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CHANGES TO PUBLICATION OF *AUK* AND *CONDOR* – The AOU and COS are proceeding with plans for the new publication model for *Auk* and *Condor* that was described by the presidents of the AOU and COS, Sue Haig and Kim Sullivan, in December 2012. The changes that have been adopted will assure that the long-standing reputations of *Auk* and *Condor* as outstanding ornithological journals will continue in the future. *Auk* and *Condor* will continue to be published in partnership with University of California Press through December 2013. Continue to submit your manuscripts to *Auk* and *Condor* through the Scholar One portal for each journal. All manuscripts submitted through Scholar One will be reviewed and considered for publication in *Auk* and *Condor*. Manuscripts submitted through Scholar One will be transitioned automatically to consideration for the 2014 volumes as soon as the 2013 volumes are full. We will keep in close communication with authors during this transition period. Beginning in 2014, *Auk: Ornithological Advances* and *Condor: Ornithological Applications*, will be published by the societies, as primarily online publications with weekly posting of articles. This format will allow rapid publication and enhanced exposure of our scholarship. The journals will continue to participate in the citation services (such as ISI, Biosis) that they have in the past. *Auk* and *Condor* will continue to be available online to members and institutions through BioOne (2000-current), JSTOR (1800s-current) and SORA (1800s-2000). Additional online platforms may be available in 2014. Print subscriptions will be available to institutions and regular members for an extra charge. Life Members will have the option of receiving their journals online only or online + print at no extra charge. If you have questions, please contact the editors of *Auk* and *Condor*, or BONNIE BOWEN (EM: ornithpubs2013@gmail.com).

DONATIONS FOR THE 2013 SAC SILENT AUCTION – The AOU-COS Joint Student Affairs Committee would like to request item donations for our silent auction. If you have gently used ornithology, biology, ecology, or other science-related books, equipment, or art that could use a new home, we'd love to take it off of your hands. The annual silent auction is our most important fundraising event, but this event is only possible through the generous donations of society members and businesses! We are currently in need of donations for the 2013 SAC silent auction to be held at this summer's joint meeting in

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Chicago. Items ranging from CDs and DVDs, to books and binoculars, to jewelry and art all make great auction lots. Services such as statistical consulting or guided birding tours are also appealing to a wide variety of potential bidders. The funds generated from the silent auction help the AOU and COS Student Affairs Committees hold student-centered events at annual meetings, including workshops, socials that help students connect with professional ornithologists, and the ever-popular Quiz Bowl. Donations can be mailed to Chicago prior to the meeting or donated when you arrive at registration. For more information please contact us (EM: AOU.SAC@gmail.com). Thanks for your support.

EVENTS HOSTED BY THE AOU-COS JOINT STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – We would like to inform students about our upcoming events at the annual meeting in Chicago. As always, we will also be holding our annual student-professional dinner and the ever-popular quiz bowl. Interested students can find contact information for both events at <http://fieldmuseum.org/explore/activities>.

- **WORKSHOPS** – This year we will be hosting two workshops. The first will focus on grant writing, and the second will introduce students to digital collections. More information on both can be found at <http://fieldmuseum.org/explore/workshops>.
- **VIDEO CONTEST AT THE AOU/COS 2013 MEETING** – In the spirit of the Entomological Society of America's very successful video contest (http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/20/science/insect-video-contest-puts-small-scale-drama-in-focus.html?_r=0), the AOU-COS Joint Student Affairs Committee and the Local Organizing Committee are sponsoring a similar event. We would like to invite members attending the annual meeting in Chicago to submit short videos that showcase their research, teaching, or anything ornithological! Videos must be 3 minutes or less and **submitted by 11:59 p.m. (CDT), August 4**. Winners from each category will receive prizes. Additional rules and information on video submission are available at: <http://fieldmuseum.org/explore/activities>. Please contact NICK BLOCK (EM: nblock@fieldmuseum.org) with any questions.

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY held its annual meeting 7-10 March 2013 on the campus of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The 2012 Margaret Morse Nice Medal was awarded to Peter R. and Rosemary Grant, who presented the plenary lecture "A long-term study of Darwin's Finches," and the 2013 Margaret Morse Nice Medal was awarded to Edward H. Burt, Jr., who presented the plenary lecture "From passion to science to the evolution of avian color." The scientific program included 76 papers organized into 14 sessions, 64 posters, and two symposia consisting of 14 papers on birds and human health, and on the history and future of American ornithology. Wilson Ornithological Society Student Travel Awards were presented to Rachel Bellis, Baldwin Wallace University; Corey Callaghan, Canisius College; Brian Treveline and Maria Wheeler, Duquesne University; Ari Martinez, Florida Museum of Natural History; Adrian Monroe, Mississippi State University; Cassie Volker, Northern Kentucky University; Rachel Thomas, Ohio Wesleyan University; Nathan Hillis and Abbey Ramirez, Oklahoma State University; Anna Brownson, Natasha Hagenmeyer, and Erin Heller, Old Dominion University; Stephanie Wright, The Ohio State University; Rachel Hebert and Felicia Napolillo, Townson University; Aymen Hussein, University of Maryland; Amanda Hagstrom and Michelle Stretch, University of Nebraska; Erin Feichtinger, University of South Florida; Chris Latimer, University of Wisconsin; Jacob Armiger, Sarah Baillie, Christine Eldredge, and Evan Kelemen, Villanova University; Olga Milenkaya, Virginia Tech; Andrew Dennhardt, West Virginia University; and Samantha Higgins, Westminster College. The Alexander Wilson Prize for the best student oral presentation was awarded to Daniel Baldassarre, Cornell University, for "Experimental evidence of asymmetric introgression of a sexual trait via extra-pair mating" and to Olga Milenkaya, Virginia Tech University, for "Testing the condition-quality hypothesis: condition indices are

repeatable but do not predict reproductive success or survival."..The Lynds Jones Prize for best student poster presentation was awarded to Jessica Benson, College of William and Mary, for "Mercury exposure results in hyperactivity and decreased neophobia in zebra finches".."Two students tied for the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Oral Paper Award: Rachel Hebert, Towson University, for "The process of fledging in the Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucooides*)" and Felicia Napolillo, Towson University, for "Variation in incubation effort during egg-laying in the Mountain Bluebird and its association with hatching asynchrony." Oliver Muellerklein, University of Maryland Baltimore County, received the Nancy Klamm Best Undergraduate Student Poster Award for "Territoriality and spatial dynamics in Grasshopper Sparrows; a mathematical model." Two Louis Agassiz Fuertes Awards were presented: to Karan Odom, University of Maryland Baltimore County, for "Why duet? A comparison of female songs and duets in a tropical songbird" and to Andrew Rush, UC-Berkeley, for "The role of innate song in species recognition in a clade of *Empidonax* flycatchers." William Clark, of Harlingen, Texas, won the George A. Hall/Harold F. Mayfield Award for the study "Interbreeding between Harlan's Hawk (taxon *harlani*) and Red-tailed Hawk (taxon *jamaicensis*) in western Canada." Paul A. Stewart Awards were received by Amanda Arredondo, Villanova University, for "Songs along the border: responses to playback at and beyond the leading edge of the northward-moving hybrid zone between Black-capped and Carolina chickadees"; Sarah Baillie, Villanova University, for "Boldness in response to predatory threat and its correlation with reproductive success in Carolina Chickadees"; Christine Eldredge, Villanova University, for "Parental attentiveness, dominance ranking, and feeding patterns in Carolina Chickadees (*Poecile carolinensis*): field study of components of songbird behavior"; Jason Fischer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for "The impact of urbanization on daily feeding activity: a test of foraging theory"; Morgan Harris, Appalachian State University, for "The influence of competition on the expression of personality traits, assortative mating, and reproductive success: an experimental field study"; William Lewis, University of Southern Mississippi, for "Response of gut microbiota to long-distance passerine migration"; Henry Pollock, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for "Avian microclimate selectivity and climate change: a comparative approach"; and Alex Wang, University of Hawaii, Hilo, for "Source and sink or ecological trap? Using juvenile dispersal of an endangered Hawaiian bird to tell the difference." The Edwards Prize for the best paper published in volume 124 (2012) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to Storrs L. Olson for "History, structure, evolution, behavior, distribution, and ecology of the extinct Hawaiian genus *Ciridops* (Fringillidae, Carduelini, Drepanidini)." The Storrs L. Olson Prize for the best book review published in volume 124 (2012) of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* was awarded to Ellen Paul for her review of "The feathery tribe," by Daniel Lewis." Clait E. Braun received the 2013 William and Nancy Klamm Service Award. The following officers of the society were elected: Robert L. Curry, President; Sara R. Morris, First vice-president; Mark E. Deutchlander, Second vice-president; John A. Smallwood, Secretary; and Melinda M. Clark, Treasurer. The following candidates were elected as Members of Council for 2013-2016: Daniel A. Cristol, Letitia Reichart, and Peter G. Saenger.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW COURSE: ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS – a new intensive two-week course in Front Royal, VA, USA **offered by** The Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, in conjunction with the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation (<http://SMconservation.gmu.edu>), **9-20 Sep 2013**. The course builds on the expertise of the Migratory Bird Center incorporating concepts surrounding the ecology and evolution of migration, migratory connectivity, breeding and non-breeding life history, population dynamics, and the ecological services that migratory birds provide. This course is designed to capitalize on this expertise to teach conservation professionals, field scientists and graduate students the most current methods in the research of bird migration including theoretical concepts, field and laboratory methods, data analysis and applied conservation strategies. Field sessions will involve training in avian sampling techniques including: daily mist-netting sessions, banding, aging and sexing, digital imagery and morphometrics, tissue sampling, and collecting behavioral

observations. A tracking module will include stable isotope analysis, geolocator deployment and analysis, and radio telemetry. A second lab component will consist of workshops on data management and analysis including mark-recapture statistics with Program MARK. Lecture topics will include seasonal interactions, evolution and adaptation, agro-ecosystems, eco-physiology, stopover ecology, and applied conservation strategies. SCBI scientists will lead the course, and guest lecturers from other parts of the Smithsonian Institution, American Bird Conservancy, and USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center will provide students a glimpse into exciting, ongoing research and conservation efforts. Participants earn Continuing Education Units; graduate course credit (3) is available for qualified applicants through George Mason University at an additional fee. See the course's page on our website for prerequisites. Qualifications: Course work or comparable experience in Basic Statistics, Ornithology, and Ecology/Gen Biology. Application Instructions: For information on course fees, scholarship opportunities and contact information, please visit: <http://smconservation.gmu.edu/programs/graduate-and-professional/professional-training-courses/species-monitoring-and-conservation-bird-migration/> **Application Deadline: 1 Jul 2013** to receive full consideration.

THE WORLD'S RAREST BIRDS 2012 INTERNATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED – The competition aimed to secure images of some of the most threatened birds on Earth to complete a new book that highlights their plight. *The World's Rarest Birds*, which has recently been published by Princeton WILDGuides, aims to support BirdLife International's Preventing Extinctions Programme. This is the second of two international photo competitions that have been run to obtain the images for the book, the first being in 2010. Thousands of images were entered into the competitions by photographers from across the world and more than 800 photos are featured in *The World's Rarest Birds*. All winning photos of the 2012 competition as well as some commended photos may be viewed at: <http://blog.press.princeton.edu/2013/04/03/presenting-the-winners-of-the-2012-the-worlds-rarest-birds-international-photo-competition/>

BIRDING TRENDS - Since 1983, birding participants have increased from an estimated 21 million to nearly 85 million participants by 2009. According to a report by the Athens Research Group, Southern Research Station, USDA Forest Service, Athens, GA, In the most recent National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (Cordell 2012) Birding ranked about 15th on the list of most popular activities survey, just below visiting a beach, swimming in lakes/streams/etc., and bicycling, and just above day hiking, visiting natural areas, and gathering mushrooms/berries/other nature products. It is projected to increase by 35-40 million participants by 2060. (Ken Cordell, Project Leader, <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/trends/pdf-iris/IRISRec30rptfs.pdf>).

NEWS FROM THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL

Provided by 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 and supporting society The Peregrine Fund. We greatly appreciate the support of individual ornithologists; contributions can be made when you renew your membership in any of the OSNA societies (on paper or online at <http://www.osnabirds.org/>) or via paypal on the BIRDNET homepage at <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET>. Thank you for helping the Ornithological Council in its efforts to keep the world safe for ornithology!

GUIDELINES TO THE USE OF WILD BIRDS IN RESEARCH (3d Ed., 2010) NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH (*GUIA PARA LA UTILIZACIÓN DE AVES SILVESTRES EN INVESTIGACIÓN AHORA DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL*) - The third edition of *Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research*, completed in 2010, has now been translated into Spanish. It has been posted on BIRDNET, the website of the Ornithological Council. The URL is <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/guide/index.html>. Our thanks to Alida Madero for her careful translation.

OC ISSUES FACT SHEET, POSITION STATEMENT ON THORACIC COMPRESSION AND SUBMITS COMMENTS ON THE ADOPTION BY THE NIH OFFICE OF LABORATORY ANIMAL WELFARE OF THE NEW AVMA EUTHANASIA GUIDELINES - The American Veterinary Medical Association has released a revised edition of its euthanasia guidelines. Among numerous aspects of concern to the community of wildlife biologists is the classification of thoracic compression as "unacceptable." The Ornithological Council, which made strenuous efforts to communicate with the AVMA on this subject, has now issued a fact sheet and a position statement on thoracic compression. They are available upon request to OC Executive Director Ellen Paul. In addition, the OC will be submitting comments to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare of the National Institutes of Health and the USDA APHIS Animal Care program regarding those agencies' proposed adoption of these new guidelines for the purposes of compliance with the Public Health Service policy and the Animal Welfare Act. In the meantime, OC urges those whose Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees have raised concerns or objected to the euthanasia methods proposed in research protocols to (1) contact the OC; (2) refer to the backgrounder published by the AVMA last year with regard to thoracic compression, which, despite inaccuracies and critical omissions,* states that "However, thoracic compression should not be prohibited where its use is necessary to minimize animal suffering or is scientifically justified (such as under the oversight of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee)." See <https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Backgrounders/Pages/Welfare-Implications-of-Thoracic-Compression.aspx>; (3) remind the IACUC that the ILAR Guide statement with regard to euthanasia expressly includes the current edition of the AVMA Guidelines and it is a "should" statement: "Unless a deviation is justified for scientific or medical reasons, methods should be consistent with the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia." According to OLAW <<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/departures.htm>> a deviation from a "should" statement, if approved by the IACUC because it is scientifically justified or for a veterinary or animal welfare reason, is a departure and must be reported to the Institutional Official but not to OLAW. In other words, neither the Guide nor OLAW prohibits the approval by an IACUC of the use of thoracic compression, where scientifically justified. *The AVMA posits that there are alternatives, but in fact, the alternatives are either inappropriate for the study purpose (such as decapitation or cervical dislocation), not legally available in most states (such as isoflurane or sevoflurane), or extremely impractical for use in many field studies.

FEDERALLY EMPLOYED SCIENTISTS CAN NOW SERVE ON THE BOARDS OF ORNITHOLOGICAL AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES WITHOUT FEAR OF GOING TO THE POKEY! – It's Been a Long Time in Coming, but it Is Now Final and Official: the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) on 7 March 2013 announced a major change in the implementation of a federal criminal statute that prohibits federal employees from serving on the boards of outside organizations. That statute was interpreted in 1996 by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to prohibit employees from serving, in an official capacity, as an officer, director or trustee of a private nonprofit organization, even in the absence of an actual conflict of interest. Following the issuance of that statement by DOJ, some federal agencies, perhaps wanting to avoid having to determine if and when waivers would be appropriate, refused to issue waivers. Some agencies provided no guidance to employees and so many federally employed scientists were unaware of the prohibition and the potential for prosecution. Even agencies that eventually made efforts to inform employees and then established a waiver process were slow to process waiver requests. By 1998, the Ornithological Council (OC) and The Wildlife Society (TWS) began to hear from scientists employed by federal agencies that they had been told that they could not serve on the boards of their scientific societies and that they were being discouraged from applying for waivers. Joined by other scientific societies, OC and TWS met numerous times with the Office of Government Ethics and later the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Both OSTP and OPM recognized that these restrictions could make it more difficult to attract and retain the best scientists to federal service. A 2009 memorandum from President Obama to the heads of executive departments and agencies on the topic of scientific integrity spurred a resolution. The President specifically requested that OSTP provide recommendations to address, among other things, the retention of staff in scientific and technical

positions within the executive branch. In response, the Director of OSTP issued a memorandum urging all agencies to establish policies that promote and facilitate the professional development of Government scientists and engineers. The memorandum specifically called for policies to "allow full participation in professional or scholarly societies, committees, task forces and other specialized bodies of professional societies, including removing barriers for serving as officers or on governing boards of such societies." At that point, OGE took action by proposing a new policy that would exempt the imputed financial interests of nonprofit organizations in which employees serve as officers, directors or trustees in their official capacity. In short, OGE recognized that the potential for a real conflict of interest is too remote or inconsequential to affect the integrity of an employee's services under these circumstances. Agencies will, of course, have valid management reasons to restrict the extent of an employee's participation on the boards of outside organizations. This is particularly true in an era of declining federal budgets and reduced staffing levels. Further, as OGE notes, employees must still adhere to the agency conflict-of-interest policies. Further, there will likely be limits on participation in lobbying, fundraising, regulatory, investigational, or representational activities, as determined by the agency. The Ornithological Council strongly urges all ornithologists who wish to serve on the boards of ornithological or other scientific societies to contact their agency ethics officers and to submit a written statement that they have reviewed the agency ethics policies and will abide by those policies. The full Federal Register notice can be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-06/html/2013-05243.htm> or here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-06/pdf/2013-05243.pdf>

OC SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM - Watch for the Call for Proposals for the OC Small Grants Program to be posted on Ornithology Exchange on or about May 15. In 2012, the Ornithological Council (OC), a consortium of twelve scientific societies of ornithologists in the Western Hemisphere, initiated a small grants program for projects that integrate ornithological research and conservation. Research projects that improve the likelihood of success of a specific conservation project in the region from Mexico in North America, through Central America and the Caribbean to South America are eligible to compete for funding. Preference will be given to projects focusing on resident species but benefits to migratory birds will also be considered. This three-year pilot program will provide funds up to US\$7,500 per year for one or more projects. Grants will be made to members of any of the OC member societies. An applicant must be willing to join an OC member society if he or she receives an award and is not already a member.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

SEEKING INFORMATION about wildlife ecology/conservation professionals that served in the military. My project is a tribute to those that have served and yet have or are making contributions to vertebrate ecology and conservation including, ornithology, mammalogy, or herpetology. Individuals can be in academia, governmental agencies or NGO's. I need a short description of their service and a photo, if available. Please send information to DAVE MANUWAL (EM: auklet@u.washington.edu).

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) 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>

ROBERT RIDGELY RECEIVES ARTHUR A. ALLEN AWARD – The Cornell Lab of Ornithology presented its prestigious Arthur A. Allen Award for 2013 to Dr. Robert Ridgely. The ceremony will take place on May 14 at the New York Historical Society Museum and Library in New York City. The award, named for Cornell Lab founder Arthur "Doc" Allen, was established in 1967 to honor those who have made significant contributions to ornithology by making it accessible to the general public. "As founder of the Cornell Lab, Arthur Allen broke important ground by blurring the lines between amateur naturalists and professional scientists," said Cornell Lab director Dr. John Fitzpatrick. "Today we honor Allen's vision by recognizing other leaders who help build this vital bridge, and nobody does this better than Robert Ridgely." Dr. Ridgely is an expert on Neotropical birds, and coauthor of *The Birds of Panama*, *The Birds of Ecuador*, and *The Birds of South America*. Dr. Ridgely is the cofounder and president of Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco, which runs 10 nature reserves in Ecuador. He has worked tirelessly to promote bird conservation during his tenure at the Academy of Natural Sciences and the American Bird Conservancy, continuing to the present in his role as Honorary President of the World Land Trust-US.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

MARINE BIRDS OF THE EASTERN UNITED STATES AND THE BAY OF FUNDY: Distribution, Numbers, Trends, Threats, and Management, Ian C. T. Nisbet, Richard R. Veit, Sasha A. Auer and Timothy P. White. 2013. Nuttall Ornithological Monographs, No. 29. Nuttall Ornithological Club, Cambridge, MA. 188 pp., 6" x 10", 4 maps and 11 tables. ISBN 1877973483 (Hardback, \$49.75, available only from Buteo Books and ABA Sales <http://www.buteobooks.com>). This monograph reviews the distribution and numbers of 83 marine species (31 breeding species) that occur regularly along the east coast of the US, in the Bay of Fundy, or in waters of the continental shelf. It assesses trends in numbers since 1970, threats, and research and conservation needs. It compiles data from many published and unpublished sources and has a bibliography of more than 600 entries, which should make it an invaluable reference work.

TERNs, David Cabot and Ian Nisbet. 2013. HarperCollins, London. ISBN 978007412471 (Hardback, about \$83 US). ISBN 978007412488 (Paperback, about \$53 US). 480 pp., 6" x 9", 183 color photographs, 57 color drawings, maps and charts, 30 tables. This book in the respected New Naturalist series is the first book on the natural history of terns to be published since 1934. It covers in detail the five tern species that breed in Britain and Ireland; three of these (Common, Roseate and Arctic Terns) also breed in North America and the other two (Little and Sandwich Terns) have close relatives here. There are also four chapters on terns of the world; single chapters on history, conservation, passage migrants and vagrants; appendices on demography and research; and a bibliography of more than 500 references.

THE CROSSLEY ID GUIDE: RAPTORS, Richard Crossley, Jerry Liguori & Brian Sullivan, 2013. Princeton University Press. 304 pp., 101 color plates, 34 color maps, 7 1/2 x 10", ISBN: 9780691157405 (Paper Flexibound, \$29.95 / £19.95). Part of the revolutionary Crossley ID Guide series, this is the first raptor guide with lifelike scenes composed from multiple photographs--scenes that allow you to identify raptors just as the experts do. Experienced birders use the most easily observed and consistent characteristics--size, shape, behavior, probability, and general color patterns. The book's 101 scenes--including thirty-five double-page layouts--provide a complete picture of how these features are all related. Even the effects of lighting and other real-world conditions are illustrated and explained. Detailed and succinct accounts from two of North America's foremost raptor experts, Jerry Liguori and Brian Sullivan, stress the key identification features. The book covers all thirty-four of North America's diurnal raptor species (all species except owls). Each species is featured in stunning color plates

that show males and females, in a full spectrum of ages and color variants, depicted near and far, in flight and at rest, and from multiple angles, all caught in their typical habitats. There are also comparative, multispecies scenes and mystery photographs that allow readers to test their identification skills, along with answers and full explanations in the back of the book.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGY, VOLUME II. William E. Davis, Jr., Harry F. Recher, and Walter E. Boles, editors. Nuttall Ornithological Club Memoir No. 18, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 2012: 532 pp., 106 figures and photographs, 11 tables. ISBN 1-877973-49-1. \$49.50 (cloth). This volume contains chapters on the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union (including: Birds Australia, and BirdLife Australia); an 1840s perspective on the depletion of the North Island avifauna of New Zealand; history of ornithology at Museum Victoria, Melbourne; the Australian Museum, Sydney; Alexander, William Sharp and William John Macleay: their ornithology and museum; Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand; environmental ornithology at the Australian Museum; and Australian ornithology in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. Copies of this book may be purchased from Buteo Books, 2731 Arrington Road, Arrington, VA 22922; Customer Service Line (PH: 434-263-8671; Toll-free Ordering Line: 800-722-2460; FX: 434-263-4842. E-mail: Customer Service: customerservice@buteobooks.com; E-mail: ALLEN HALE (EM: allen@buteobooks.com).

THE WORLD'S RAREST BIRDS, Erik Hirschfeld, Andy Swash & Robert Still, 2013. Princeton University Press. 360 pp., 8 1/2" x 11", 103 color illus., 977 color photos, 610 color maps, ISBN: 9780691155968 (Cloth, \$45.00 / £34.95). This beautifully illustrated book vividly depicts the most threatened birds on Earth. It provides up-to-date information from BirdLife International on the threats each species faces, and the measures being taken to save them. Of the 590 bird species classified as Endangered or Critically Endangered, or now only exist in captivity, this publication features photographs of 515 species--including the results of a prestigious international photographic competition organized specifically for this book. This is the first time that images of many of these birds have been published. It also showcases illustrations for the 75 species of which no photographs are known to exist. This volume also covers the 60 Data Deficient species. *The World's Rarest Birds* has introductory chapters that explain the threats birds face in a rapidly changing world, how their threat status is assessed, and how this information is used to set conservation priorities. The remainder of the book is divided into seven regional sections--Europe and the Middle East; Africa and Madagascar; Asia; Australasia; Oceanic Islands; North America, Central America, and the Caribbean; and South America. Conservation challenges, threatened bird hotspots, and an illustrated directory of the most endangered birds are featured for each region.

THE UNFEATHERED BIRD, Katrina van Grouw, 2013. Princeton University Press. 304 pp., 10" x 12", 385 duotones/color illus., ISBN: 9780691151342 (Cloth, \$49.95 / £34.95). With over 385 stunning drawings depicting 200 species, *The Unfeathered Bird* is a richly illustrated book on bird anatomy that offers original insights into what goes on beneath the feathered surface. Each drawing is made from an actual specimen and reproduced in large format. The birds are shown in lifelike positions and engaged in behavior typical of the species: an underwater view of the skeleton of a swimming loon, the musculature of a porpoising penguin, and an unfeathered sparrowhawk plucking its prey. Jargon-free and easily accessible to any reader, the lively text relates birds' anatomy to their lifestyle and evolution, examining such questions as why penguins are bigger than auks, whether harrier hawks really have double-jointed legs, and the difference between wing claws and wing spurs.

PERSONAL EXCHANGES

LIBRARY OF BOOKS from a Lifetime Passion in Ornithology! I am looking to find a home for my late husband's exceptional and rare 800-volume Natural History Library. Robert Daniel Etchecopar was one of the leading and most widely acclaimed ornithologists in the world. In fact, his three major works, *The Birds of North Africa* (French edition 1964, English edition 1967), *The Birds of China* and *The Birds of the Middle East*, became the standard works of reference for ornithologists

and scientists the world over. This working library is a rare and valuable collection of 800 books. The major part concerns ornithology and the protection of nature. Some volumes date back to the 19th century, with most being published in the 20th century. The aforementioned three major works are all illustrated by the world renowned artist, Paul Barruel, known as the "Audubon of small birds". The majority of the books are in English, some in French, and a few in other languages. Many were personally dedicated and especially bound. The library is in pristine condition – both the books and the bindings. The distinction of this unique library is that such a collection will never be printed again. It belongs to the natural history patrimony of the world; all the more since many of the birds are now endangered species. Should you require further information on R.D. Etchecopar, the content of the library, photographs or business information, kindly contact my assistant, MIKE FARISH (EM: mikefarish@dartybox.com, PH: + (33) 1 4753 7875, in Paris, France.

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.

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THE 13^{1ST} 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. It is being hosted by the Field Museum and the local committee chair is John Bates.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held in conjunction with the AOU 13-17 Aug 2013, in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting will be hosted by the Field Museum and the local committee chair is John Bates.

*5th INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN FLIGHT CONFERENCE, Snowbird, Utah, **25-28 Aug 2013**. The 5th Partners in Flight Conference brings the bird conservation community together to create a unified vision for full life cycle needs and how to address them with innovative approaches. <http://www.pifv.org/index.html>

*THE 5TH WESTERN HEMISPHERE SHOREBIRD GROUP MEETING will take place **17-21 Sep 2013** at Santa Marta, Colombia. The meeting will be hosted by Asociación Calidris, Colombia. The four-day scientific program will consist of plenaries, symposia, contributed papers and poster sessions. There will be several workshops and fieldtrips available. If you have any questions, please contact the local host, CARLOS RUIZ (EM: cjrui@calidris.org.co) and RICHARD JONSTON (EM: rjohnston@calidris.org.co), or the scientific program committee chair, GUILLERMO FERNANDEZ (EM: gfernandez@ola.icmyl.unam.mx or whsgm5colombia@gmail.com). Please check <http://www.calidris.org.co/WHSG/home.html> for updated information. We welcome you to join us in Santa Marta in Sep 2013!

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 Sep, will be a joint scientific day with the International Wader Study Group (IWSG) annual conference (27-30 Sep). 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 Sep 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), Labor-atorio 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) MIGUEL D. SAGGESE - VALERIA OJEDA – SERGIO LAMBERTUCCI (Conference chairs)

*THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held **29 May to 1 June** at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. This will be a joint meeting with the Association of Field Ornithologists. The local host, JAMESON (JIM) CHACE, may be reached at the Dept. of Biology and Biomedical Sciences, Salve Regina University, 100 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI 02840 (PH: 401-341-3204; EM: jameson.chace@salve.edu).

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

NEWS OF MEMBERS

CAGAN SEKERCIOGLU received the 20th Anniversary Whitley Gold Award from Princess Anne of UK for "Putting Turkey on the Conservation Map", for his bird and mammal conservation work, making him the only person to receive two Whitley Gold awards for grassroots conservation. (URL: http://unews.utah.edu/news_releases/princess-anne-gives-award-to-utah-biologist/; <http://whitleyaward.org/winners/kuyucuk-lake-kars-turkey/>; <http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/22342696>). His acceptance speech is located at https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=mB_THPX7Uh8. This is a special Gold award, chosen among 167 past Whitley awardees of the past 20 years. He is also featured as a National Geographic Risk Taker in this month's magazine for his bird research (physical risk) and bird conservation work (political risk): <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/exploration/risk-takers-gallery/#/10>; <http://www.slitrib.com/slitrib/news/56216144-78/sekerioglu-risk-national-geographic.html.csp>. Finally, in April, his NGO KuzeyDoga won the Conservation Leadership Award among 305 applications from 22 countries, for their Community-Based Conservation of Lake Kuyucuk Ramsar Site Bird Community in eastern Turkey.

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