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THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS held its Annual Meeting at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada in conjunction with the North American Ornithological Conference, 14-18 August 2012.

- The following students received Best Student Presentation Awards from the AFO: Katherine Batdorf, Ohio State University. "Are all birds moving poleward?" AFO Student poster presentation award. Leonardo Calle, University of Florida. "Predicted changes in foraging habitat of the Little Blue Heron." AFO Student oral presentation award.
- Elected to new or continuing terms as AFO officers were: KATHRYN PURCELL, President; REED BOWMAN, Vice President; MICHAEL P. LOMBARDO, Secretary; GREGORY SHRIVER, Treasurer; JEFFERY BUHLER, Assistant Treasurer; BRIAN HARRINGTON, Assistant Treasurer.
- Elected to the AFO Council, Class of 2014: ALEX JAHN, VALENTINA FERRETTI; Class of 2015: ETHAN CLOTFELTER, SCOTT STOLESEN.
- The Best Student Publication Award in *The Journal of Field Ornithology* was presented to MELISSA PRICE, Loma Linda University for her paper "Population status, habitat dependence, and reproductive ecology of Bahama Orioles: a critically endangered synanthropic species."
- Bergstrom research awards were presented to Alexandra M Anderson, Boise State University; Lauren Deaner, Georgia Southern University; Kirstin G Dillon, University of Arizona; Sara J. Miller, Arkansas State University; Tina M Morris, Appalachian State University.
- A Skutch Research Award was presented to Roni Martinez for "The breeding biology of the enigmatic Solitary Eagle (*Harpyphaliaetus solitaries*)."
- The next annual meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists will be held at the Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, FL from 27-31 March 2013. REED BOWMAN is the local host.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION IN 2013 – 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*, the leading journal of ornithology. (2) You will receive electronic access to *Ornithological Monographs*, a venue for

longer ornithological publications. (3) You will have access to the online membership directory, providing contact information for all members of the Ornithological Societies of North America. (4) You will be eligible to apply for travel awards to attend annual meetings, including the upcoming meeting in Chicago in August 2013. (5) You will be eligible to apply for research grants to support high quality research (only members can apply). (6) 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 (1) have no current or prior membership in the AOU; (2) 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 (3) 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 to the Student Membership Awards organizer, DANIEL MENNILL (EM: dmennill AT uwindsor.ca). Applications are **due before 1 Jan 2013**.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ERRATA: MY APOLOGIES --The address was omitted from the announcement, "DALE A. ZIMMERMAN BIRD PRINTS FOR SALE!" in the August issue newsletter. The address is: New Mexico Ornithological Society, P.O. Box 3068, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3068.

"AVES" EXHIBITION NOW ACCESSIBLE ONLINE – Upon his arrival in the Caribbean in 1542, Christopher Columbus noted: "The singing of little birds is such that it would seem that man would never wish to leave here; and the flocks of parrots obscured the sun; and big and little birds of all sorts, are so different from ours that it is marvelous." Tales of discovery, along with the exquisite art produced to disseminate information about the natural world, are now available online in the exhibition *AVES: A Survey of the Literature of Neotropical Ornithology*. Viewers may access biographies of scientists and explorers, and four centuries of bird illustrations through the following address (URL: <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/aves>). The online exhibition was adapted from the an exhibition and accompanying catalogue of the same title, which was written by antiquarian book dealer Tom Taylor, with contributions by Michael L. Taylor, Assistant Curator of Books at LSU Libraries Special Collections, and published by LSU Libraries in 2011. All text on the online exhibition reflects text printed in the catalogue. The physical exhibit was displayed 23 May to 12 Sep 2011. The exhibit focuses on telling the "untold" stories of scientific explorers who discovered and named thousands of new bird species in Mexico, the Caribbean, and South and Central America, and shared their findings in the beautifully illustrated and important books featured. The online presentation includes engaging and colorful images of birds and their habitats, taken from the books, interpretive text for each of the works, and brief biographies of more than forty naturalists and bird collectors, ranging from giants such as Charles Darwin and Alexander von Humboldt to virtually unknown figures like Emilie Snethlage, one of the first women to pursue ornithology as a profession. Most materials featured in the exhibition are housed in the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection in LSU Libraries Special Collections at Hill Memorial Library. The original 2011 exhibition installation and catalogue were funded with a generous grant by the Coypu Foundation.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS - SABBATICAL SCHOLARS, WORKING GROUPS AND CATALYSIS MEETINGS – Proposals for Sabbaticals, Working Groups and Catalysis Meetings are now being accepted at The National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent). We are looking to support innovative approaches to outstanding problems in evolutionary science. In particular, proposals that have a clear interdisciplinary focus, or involve evolutionary concepts in non-traditional disciplines, are strongly encouraged, as are proposals that demonstrate international participation and a mix of senior and emerging researchers, including graduate students. Proposals are accepted twice a year, with deadlines on 10 Jul and 1 Dec. Proposals for Sabbaticals may be for up to a full year. WE ALSO ACCEPT proposals for short-term visits (2 weeks to 3 months; deadlines on **1 Jan, 1 Apr, 1 Jul** and **1 Sep**). For more information, please see our website (URL: <https://www.nescent.org/science/proposals.php>).

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.

BIOSCIENCE PAPER URGES USE OF GUIDELINES TO THE USE OF WILD BIRDS IN RESEARCH - The September 2012 issue of *BioScience* includes an article co-authored by OC Executive Director Ellen Paul, Bob Sikes (Chair of the American Society of Mammalogists Animal Care and Use Committee), and Steve Beaupre (President of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists). The paper explains why the *Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, known as the ILAR Guide) published by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources of the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science) which is the official reference document used by the federal grant-making agencies, is a poor fit for reviewing research involving wildlife. It goes on to explain why the taxon-specific guidelines, including *Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research*, *Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research*, and *Guidelines for the Use of Live Amphibians and Reptiles in Field and Laboratory Research* merit formal recognition by the federal grant-making agencies as the appropriate standards for reviewing wildlife research protocols. Wildlife researchers and IACUC members alike have expressed concern about the legal requirement that they comply with the ILAR Guide, even though the Guide has little useful guidance for wildlife research; they would like to be able to meet the legal requirement while applying biologically appropriate standards. As the paper explains, "Prior to 1986, PHS policy covered mainly the maintenance of laboratory animals in captivity. In 1986, that policy was extended to cover experimental procedures. Because the NSF, which funded the most substantial part of wildlife research, required adherence to the PHS policy, this change also affected wildlife research. At the time, there were no accepted humane policies pertaining to field research. As a result, IACUCs had no guidance for reviewing protocols for wildlife research and were making widely varying decisions. Recognizing this problem, the NSF urged the presidents of the appropriate scientific societies in 1986 to develop guide- lines for the appropriate handling of their taxa. Funding from the NSF facilitated these efforts, and 1987 and 1988 saw the publication of taxon-based guidelines for mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and fishes (Orlans 1988)." The authors hope that this paper will be useful to wildlife researchers and the IACUC members who review their research protocols. To make the best use of this paper, the co-authors urge you to ensure that all members of your IACUC and all colleagues working with wild species of vertebrates see this article. We further recommend that this paper be cited in all future animal care and use proposals and papers involving wild vertebrates as clear justification for using taxon-specific guidelines as the most appropriate references for wildlife research. These actions by all investigators working with wild vertebrates will underscore the validity of taxon-specific guidelines for wildlife research rather than guidelines developed for biomedical laboratory

research. We feel that by getting this message out to all investigators working with wildlife and having broad acceptance of taxon-specific guidelines as appropriate standards for the preparation and review of wildlife protocols, our taxon-specific guidelines will quickly become the standard for this type of research. We recommend language similar to the following in all future publications using wild vertebrates:

Because taxon-specific guidelines are the appropriate references for wildlife research (Sikes et al., 2012), we followed these guidelines for birds:

Fair J, Paul E, and Jones J. (eds.) 2010. *Guidelines to the use of Wild Birds in Research, 3rd Edition*. Washington, D.C.:The Ornithological Council. Available online at (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/guide/guidelines.html?Operation=ENTER+HERE+%7E+English>).

A copy of the paper can be found here (URL: <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/topic/4023-bioscience-article-argues-for-official-recognition-of-taxon-specific-research-guides/>).

THE ANNUAL PLEDGE BREAK: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL! - Society membership renewal notices will soon land in your inbox....and we hope that when you renew, you will consider contributing to the Ornithological Council. You will find a line on the printed renewal notice, at the top of the column where you will list your dues and contributions to the OSNA societies. You can also contribute via the OSNA website (URL: <http://www.osnabirds.org>) if you renew online. The line for contributions to the OC appear at the bottom of the webpage where you enter the society membership dues and contributions. Those who are not members of one of the six societies that send a membership renewal notice through OSNA (American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, Cooper Ornithological Society, Raptor Research Foundation, Waterbird Society, and Wilson Ornithological Society), can contribute directly through the PayPal button on our homepage (URL: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/index.html>) using your free PayPal account or a credit card or by check (payable to the Ornithological Council and mailed to 5107 Sentinel Drive, Bethesda MD 20816, USA). Thank you for helping the Ornithological Council in its efforts to keep the world safe for ornithology! Many ornithologists already know that the Ornithological Council is the "go-to" source for assistance and information regarding permits, animal welfare, and other policies and procedures that they must follow in conducting their research. Among the key services provided by the OC are: -Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research (a peer-reviewed document, available for free, that is used by scientists, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, and government agencies). -Peer-reviewed guidance on the impacts of West Nile Virus and H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, and other zoonotic disease on ornithological research. -Comprehensive guides for obtaining permits for import of specimens and live birds, permits to work on federally managed public lands, and state permitting. - Representation to the U.S., Canadian, and international organizations that set animal welfare standards for scientific research. We've also helped many ornithologists to obtain policy information about the birds they study, and to communicate their research findings to policy makers and conservation planners and resource managers. Others know us only through the Ornithological Newsletter or listservs, and have not yet needed individual assistance. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the ornithologists and the ornithological community as a whole. More details about our work can be found on Ornithology Exchange (URL: http://ornithologyexchange.org/articles/_/community/all-about-the-ornithological-council-and-why-you-should-care-r104 and <http://ornithologyexchange.org/forums/forum/88-news-from-the-ornithological-council/>). Most of the support for the Ornithological Council is provided by our eleven member societies, which support the OC as an important benefit for their members. However, support from individual ornithologists is also an important source of funding for OC's efforts to "keep the world safe for ornithology." Thank you to all who have contributed in the past. We appreciate your support!

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>

2013 AOU STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS - Information on the 2013 AOU Student Research Awards can be found at <http://www.aou.org/awards/research/>. The deadline for submission is **1 February 2013**. Questions should be directed to the Chair of the AOU Student Research Awards Committee, BRIAN PEER (EM: BD-Peer@wiu.edu).

THE MILLER AWARD COMMITTEE of the Cooper Ornithological Society solicits nominations for the Loye H. and Alden H. Miller Award. This award is offered annually by the COS to a living individual who has an extensive record of research in any field of ornithology and who has made significant advancements and major breakthroughs in our understanding of the biology of birds that have stood the test of time. The award is given solely on the merits of the research and is not restricted with respect to nationality, research subject, or geographic area in which the research was conducted. Recent recipients of the Miller Award are John Wiens, Robert Ricklefs, Robert Payne, Peter Marler, Francis James, Keith Hobson, Susan Haig and Thomas Martin. Please send nominations with a brief supporting statement (~1 page) and citations of key publications or URL for a Web site **by 1 Jan 2013** to SIEVERT ROHWER, Chair, Miller Award Committee. Email is preferable (EM: rohwer@uw.edu) but hard copy can be sent to Department of Biology, Box 351600, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, USA.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN EVOLUTIONARY SCIENCE AND RELATED FIELDS--NESCent is now including graduate training in its portfolio, by offering one-semester fellowships for graduate students to pursue research with a NESCent sabbatical scholar, a NESCent postdoctoral scholar, or a NESCent Working Group. Deadlines are 1 Jan (for a fall semester fellowship) and 1 Jul (for a spring semester fellowship). For more information, please see our website (URL: <https://www.nescent.org/science/proposals.php>).

TIOF GRANT – The International Osprey Foundation is seeking applications for its 24th annual grant program to support research activities of a graduate student primarily focusing on osprey. The award recipient will be expected to provide a report on his or her research and use of the funds within one year of receiving the grant. To apply, send a project description of no more than two pages, an itemized estimate of expenses, and the name and address of the graduate supervisor. This project description and estimated budget, along with a cover letter giving whatever personal data you wish to furnish, will serve as your grant application. No further documents are required. Applications must be submitted by 31 January 2013 to: TIOF Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 250, Sanibel, Florida, USA 33957-0250.

JOSEPH GRINNELL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD – This award supports beginning research efforts of Ph.D. graduate students in their first or second year of enrollment. One award of \$2500 awards will be designated, in the memory of Joseph Grinnell, to support basic research in any aspect of avian biology. Projects that deal with conservation issues in avian biology should be directed to the Mewaldt-King Research Awards Committee of the Cooper Ornithological Society. Students may not submit a proposal to both award committees in the same year. View previous years' Joseph Grinnell Award recipients and titles at http://cooper.org/awards_and_grants/grinnell_winners.htm. Eligibility: This award is open to all graduate students that are members of the COS and originally enrolled in a Doctoral program AFTER Aug 2010. 2013 Proposal Deadline: Proposals must be submitted electronically on or before **1 Jan 2013**. Students lacking internet access may submit printed copies of their materials via mail (postmarked by 1 January 2013; see mailing address below) and should include a self-addressed envelope to facilitate notification of the committee's decision. Electronic copies submitted on floppy disks via postal service will NOT be accepted. Proposal submission To apply for the award, the student should submit one copy of: 1. A short research proposal (no longer than 1800 words; see format below), 2. His/her most current curriculum vitae, and 3. A letter of support from his/her major faculty advisor. It is encouraged that materials be submitted as attachments via email directly to the chair of the committee: SCOTT STOLESON, Ph.D. USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, PO Box 267, Irvine, PA 16329 (EM: sstoleson@fs.fed.us). Acceptable electronic file formats are Word, rich text format, and pdf files. Files in other formats will not be accepted. Files should be named using the student's last name and first initial (e.g., SmithC_proposal.pdf; SmithC_cv.pdf). Please include "Grinnell Award" in the subject heading of the email. The letter of support should be submitted separately by the applicant's major faculty advisor. The letter should address the qualifications of the applicant and the importance of the research project. This letter must also state the academic semester or quarter in which the applicant first entered the Ph.D. program. Otherwise the application will not be considered. Format: 1. Abstract 2. Introduction, including: (a) objectives with specific hypotheses to be tested (b) summary of any work completed to date (c) relation to present knowledge (d) significance 3. Proposed methods, analyses, and timetable 4. Literature cited. The complete proposal abstract and text, including literature cited, may not be longer than 1800 words (approximately 5 pages, double-spaced).

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE WILDLIFE OF SOUTH GEORGIA, R. Burton & J. Croxall, 2012. Princeton University Press. 200 pp., 6" x 8", 368 color illus. ISBN: 9780691156613 (Paper, \$24.95). This illustrated field guide depicts the birds, mammals, insects, flowering plants, and other vegetation found in this unique part of the world. It features 368 full-color photographs of more than 180 species, including 65 species of birds, 20 species of sea mammals, nearly 60 species of insects, and more than 40 species of flowering and nonflowering plants. Detailed species accounts describe key identification features, with information on status, behavior, threats, and distribution. This one-of-a-kind photographic guide also includes introductory chapters on South Georgia's geography, climate, ecology, and conservation.

BIRDS OF CENTRAL ASIA: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, R. Aye, Schweizer & T. Roth, 2012. Princeton University Press. 336 pp., 6" x 9", 143 color plates, 627 maps, ISBN: 9780691153377 (paper, \$39.50). Central Asia--a vast and remote area of steppe, semi-desert, and mountains separating Europe from eastern Asia--is home to a diversity of birds. Birds of Central Asia is the first-ever field guide to the avian population of this fascinating part of the world. From ground jays, larks, and raptors to warblers, nuthatches, and snowfinches, this comprehensive guide covers 618 species--including all residents, migrants, and vagrants--and 143 superb plates depict every species and many distinct plumages and races. This portable book contains important introductory sections on the land and its birds, and up-to-date color maps. The concise, authoritative text on facing pages highlights key identification features, such as status, voice, and habitat.

SENDERO BARRANCOLI: A BIRD-FINDING GUIDE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - is a 240-page, full-color guide to bird watching sites in the Dominican Republic. The book represents the first national-level birding trail in the Caribbean and Latin America. The guide includes detailed descriptions of 44 sites, 33 maps, 8 check-lists, and original plates by Dana Gardner of all 32 endemic species. In addition to the bird-watching guide, the book includes recommendations for places to stay in the Dominican Republic, general travel information, and places to eat. The book also includes recommendations for social and cultural attractions that may be of interest to ecotourists. Available for \$29.95 plus \$3.00 postage from STEVEN LATTA, National Aviary, Dept. Conservation and Field Research, Allegheny Commons West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5248. Discounts for bulk orders and libraries available. Contact steven.latta@aviary.org.

THE CORAL CARRIER - FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS, NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS: A History, Binion Amerson, 2012. Privately published through JPS Printing Systems of Addison, Texas, and is available from Binion Amerson Books, 13723 Littlecrest Drive, Dallas, Texas 75234 (PH: 972-798-7578, EM: binionamerson@hotmail.com, URL: <http://www.binionamerson.com>). Hardbound, 262 pp, over 100 photos, three appendices. This hardbound book is about the history of one of the Coast Guard LORAN Stations in the Hawaiian Islands. Among other aspects, this book details early bird exploration on the Atoll by Alexander Wetmore (includes his unpublished field notes) and recent bird exploration by the Smithsonian's Pacific Ocean Biological Survey Program (1963 - 1969). Further it adds new information from the USF&W Tern Island FFS Research Station and gives details on bird and wildlife restoration on Tern Island after the military left the Atoll in 1979. Information for this scholarly historical book was obtained from personal visits to French Frigate Shoals from 1962 to 1969 and from many sources including: the Bird Division, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; the Modern Military History Division, US National Archives, Washington, DC; Classified Operational Archives, Naval History Division, Washington, DC; Pacific Science Information Center, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu Hawaii; Hawaii State Archives, Honolulu, Hawaii; Federal Records Center, Suitland, MD; personal communications from past commanding officers and enlisted men of the US Coast Guard French Frigate Shoals LORAN Station and the US Naval French Frigate Shoals Air Facility; and personal communications from past and present US Fish and Wildlife Tern Island Research Station.

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

AVAILABLE: *Journal für Ornithologie*. I have eight old issues that I'm willing to give away for FREE, though I'd like to be reimbursed for the cost of mailing. They are: July 1930, July 1931, October 1931, April 1932, January 1933, July 1933, October 1936, and July 1939. Despite their age, they contain still-valuable papers by such ornithologists as Frank, Kramer, Lorenz, Mayr, Stolpe, Stresemann, and Technau on anatomy, avifaunas, behavior, breeding biology, feather coloration, feeding and digestion, flight, systematics, and other subjects. All are in good condition. - PETER STETTENHEIM, 30 Alice Peck Day Drive, #403, Lebanon, NH 03766; (EM: peter.stettenheim@valley.net)

JOURNAL AVAILABLE: *Colonial Waterbirds* (Vols. 4-21, 1981-1998) and *Waterbirds* (Vols.22-34, 1999-2011) including all Special Publication issues. Vol. 4 was the first refereed journal of the Colonial Waterbird Group and replaced the *Proceedings* (Vols. 1-3, 1978-1980) published after Annual meetings. Available for the cost of shipping from Fonthill, Ontario, Canada (L0S 1E5). Contact RALPH MORRIS (EM: rmorris@brocku.ca, PH: 905-892-8377).

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 ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (IOCSEA), Phuket, Thailand (**27-29 Nov 2012**). This bird conference is the first organized specifically for Southeast Asian birds. It is our hope that it will become a regular event in the region in future years. For more information and to register and submit abstracts, please visit the website (URL: <http://www.harrison-institute.org/IOCSEA/index.html>).

6TH NORTH AMERICAN DUCK SYMPOSIUM: ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL (**27-31 Jan 2013**) - A Symposium and Joint Meeting of The North American Duck Symposium and Workshop, The North American Arctic Goose Conference, and The International Sea Duck Conference. Local Organizer/ Host: Mississippi State University. Given worldwide significance of waterfowl, scientists of the above organizations are planning an international symposium (ECNAW) for all people interested in waterfowl science and conservation. Forthcoming details will be posted on the NADS web site (URL: <http://www.northamericanducksymposium.org>). Co-Chairs: RICHARD M. KAMINSKI, Ph.D., Professor and James C. Kennedy Endowed Chair in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation, Mississippi State University (EM: rkaminski@cfr.msstate.edu, PH: 662.325.2623) and J. BRIAN DAVIS, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Waterfowl & Wetlands Ecology, Mississippi State University (EM: bdavis@cfr.msstate.edu, PH: 662.325.4790).

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2013 ANNUAL MEETING will take place **7-9 Mar 2013** at the College of William and Mary in historic Williamsburg, VA. The meeting will include plenary lectures by Peter and Rosemary Grant and Jed Burt. To mark the historic 125th anniversary of the WOS and the 200th anniversary of Alexander Wilson's death, the meeting also will include a symposium celebrating American ornithology and the Wilson Society. A meeting website will be available by mid-October and will be linked to the WOS website (URL: <http://www.wilsonsociety.org/meetings/>). Abstracts will be **due on 7 Jan**, and early registration will close on **1 Feb**. If you have any questions, please contact the local host, DAN CRISTOL (EM: dacris@wm.edu), or the scientific program committee chair, SARA MORRIS (EM: morriss@canisius.edu).

*ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS, **27-30 Mar 2013**, Archbold Biological Station, Venus, Florida. Archbold Biological Station in Venus, Florida, is pleased to host the 2013 meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists. Archbold Biological Station is a non-profit research facility devoted to long-term ecological research and conservation of the organisms and environments of the Lake Wales Ridge, an ancient, sandy ecosystem of south-central Florida and a biodiversity hotspot of rare and endemic species. Central Florida is known for many birding specialties, several with western-affinities such as Florida Scrub-Jay, Crested Caracara, Sandhill Cranes, and Burrowing Owls. By the end of March, many species with Caribbean affinities, such as White-crowned Pigeons, Gray Kingbirds, and Black-whiskered Vireos, can be found in the southern portions of Florida (2-3 hours) and fall-outs during spring migration along the Gulf Coast at places like Fort DeSoto Park in Pinellas County can be spectacular. In addition, the breeding season of the Florida Scrub-Jay, as well as many other local species, will be in full swing... we might offer the opportunity for a working holiday by asking volunteers to help find nests! The research on scrub-jays at Archbold is one of the longest, continuous studies of a marked population of birds in the world. Archbold Biological Station protects 5,193-acres of globally significant Florida scrub. Other Archbold divisions are our working ranch, the MacArthur Agro-ecology Research Center (10,500 acres) and the restoration landscape of the Archbold Reserve (3,648 acres). All of these sites offer excellent opportunities for birding. Locally, we also have great birding locations, such as Highlands Hammock State Park and Avon Park Air Force Range, site of Archbold's research on several listed species such as the Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow. A vast diversity of ecosystems occur within 2-3 hours of Archbold, including Florida Dry Prairie, the Everglades, the Florida Keys and their hammocks and reefs, Ocala National Forest and it's amazing springs....not to mention world-famous attractions for the entire family, such as Disney World, Sea World, Busch Gardens and Universal Studios among many that are within 2 hours. The meeting will be held in Archbold's new LEED Platinum Lodge and Learning Center. Attendees will have opportunities to meet Archbold scientists, tour our labs and learn about our diverse research. We will offer morning bird

walks, and post-meeting field trips, in addition to suggestions for self-guided trips. Housing on-station is limited, shared, but inexpensive; however, there are several nearby (5-6 miles) hotels. We will offer a catered meal plan whether you stay on the station or at a hotel. Lake Placid has a variety of restaurants, but we encourage everyone to sign up for meals. Lodging and meal costs should be relatively inexpensive. Registration and a call for papers will be available soon. The best part is that it is winter or very early spring most everywhere (i.e. still cold), but it will be summer here! For more information, contact the Local Committee Chair (EM: rbowman@archbold-station.org). For more information about Archbold Biological Station, visit (URL: <http://www.archbold-station.org>).

THE 131ST STATED MEETING OF THE AOU will be held **13-17 Aug 2013** in conjunction with the COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING at the Palmer House-Hilton in Chicago, IL. This meeting is being hosted by the Field Museum and the local committee chair is John Bates.

37TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY, **24-29 Sep 2013**, in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. The Waterbird Society will hold its 37th annual meeting in 2013 in Germany for the first time. The Institute of Avian Research "Vogelwarte Helgoland", one of the oldest ornithological research institutes in the world, will be the host. The meeting venue is the Stadthalle, located in the center of Wilhelmshaven on the German North Sea coast. Wilhelmshaven can be reached easily by train from the nearby airports: Bremen, Hamburg, Hannover, Frankfurt or Amsterdam. Wilhelmshaven is located adjacent to the World Heritage Site "Wadden Sea National Park of Lower Saxony". There will be good opportunities to experience the rich biodiversity of the Wadden Sea, which provides critical habitat for both breeding and migrating waterbirds along the East-Atlantic Flyway. The opening reception will be held on Tuesday evening 24 Sep, the closing banquet on 28 Sep. The three day scientific program will consist of plenaries, symposia, contributed papers and poster sessions. Saturday 28 September will be a joint scientific day with the International Wader Study Group (IWSG) annual conference (27 to 30 Sept). Mid-conference field trips will be offered on Friday, 27 Sep. Exhibitors, including book and equipment suppliers, will be present during the meeting. Please check <http://www.waterbirds.org> for updated information. We welcome you to join us in Wilhelmshaven in September 2013!

*I WORLDWIDE RAPTOR CONFERENCE, **21-24 Oct 2013**, Bariloche, Argentina--RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION annual conference 2013, III Neotropical Raptor Network Conference, WWGBP VII International Conference on Birds of Prey and Owls. The link to the conference website is (URL: <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>). For the first time, a joint meeting between the Raptor Research Foundation, the Neotropical Raptor Network (The Peregrine Fund) and the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls will take place in South America. A perfect mixture of wild nature and cultural heritage awaits you, so mark your calendars now and we will ensure that you experience all the wonders the city of San Carlos de Bariloche, Patagonia and Argentina have to offer. This international meeting will be held in the heart of Nahuel Huapi National Park, Bariloche City, Rio Negro province, Argentina. The conference will be hosted by the Universidad Nacional del Comahue – INIBIOMA/CONICET, Bariloche, Argentina. Pre (workshops) and post (field trips) conferences activities are also offered. The conference venue is the Hotel Panamericano Bariloche, a five star hotel in downtown Bariloche. The local organizing committee chairs are Drs. MIGUEL D. SAGGESE., College of Veterinary Medicine-Western University of Health Sciences, California, USA (EM: msaggese@westernu.edu), VALERIA OJEDA (EM: campephilus@bariloche.com.ar) and SERGIO A. LAMBERTUCCI (EM: slambertucci@comahue-conicet.gob.ar), Laboratorio Ecotono, Universidad Nacional del Comahue – INIBIOMA/CONICET, Bariloche, Rio Negro, Argentina. For more information, please contact the conference chairs or, preferred, send an email to (EM: barilocheraptors2013@gmail.com) We Welcome You to Bariloche in 2013! Miguel D. Saggese - Valeria Ojeda – Sergio Lambertucci (Conference chairs)

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY – Save the dates for the next conference of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology (just a few days before ABS 2014 at Princeton, NJ): ISBE 2014 Conference at Hunter College in the City of New York, **31 Jul - 5 Aug 2014**, contact: (EM: ISBE2014@gmail.com), updates (URL: <http://cabi.hunter.cuny.edu/>)

NEWS OF MEMBERS

GUY ANDREW BALDASSARRE, member of the AOU since 1984 (Elective Member 2001, Fellow 2010), AFO since 1988, COS since 1984, WB since 1999, and WOS since 1984, passed away peacefully on 20 Aug 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. He was a distinguished teaching professor at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for 25 years. He is past Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, author of *Waterfowl Ecology and Management*, and editor *Conservation Biology of Flamingos*, a special publication of the Waterbirds Society. He was a recent recipient of the Wetlands Conservation Achievement Award in Research/Technology from Ducks Unlimited. Contributions in memory of Guy may be sent to: 6th Floor, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445. Please make checks payable to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute with "CLL Research: Dr. Jennifer Brown" in the memo line. To leave a note for the family, please visit <http://www.ballweg-lunsford.com>

JOHN W. "BILL" HARDY, a member of the AOU since 1953 (Elective Member 1964, Fellow 1971), COS since 1953, and WOS since 1952, died 1 Oct 2012 at the age of 82. Among his many services to the ornithological societies he was Vice-President of the AOU (1979-1980), Editor of *Ornithological Monographs* (1972-1977), Review Editor of *The Auk* (1969-1972), Treasurer of the COS (1964-1967), and President of the Council of the COS (1972-1973). Bill was Professor of Biology and Director of the Moore Laboratory of Zoology at Occidental College from 1961 to 1973, and Curator of Birds at the Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH), University of Florida, from 1973 to 1995. He was a pioneer in the study of social behavior among the New World jays, and in recording the sounds of birds. The animal sound archive he established at the FLMNH is now the second largest in the Western Hemisphere in number of species represented. Among his best-known works are his 26 well-documented audio monographs of bird sounds, including *Voices of the New World Nightjars and Their Allies*, *Voices of the New World Owls* (see Special Review by Marshall and Behrstock, *Wilson Bulletin* 103:311-315), *Voices of the New World Thrushes*, and *Voices of the New World Pigeons and Doves*.

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