Daphne Major Island, Peter R. Grant & B. Rosemary Grant, 2014. Princeton University Press. 432 pp., 6" x 9", 44 color illus., 129 line illus., 21 tables. ISBN: 9780691160467 (Hardcover, \$49.50 / £34.95), ISBN: 9781400851300 (eBook). In their newest book, *40 Years of Evolution*, the authors turn their attention to events taking place on a contemporary scale. By continuously tracking finch populations over a period of four decades, they uncover the causes and consequences of significant events leading to evolutionary changes in species. The authors used a vast array of ecological, behavioral, and genetic data--including song recordings, DNA analyses, and feeding and breeding behavior--to measure changes in finch populations on the small island of Daphne Major in the Galápagos archipelago. They find that natural selection happens repeatedly, that finches hybridize and exchange genes rarely, and that they compete for scarce food in times of drought, with the remarkable result that the finch populations today differ significantly in average beak size and shape from those of forty years ago. The authors' most spectacular discovery is the initiation and establishment of a new lineage that now behaves as a new species, differing from others in size, song, and other characteristics. The authors emphasize the immeasurable value of continuous long-term studies of natural populations and of critical opportunities for detecting and understanding rare but significant events.

THE BIRDS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by Allan R. Keith and Robert P. Fox, 2013. Nuttall Ornithological Society; 473 pp, hard cover, 8.5X11X 1.5 inches, ISBN: 9781877973475. Memoirs of the Nuttall Ornithological Club number 19. This is the first state-wide coverage of all species in 110 years. It includes status and distribution for all 427 species, seasons of occurrence and abundance, Christmas Bird Counts and Breeding Bird Survey, and a summary of New Hampshire hawk-watching data, as well as the location and identity of over 4,800 museum specimens collected in the state, and a summary of over 17,500 bird band returns for New Hampshire. The bibliography contains of over 1,200 titles covering the last 200 years.

BIRDS OF KENYA'S RIFT VALLEY, Adam Scott Kennedy, 2014. Princeton University Press. 256 pp., 6" x 8", 500 color illus. ISBN: 9780691159072 (Paperback, \$29.95 / £18.95), ISBN: 9781400851379 (eBook). Kenya's Rift Valley includes four major national parks--Lake Nakuru, Lake Bogoria, Mount Longonot, and Hell's Gate--as well as many smaller areas that are outstanding for wildlife. Birds of Kenya's Rift Valley features the 320 bird species that are most likely to be encountered on safari in this world-famous region, which runs from Lake Baringo in the north to Lake Magadi in the south. The book follows a habitat-based approach and provides interesting information about the ecology and behaviors of each species.

WILDLIFE OF THE CARIBBEAN, Herbert A. Raffaele & James W. Wiley, 2014. Princeton University Press. 304 pp., 5 x 8, 600 color illus. ISBN: 9780691153827 (Paper, \$19.95/£13.95); ISBN: 9781400851690 (eBook) Designed with the nature-loving traveler in mind, *Wildlife of the Caribbean* is an illustrated pocket guide to the most widely seen flora and fauna of the Caribbean. Islands covered in this book include the Bahamas, Greater Antilles, Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, and Lesser Antilles. This illustrated guide to the natural world of the Caribbean islands contains 600 color images featuring 451 species of plants, birds, mammals, fish, seashells, and much more. Straightforward descriptions are suitable for a general audience. The compact size makes the guide easy to carry.

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

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY: the ISBE 2014 conference takes place **31 Jul - 5 Aug 2014**, at Hunter College in New York City. There will be limited availability for dormitory housing at New York University, ranging from \$50 doubles or \$80 singles / night

(subject to change) <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. Please feel free to ask any questions by emailing us (EM: contact@isbe2014.com), updates (URL: <http://www.isbe2014.com>)

*THE 51ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY will be held in: Princeton, NJ, USA, from Saturday, **9-14 August 2014**, with strong representation from North American, South American and European researchers. Download the program from: https://www.dropbox.com/s/2ejf76cqr9hwr9/ABS2014_Draft_program_April22.pdf

26TH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, **18-24 Aug 2014**, Tokyo, Japan. Registration Deadline: **31 May 2014**. Website: <http://loc26.jp>

BIRD CONSERVATION ALLIANCE MEETING: Restoring Natural Communities for Bird Conservation, **21 Sep 2014**, in St. Louis, Missouri to be held prior to and at the same location as the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (AFWA) fall meeting. *Restoring Natural Communities for Bird Conservation* will focus on bird conservation and forest restoration including discussions on glade and oak and pine woodland restoration, providing Golden-wing Warbler habitat, and fire management. The meeting will be from noon until 5 pm, and the opening reception for the AFWA meeting will be that evening.

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RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION 2014 CONFERENCE, **24-28 Sep 2014** at the Emerald Beach Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Co-hosts are the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University, Kingsville and HawkWatch International. Wednesday Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) full-day workshop, Thursday "Raptors and Energy Development" symposium. Other workshops, keynotes, symposia, evening presentations, photography competition, plus three days of scientific papers, and field trips during the peak of hawk migration. Trips to Hazel Bazemore Park, "Celebration of Flight" with 21 raptor species counted and single day totals of up 400,000 birds, and trip to the King Ranch. Call for papers on March 24th, Registration opens April 22nd (Earth Day!) Early registration **before July 15th**. Updates on the web site: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>

3RD INTERNATIONAL FLAMINGO SYMPOSIUM (**5-9 Oct 2014**), hosted by SeaWorld San Diego. The symposium is an international gathering of flamingo specialists that will increase communication within the international flamingo community and support flamingo conservation and research. The Wetlands International/IUCN-SSC Flamingo Specialist Group and conference scientific committee are working together with flamingo experts in the field and zoological professionals to increase collaboration and provide high quality scientific presentations. The scientific content of the presentations will focus on all aspects of flamingo conservation including ecological studies, and conservation projects, zoological behavior, and husbandry studies. Workshops will focus on collaborations, research and conservation. The Registration fee includes: Sunday Icebreaker, all talks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, plus 1 Thursday SeaWorld tour and 1 Thursday

evening Banquet. For more information or to register, visit the website at <http://www.3rdinternationalflamingosymposium.com/> or call LAURIE CONRAD (PH: 619-225-4378).

THE 38th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY and THE XIII CONGRESO PARA EL ESTUDIO Y CONSERVACION DE LAS AVES EN MEXICO ORGANIZADO POR CIPAMEX (La Sociedad para el Estudio y Conservación de las Aves en México) will be held jointly from **5-8 Nov 2014** in La Paz, BCS, Mexico.

THE XTH 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 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY is planned to be held jointly with the Society of Canadian Ornithologists/Société des Ornithologistes du Canada, at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, **16 - 18 July 2015**. Dr. DAVE SHUTLER will serve as Chair for Local Arrangements.

*2ND WORLD SEABIRD CONFERENCE will be held in Capetown, South Africa at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, **26-30 October 2015**. The twenty groups forming the World Seabird Union will be sponsoring the conference. Conference registration will open in late 2014. 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>

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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 AT andrews.edu](mailto:ctrine@andrews.edu)), **by 1 July 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.