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THE AOU IS SEEKING A NEW RECORDING SECRETARY. This volunteer position involves taking minutes of Executive Committee conference calls and Council meetings. The executive committee meets by conference call about 1-1.5 hours every 3-4 weeks, the Council has 2-4 conference calls each year (approximately 2 hours), and the Council meets the night before and most of the day of the opening reception for the annual AOU meeting. This position provides an opportunity to learn more about the functioning of the AOU and is appointed by the President of the AOU. To express interest or to receive additional information, please contact SARA MORRIS, AOU Secretary (EM: [morriss@canisius.edu](mailto:morriss@canisius.edu)).

NOMINATIONS FOR AOU OFFICERS AND ELECTIVE COUNCILORS must be received by the Secretary four months before the Stated Meeting. Thus, this year nominations are due 23 May 2014. Officers to be elected will be President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Elective Councilors. Nominations may be submitted in writing, or electronically to the Secretary, SARA R. MORRIS, Department of Biology, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208 USA (PH: 716-888-2567, FX: 716-888-3157, EM: [morriss@canisius.edu](mailto:morriss@canisius.edu)). Additional information is available in the October OSNA newsletter at <http://www.osnabirds.org/Newsletter/216.aspx>.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OF Fellow and Elective Member of the AOU are due 17 May 2014. Fellows and Elective Members are encouraged to submit nominations of deserving colleagues. Nomination materials are available at <http://www.aou.org/nominations.php3>. The Committee on Nomination of Fellows and Elective Members will prepare additional nominations. Any AOU member who would like to put forward a name for consideration by the committee should contact the chair of the committee, JACK DUMBACHER (EM: [JDumbacher@calacademy.org](mailto:JDumbacher@calacademy.org)) by **15 April 2014**.

AOU AND COS JOURNALS GO MOBILE AND DESIGNATE OPEN ACCESS CONTENT—AOU and COS are pleased to announce the launch of a mobile version of the journal website for *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* and *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*. All content is optimized on the mobile website for viewing on smaller

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPOSIUM TO CELEBRATE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILSON'S AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY – In 1814 volume 9 of Alexander Wilson's monumental American Ornithology was published thereby completing his description of the birds of the United States. The nine-volume set was the first major scientific publication of the young republic and the founding document of American ornithology. It was widely admired by European scientists of the day. Indeed, Baron Cuvier commented "Wilson treats their birds far better than ours have yet been treated." To commemorate the 200th anniversary of its publication, Ohio Wesleyan University will celebrate Wilson's life and accomplishments in a symposium "Alexander Wilson and the Making of American Ornithology." The symposium will be held on **23 April 2014** beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing through dinner. Details of the program, meals and an exhibit of Wilson's artwork, publications and notes are available at <http://Wilson200.owu.edu> where you can also register. Registration by **9 April** is requested for planning meals, breaks and an afternoon reception at the exhibit.

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. Summer Sessions: **2-6 June, 2014**, and **23-27 June 2014**. 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 and space is limited, so register early. For more information and a registration form visit <http://www.raptorresearch.com/workshop.htm>.

FIELD COURSE IN TROPICAL ORNITHOLOGY – The Institute for Sustainable International Studies, ISIS Belize, <http://www.isisbelize.com>, is offering a new field course in tropical ornithology, **May 31 to June 14**.

This course will explore the bird ecology, field techniques and bird watching in a variety of habitats in Belize. Field components will be undertaken at the Toucan Ridge Ecology and Education Hosting Station, (<http://www.treesociety.org>). Field techniques will include: bird observation, bird recordings and callbacks, point-count surveys, transect lines, mist-netting and bird banding. Students will do a small research project in the field technique of their choice, conducted at the station. The final part of the course will take students to some of the best bird watching hotspots in Belize including: Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, Tobacco Caye and Man O'War Caye. Contact CYNTHIA REECE (EM: [creece@isisbelize.com](mailto:creece@isisbelize.com)), for more details. This course carries a value of three credit hours.

FLMNH BIRD RECORDINGS COLLECTION ONLINE – The Florida Museum of Natural History Bird Collection and the Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics at The Ohio State University are pleased to announce the completion of their collaborative effort to digitize the recorded animal sounds housed at FLMNH. The collection of recorded sounds in the FLMNH was founded by the late Bill Hardy and is one of the largest in the western hemisphere. It is third largest in number of recordings and second largest in number of species and total duration of recordings, and has grown by 10% in the last five years. Over 120 of the world's 174 avian families are represented. The collection is particularly strong in Neotropical birds, with tinamous, trogons, woodpeckers, antbirds, flycatchers, wrens, wood warblers, and corvids being especially well represented. Geographical strengths include North America, especially Florida, and the Neotropics, with smaller but notable numbers of recordings from Africa, Australia, and Southeast Asia. The NSF-funded project resulted in the creation of over 27,500 digital recordings, saved in both high-resolution .wav and .mp3 formats. Metadata associated with recordings can be searched at: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/bird-sounds/> with links to mp3 versions of each cut, and will be available at VertNet in the future. Queries regarding specimen loans should be directed to the Collection Manager, Dr. THOMAS WEBBER at the Florida Museum of Natural History (EM: [twebber@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:twebber@flmnh.ufl.edu)).

### 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 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](mailto:maddux2@illinois.edu)) for more information or to register for a collection kit.

EQUIPMENT TRANSPORT – Do you or anyone you know have plans to travel to Panama for any reason in 2014? Our organization "Conservación Panamá" is looking for equipment carriers. We have a large number of equipment items that are in Massachusetts and in trying to save money for our new NGO we are looking for folks interested in donating luggage space for: optics, textbooks, tripods, and other field equipment we need for our 501(c3). We have a wide variety of prepacked bags, carry on bags, and textbooks we require here in Panama. If interested please contact: EZEKIEL JAKUB (Vice President) at the following (EM: [ezekieljakub@gmail.com](mailto:ezekieljakub@gmail.com) -or- [conservacionpanama.jakub@gmail.com](mailto:conservacionpanama.jakub@gmail.com)) or call internationally at: (PH: 011-507-6494-0106).

### 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@andrews.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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>

### PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

*RARE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA*, Steve N. G. Howell, Ian Lewington & Will Russell, 2014. Princeton University Press. 448 pp., 275 color plates, 2 line illus, 9 tables, 17 maps, 7" x 9½". ISBN: 9780691117966 (Cloth, \$35.00 / £24.95), ISBN: 9781400848072 (eBook). This volume offers the first complete synthesis of the occurrence and distribution of vagrant species in North America. It explains the causes of avian vagrancy and breaks down patterns of occurrence by region and season, enabling readers to see where, when, and why each species occurs in North America. The bulk of the book is composed of detailed species accounts including cutting-edge identification tips and illustrations.

*BIRDS OF THE SERENGETI and Ngorongoro Conservation Area*, Adam Scott Kennedy, 2014, Princeton University Press. 224 pp., 6" x 8", 480 color illus. ISBN: 9780691159102 (Paper, \$27.95 / £17.95), ISBN: 9781400850815 (eBook). This volume is a photographic guide that covers the birds most likely to be encountered by a safari visitor to Serengeti National Park the nearby Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and (for the birds) Lake Victoria's Speke Gulf. It covers 270 species and highlights major plumage variations of each species. The habitat-based approach enables identification of a species by where it is found. This book, along with its companion volume which covers 89 species of mammals and reptiles, *ANIMALS OF THE SERENGETI AND NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA*, [Adam Scott Kennedy and Vicki Kennedy, 2014. Princeton University Press. 152 pp., 6" x 8", 146 color illus., ISBN: 9780691159089 (Paper, \$27.95 / £17.95), ISBN: 9781400851386 (eBook).], provide a traveler with guides to most of the birds and animals one is likely to encounter in the region, and specifically to the Serengeti.

*THE SCIENTIFIC NOMENCLATURE OF BIRDS IN THE UPPER MIDWEST*, James Sandrock and Jean Prior, 2014. University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, IA. 192 pp, ISBN 978-1-60938-225-4 (paper, \$25), ISBN: 978-1-60938-260-5 (eBook, \$25). In this portable reference book, the authors explain the science and history behind the names of some 450 birds of the Upper Midwest states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The authors examine the roots, stems, and construction of scientific names from their classical Latin and Greek or other linguistic origins. The translations of these words and insights into their sources yield quirky, tantalizing facts about the people, geography, habitat, and mythology behind bird names. Each entry also includes the bird's common name as well as local or regional names.

E-BOOKS FROM PRINCETON – Some of Princeton University Press's most popular bird and natural history books are now available in digital form. The first group of 6 is now available through iTunes and, according to the Press, "because of the fixed position design, they look every bit as good (if not better) than the print editions. The ebooks are affordable and look simply amazing in digital form — zoom in on Katrina Van Grouw's intricate drawings of skeletons in *The Unfeathered Bird*, explore *The Crossley ID Guide's* layered plates in greater detail, or simply revel in the majestic photos and artwork in *The World's Rarest Birds*." Princeton Press plans to continue adding new books to their digital book shop.

### PERSONAL EXCHANGES

AVAILABLE: The following issues of the *Wilson Bulletin/Wilson Journal of Ornithology* (1980; Volume 92 – 2013; Volume 125) and *The Auk* (1954; Volume 71 – 2013; Volume 130) are available for donation to a nonprofit organization, university, or agency. We ask that the receiver pay for shipping. Please contact LOWELL SURING (EM: [lowell@northern-ecologic.com](mailto:lowell@northern-ecologic.com)).

## MEETINGS

A 'permanent' meeting list is maintained on BIRDNET (URL: <http://www.mnh.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 13<sup>TH</sup> NORTH AMERICAN CRANE WORKING GROUP WORKSHOP will be held **14-18 April 2014** in Lafayette, Louisiana at the Hotel Acadiana. The workshop will include two full days of presentations and one day of fieldtrips to the spectacular Louisiana wetlands. The call for abstracts is now open. Please see the North American Crane Working Group website (URL: <http://www.nacwg.org/>) for specific details.

\*2014 JOINT MEETING OF THE WOS AND AFO, NEWPORT, RI, (**29 May – 1 Jun 2014**) – The Association of Field Ornithologists and the Wilson Ornithological Society invite all ornithologists to the beautiful campus of Salve Regina University for our joint annual meeting. Register to attend now! Regular registration is \$300 until **April 15**, when it increases to \$350. Guest registration is \$70, increasing to \$100 after April 15th. Student registration is \$75. The deadline for abstracts has passed. Complete conference information is available at <http://wos.salvereginablogs.com/>. Highlights of the scientific program will include: the WOS Margaret Morse Nice Plenary Lecture by Dr. Don Kroodsma ("Birdsong: the hour before the dawn"; Fri, 30 May); invited symposia (Sat, 31 May) on "Osprey biology" and "The biochemistry of frugivorous diets and implications for conservation"; contributed talks (Fri and Sat); and contributed posters (Fri evening). We encourage all attendees to sign up for the AFO 'Luncheon to Remember,' where AFO members will gather to exchange stories from the past and discuss their relevance for the organization's future. In addition to morning bird walks to the Norman Bird Sanctuary, we will offer a pelagic field trip embarking from the Port of Galilee. The Rhode Island Audubon Society will also lead a field trip to some of Rhode Island's best coastal birding locations. AFO and WOS particularly encourage attendance by students and their mentors. Student registration will be extremely affordable and the two societies will jointly sponsor free banquet tickets for presenting student authors.

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](mailto:contact@isbe2014.com)), updates (URL: <http://www.isbe2014.com>)

\*26<sup>TH</sup> 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.

THE 132<sup>ND</sup> STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION,  
THE 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY and  
THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS will be held jointly on **23-27 Sep 2014** in Estes Park, CO.

\*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 to 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.3rdinternationalfamingosymposium.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 X<sup>th</sup> 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.

THE WORLD SEABIRD UNION has endorsed an Expression of Interest by the African Seabird Group to host World Seabird Conference II in Cape Town, South Africa, **12-16 Oct 2015**. Although formal approval is awaiting provision of further details, all those interested in seabirds are advised to put these dates in their diaries and plan accordingly. It is expected that an official First Circular would be produced in late 2013. For more information, about the World Seabird Union please visit <http://www.seabirds.net>

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

FRANCES C. JAMES received an honorary degree of doctor of arts and sciences during the University of Arkansas fall commencement ceremony in December. Fran was one of the first women to receive a doctorate in zoology from the University of Arkansas and was the first woman president of the AOU. She was recognized for her outstanding career in ornithology and ecology. She was the receipt of the Elliot Coues Award from the AOU in 1992, the Eminent Ecologist Award from the Ecological Society of America in 1997, and the Margaret Morse Nice from the WOS in 1999.

## THE FLOCK - SPECIAL SECTION

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in June. 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 May 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.