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CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP PORTAL – The membership portal for the Ornithological Societies (AFO, AOS, RRF, WOS) has a new and improved look. Please log in to <https://customer265664c9b.portal.membersuite.com> to see the new features. This is where you can manage your membership status, find award nominations, find meeting registrations, locate your colleagues in the FLOCK, access journals through BioOne, etc.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER FUTURE – With the change in the form of association between the ornithological societies, the *Ornithological Newsletter* will be discontinued at the end of the year. The December 2019 issue will be the last one.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMISE OF BIRDJOBS-L It is with great sadness that I announce that the BIRDJOBS-L e-list is being laid to rest. I have enjoyed providing the list for the 20 years that it was active, and especially enjoyed meeting users at various ornithological meetings. In 1997, OSNA started the BIRDJOBS-L e-list to make it possible for job announcements to be made available faster than the bimonthly publication of the Ornithological Newsletter. This decreased the time from submission to publication of an announcement from 2-4 months down to 1-2 weeks or less. When OSNA started the online Ornithological Jobs, the list continued to be compiled from the jobs posted on the job board because many people still did not have regular internet access,

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modems were slow, and finding the online time to spend pouring through job board listings was difficult. By putting the jobs into an email list, it could be downloaded quickly and perused at a later time without using internet, and could be posted on campus bulletin boards. At the time the last job list was sent out in 2017, there were over 4500 members receiving the list. When the OSNA job board was closed and posting was moved to Ornithology Exchange, the differing formatting made production of the job list take more than ten times as long; time I quickly found I did not have. Although I kept hoping to be able to resume compiling the list, it became apparent that was not possible. A big Thank You to KEVIN MCGOWAN who helped set up and administer the list, and Cornell University for hosting it over its lifetime. RIP BIRDJOBS-L! For your bird job needs, whether searching for, or posting, a job, please go to <https://ornithologyexchange.org/jobs/board/> I hope you find it meets your needs – Cheryl Trine, Editor: Birdjobs-L

P.S. Anyone who would like to consider resurrecting the Birdjobs-L list, please contact me (EM: ctrine@andrews.edu). It would require someone with either a lot of time on their hands, or someone with some knowledge of data science, web-scraping, JSON, regex, etc. (or both!).

YELLOW SEA SHOREBIRD HABITATS SECURE WORLD HERITAGE LISTING – Key sites along the Chinese coastline of the Yellow Sea have secured World Heritage status, a lifeline for 17 globally threatened migratory shorebird species that rely on these habitats. The decision follows tireless advocacy from BirdLife Australia and reflects China's role as a leader in global conservation. Conservationists the world over are celebrating the decision to grant key sites along the Chinese coast of the Yellow Sea world heritage status. The news was announced following discussions at the World Heritage Committee meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan this morning. The mudflats of the Yellow Sea are vitally important for the survival of more than 17 globally threatened migratory shorebirds species, including the Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaea* (Critically Endangered) and Far Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis* (Endangered). Birdlife Australia has played a crucial leading role in advocating for this decision. The Yellow Sea is at the centre of the East Asian–Australasian Flyway, a migration 'super highway' which supports the world's greatest diversity and overall numbers of migratory birds. It links the bird populations of more than 22 countries, with Australia being the non-breeding destination of many species which pass through the region. To learn more, visit http://www.birdlife.org/worldwide/news/yellow-sea-shorebird-habitats-secure-world-heritage-listing?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+BirdLife-news-posts-blogs+%28BirdLife+Posts%29&utm_term=Feed+Post

STATE OF THE BIRDS: CANADA – NABC Canada, just released its 2019 State of Canada's Birds report under the leadership of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Bird Studies Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Nature Canada. The report looks at how bird populations of 449 species in Canada including waterfowl, birds of prey, wetland birds, seabirds, forest birds, shorebirds, grassland birds, aerial insectivores, and other birds have changed since 1970. The sobering report highlights that Canada has lost 40% of its shorebird, 57% of grassland bird, and 59% of aerial insectivore populations. Habitat loss, unsustainable agricultural practices, climate change, and pollution are viewed as the most important causes of these declines. Since these threats affect birds throughout their life cycle, the need for strong international cooperation is emphasized. The report also points to positive progress as well: several species have benefited from investments in conservation by government, non-government, and industry organizations. For example, since 1970, geese have increased by 360% and ducks by 150%. And thanks to the banning of DDT, birds of prey populations have increased by 110%. The NABC team stresses that "these results represent both a call for conservation action and a

testament to what we can achieve when we work together" For the full report, see here: http://nabci.net/wp-content/uploads/39-004-Canada-State-of-Birds_EN_WEB-1.pdf (from *Birding Community E-Bulletin*, <https://conta.cc/2NZebHI>)

POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

To POST or FIND ornithological jobs, please go to the Ornithology Exchange, <http://ornithologyexchange.org/jobs>

PUBLICATIONS

Both of the following are available as open access documents from the links provided: *FOREST BIRDS OF CONNECTICUT AND RHODE ISLAND* by Robert Craig, Arts and Academic Publishing, Pomfret, CT (URL: <http://www.artsandacademic.net/pdf/forest%20birds%20of%20ct%20and%20ri%202.pdf>)

FOREST BIRDS OF CONNECTICUT AND RHODE ISLAND: MAPS OF DISTRIBUTIONS AND POPULATION DENSITIES, by Kyle Arvisais and Robert Craig, Arts and Academic Publishing, Pomfret, CT (URL: <http://www.artsandacademic.net/pdf/forest%20birds%20of%20ct%20and%20ri-%20maps.pdf>)

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

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS (Société des ornithologistes du Canada; SCO-SOC) will be held at the Hôtel Château Laurier in Québec City, **27-30 Aug 2019**. The central theme of the meeting will be Ornithology in the era of new technologies. The atmosphere will be relaxed and friendly, which will facilitate scientific and cultural exchanges. Québec City in late August offers a perfect opportunity for ornithologists to combine work, birding opportunities and some late summer leisure. After our great success in attracting high quality symposia, we are pleased to announce the **opening of the call of papers and registration on 20 Feb 2019**; more details at <http://www.sco-soc-quebec2019.org/>

2019 INTERNATIONAL WADER STUDY GROUP MEETING – We are happy to invite you to our annual meeting in Morecambe, United Kingdom from **20-23 Sep 2019**. The conference will include the usual mix of fascinating talks from far and wide, as well as a fast and furious 'describe my poster' session and, of course, the AGM. There will be a variety of local excursions on the Friday and a workshop on managing predator impacts for the conservation of breeding waders on the Monday. Entertainment will include a traditional Ceilidh with a caller to help those to whom this is a mystery, so bring your dancing shoes. We are also planning a fun quiz. We will also be holding a silent auction again to fund the small projects grants, so please consider donating lots of bird-related or local items to support this great cause. The conference will be held in the Platform - a restored Edwardian Railway Station on the promenade - in the seaside town of Morecambe, on the shores of the famous Morecambe Bay - an internationally designated Special Area of Conservation, which holds over 20,000 Knot and a similar number of Dunlin. For more information and registration, please see the conference web page. Bookings and talk/poster abstract submissions are open now. See you in Morecambe! On behalf of the conference team: conference@waderstudygroup.org Conference website: <https://www.waderstudygroup.org/conferences/2019-morecambe-uk/#>

8TH WESTERN HEMISPHERE SHOREBIRD GROUP MEETING --The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group is excited to announce its upcoming meeting, to be held **24-28 Oct 2019** in Panama City, Panama, and hosted by the Panama Audubon Society. Travel award information will be posted soon with the Call for Abstracts. Information for the Baker and Oring Awards is at the WHSG website here! (URL: <http://westernshorebirdgroup.org/awards/>) We hope you will consider submitting an abstract, and attend the meeting in October!" <https://www.audubonpanama.org/index.php/2-all/89-whsg2019-eng.html> (English), <https://www.audubonpanama.org/?id=80:whsg2019-esp&catid=21> (Spanish). STEPHEN BROWN, Chair, Science Committee, EVELING TAVERA, Chair, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group

*AFO-WOS 2019 CONFERENCE – The website is live and registration is now open for the 2019 joint meeting of AFO and WOS! The Association of Field Ornithologists and the Wilson Ornithological Society invite you to our 2019 joint meeting to take place at the Grand Hotel of Cape May, NJ, **27-30 Oct 2019**. Hosted by New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory (CMBO), the conference will offer an exciting scientific program and excellent opportunities for birding in this migration hotspot. Visit the conference website - <http://www.cvent.com/d/z6qq5k> - for details about the meeting. Plenary speakers are **Christina Riehl**, Assistant Professor in Ecology and Evolution at Princeton University and **Robert Curry**, Professor of Biology at Villanova University, who is being awarded WOS's Margaret Morse Nice Medal for lifetime contributions to ornithology. Cape May birding is an incredible experience, and fall migration offers exciting opportunities to observe songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. There are many nearby opportunities for early morning birding including The Nature Conservancy's South Cape May Meadows and Higbee Beach Wildlife Management Area. You can also choose to visit the Cape May Raptor Project Banding Blind and the CMBO Songbird Banding Station. For a small fee, you can join the Cape May "Triple Play" trolley trip to migration count sites (i.e., Cape May Hawkwatch, Songbird Morning Flight and Avalon Seawatch) on Wednesday. Alternatively, you may wish to participate in a workshop on Wednesday offered by Cellular Tracking Technologies to learn about the exciting new developments in tracking technologies being developed right in Cape May. Early Registration & Abstract submission **due 30 Aug 2019**. Save up to \$50 by registering early. Early member registration is \$340 and early student registration is \$190. Abstract submission and registration are handled through the same website, and you can modify your registration at any time. So register now, and submit your abstract before the August 30 deadline. Registration fees include continental breakfast and lunch at the Grand Hotel during the meeting, and opening and poster socials. Add a banquet ticket (\$50 for members or \$30 for students) to make this an all-inclusive meeting. Reasonable discounts (\$106/night plus tax) are available on a limited block of rooms at the Grand Hotel for Sunday, October 27 through Wednesday, October 30. We recommend booking early and sharing a room to ensure all participants have a chance to stay at the venue. Stay tuned for future announcements about symposia. Questions can be addressed to MARK DEUTSCHLANDER (EM: deutschlander@hws.edu) or VALENTINA FERRETTI (EM: ferrettivale@gmail.com).

54TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado, **5-10 Nov 2019**. Co-hosted by the Rocky Mountain Raptor Project and EDM International, the conference will take place at the Fort Collins Hilton. Key dates include: **1 May** – symposium submission deadline; abstract submission and early registration opens. **30 June** – abstract submission deadline, Andersen Award, and Koplín Travel Award submission deadlines. Information on the conference is available on the RRF website (URL: <https://raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference/>) Additional conference details will be added to the RRF website in the weeks ahead.

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THE 43RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY will be held at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland from **6-9 Nov 2019**. As information becomes available, it will be posted on the meeting website (URL: <https://waterbirds.org/annual-meeting/>). In addition to an outstanding scientific program, this meeting will feature a special diversity emphasis that will include UMES students and students from other, nearby Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Waterbird Society meeting. A call for symposia and workshops has already been issued. A symposium may be a full day (~14 presentations) or half day (7 presentations). Likewise, workshops can be a full day, half day, or a couple of hours. Please direct any questions about symposia and workshops to DAVE MOORE (EM: dave.moore2@canada.ca).

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THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS of the Society journals and the month of publication are: *Auk*, 2019, Vol. 136, #2 (Apr); *Condor*, 2019, Vol. 121, #2 (May - online only), *J. Field Ornith.*, 2019, Vol. 90, #2 (Jun), *Raptor Res.*, 2019, Vol. 53, #2 (May), *Wilson J. Ornith.*, 2019, Vol. 131, #2 (Jun). Numbers follow at about 3-month intervals. If you are missing an issue of JFO, JRR or WJO, please contact the Membership Office ornithologymembers@gmail.com, PH: 312-883-4670 or submit a claim on the Member Portal. Please check your address label to confirm membership information and address.

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@andrews.edu), **by 15 September 2019**. Please submit announcements by email (in the body of the email message--not an attached file). Items sent to the Membership 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.