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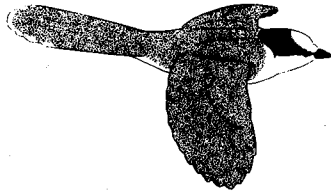
ORNITHOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN Canada. Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the pamphlet "Ornithological Resources in Canada," which SCO prepared for potential participants in the 1986 International Ornithological Congress. It was mailed to everyone on the I.O.C. mailing list in early February. There will probably be a few extra copies available, so if you want to donate one to your university library, make one available to students, or whatever, write to Henri Ouellet at the National Museum to ask for a couple more.

Because of the short time between germination of the idea and deadline for mailing, compilation was done fairly quickly, and there are doubtless errors and omissions beyond those we found during the editing process (not least of which is the deletion of the french title from the pamphlet's cover). I am hopeful, however, that the booklet's shortcomings will not detract seriously from its usefulness. Meanwhile, if you see errors, please call them to my attention so that they may be corrected if we someday prepare a revised edition.

Many people contributed information for the booklet in response to our mailed appeal; too many to acknowledge separately here. However, special thanks are due to Michel Gosselin for composing the french text, to Ross James for preparing the "Collections" section, and to the following for commenting on an early draft: D. Baron, J. Bedard, H. Blokpoel, W. Campbell, H.W.R. Copeland, D.J.T. Hussell, A. Lambert, M.R. Lein, I.A. MacLaren, W.B. McGillivray, M.K. McNicholl, W.A. Montevecchi, H. Ouellet, W.J. Richardson, S. Sealy, R. Smith and N.A.M. Verbeek. (Erica Dunn, Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Research Section, P.O. Box 50, Maple, Ontario L0J 1E0.)

MANY MEMBERS have not renewed their MEMBERSHIP for 1985. This is the last newsletter you will receive unless membership fees are forwarded to the Membership Secretary Dr. John Ryder.

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Secretary General's Report

As of the end of January 1985, nearly 900 provisional registration forms had been received, and in spite of the fact that nearly 200 had missed the deadline, the information provided was very useful in the planning of our various activities. It is interesting to note that the responses originate from 46 countries and as expected the majority came from the U.S.A. According to current predictions (not mine), we should have at least 2,000 registered members in 1986! This is a little over the original number of anticipated members but should not cause any problem either with accommodation or arrangements at the Congress Center.

Since my last report, the final circular has been mailed to all those who responded to the first call and all those whose name appeared on our extensive mailing list; some 3,000 circulars have thus been mailed in early February. Should you, as of this date, have not received your copy please let me know. In principle, all bona fide members of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists were sent a copy.

You will notice that the plenary lectures have been selected and that a fairly definite list of symposia appears in the circular. I hope that it will stimulate your interest in attending the Congress. Equally, you will find that we are calling now for contributed papers (posters and oral), round table discussions and workshops, and that the deadlines for all of these is coming fast: 30 September 1985. I encourage you very strongly to submit papers (oral or poster) or to make arrangements for poster symposia or workshops. Canadian ornithological research is good and we must take this opportunity to make it better known internationally.

So far only a few responses have been received for the scientific film programme. Should you know of good ornithological films, please contact the authors (photographers, producers, advisors, etc.) and urge them to submit their films. This is an excellent way to make them known to an international audience.

To this date we have received 11 firm registration forms (with payment). I take this opportunity to urge you to register early so that you can take advantage of the reduced rates which are applicable until 31 January 1986. Please note that your registration fees include a copy of the proceedings of the Congress which will be published in 1987 and will comprize two bound volumes for a total of at least 1,500 pages.

The fund raising committee will be formed (I hope) during the next few weeks. I am soliciting again your ideas and suggestions as it is becoming more evident as the Congress dates approach that a number of ornithologists, primarily our colleagues from undeveloped countries or from the East block countries will need some financial assistance in order to attend the Congress. If we cannot raise additional funds, we can help only a very limited number. Concerning assistance to Canadians, the majority of Canadian ornithologists consulted felt that students in particular should receive some assistance from their supervisor. Hopefully, the latter will be generous and allow a maximum of our young colleagues to take the best advantage of this unique event in Canada.

A good successful summer to all.--Henri Ouellet.

IOC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE OF THE PRIME OBJECTS of any meeting is to communicate recent advances in science. This is particularly so at an International Congress such as the International Ornithological Congress planned for Ottawa in June, 1986. One serious inhibition to such communication is the lack of participation of colleagues from those parts of the world where funds for extended travel are limited or non-existent. If you know of someone who is a potentially valuable delegate to this congress but who is unlikely to be able to come for lack of support, I suggest you consider applying to NSERC for an "International Scientific Exchange Award" (see Sections 176-183 on pp. 50-52 of the 1985-86 NSERC Awards Guide). These awards will provide a stipend and a limited amount of travel support for a foreign scientist to visit a colleague in this country to undertake collaborative research. If one were to arrange this visit to encompass the I.O.C., it would not only benefit you and the scientist concerned, but also the other delegates to the Congress. Give it serious consideration.

Since our graduate students are the future scientists in the field of ornithology, we must do everything in our power to see that they have the opportunity to attend the I.O.C. To this end, may I urge you to remember their transportation costs when making out grant requests for the 1986 research year. This is the first time, and probably last for a good many years, that the I.O.C. will come to Canada. Let us make sure that Canadian ornithologists and their students are well represented.--D.A. Boag.

HOSPITALITY FOR IOC PARTICIPANTS. One of SCO's projects for the 1986 International Ornithological Congress is to prepare a list of SCO members willing to house IOC delegates who may be touring Canada before or after the Congress. Very few people have signed up thus far, and we would like to have at least 4 or 5 people listed from each province (so far there are none in B.C., Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland).

The chances are you are not going to be overwhelmed with visitors if you sign up. On the other hand, some delegates will plan to spend the summer in Canada, and may well welcome contacts far from Ottawa. Don't hesitate to sign on just because you feel no one will come your way. Prospective visitors will contact you directly to make arrangements, and you are under no obligation to take in everyone who asks.

The information we need from you is: name, address, distance from nearest large city, number of people you can put up at a time (and notes on facilities--e.g. private room, 2 beds, floor space for 3, etc.), and any further comments or restrictions (e.g. non-smokers only).

Please take care of this soon, by sending your information to Erica Dunn, Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Research Section, P.O. Box 50, Maple, Ontario L0J 1E0.

INTERNATIONAL BANDING/RINGING WORKSHOP. During the 19th International Ornithological Congress to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in 1986, a special event has been arranged for banders/ringers on 26 June. The Ottawa Banding Group and the banding office of the Canadian Wildlife Service have organized a banding field trip for the morning, and Long Point Bird Observatory and the Ontario Bird Banding Association are hosting a workshop in the afternoon. The theme of the workshop will be Maximizing Effectiveness of Banding Studies. Potential topics include co-operative studies among stations, co-operative pooling of data collected, use of banding in inventory studies, band design, pros and cons of more/less general "backyard" banding, preparation of worksheets, use of banding in environmental assessments,

computerization of banding data, and similar topics. Banders/ringers who wish to contribute to the workshop are asked to contact Martin K. McNicholl, Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1M0 Canada no later than 1 December 1985. Please specify the topic you wish to address and whether you are willing to do so as a presentation and/or as part of a panel discussion. Length of time devoted to each topic and format will be determined in part by the response. If content and interest warrant, a published proceedings may result.

RESEARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIOLOGICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA in cooperation with the Science Council of Canada, has been involved in preparation of a Directory of Canadian Field Research Stations, published in 1983. The Directory summarizes facilities, location and contact addresses for several hundred field and research stations in Canada, and is the most complete source of this information available. This information could be useful to departments planning to do field work in various parts of the country. Copies are available at \$10.00 from the BCC Secretary, Dr. Brock Fenton, Department of Biology, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6.

RESEARCH FACILITIES AT LONG POINT. The Long Point Bird Observatory has an ongoing program of banding and daily census conducted at three sites from the tip to the base of the point during both spring and fall migration. We welcome researchers and students who wish to use our large backlog of largely unanalyzed data in conjunction with their own field studies. The large variety of birds in the area, variety of local habitats, library and opportunity to interact with a varying number of colleagues are other features attractive to ornithologists at all seasons. Rates and other information can be obtained from: Martin K. McNicholl, Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1M0.

MEETINGS

THE LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY BIRDATHON, featuring Chandler S. Robbins as the celebrity birder, will be held on 10-11 May 1985, with the annual meeting and banquet following in Port Dover, Ontario at 5:00 pm, 11 May. Guest speaker will be Gustave J. Yaki. Further information is available from LPBO, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario Ontario NOE 1M0, phone (519) 586-2909.--M.K. McNicholl.

NEWS OF PEOPLE - FROM UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

RAY ALISAUSKAS - was recently awarded a Canadian national Sportsmen's Fund Post-graduate Scholarship for the final year of his Ph.D. study of "The bioenergetics and behavior of Lesser Snow Geese during winter and spring migration."

DAVE ANKNEY - has completed a biochemical genetic analysis of Mallard and Black Duck populations, in cooperation with C.W.S., and proposes to do a field study of mixed pair formation in those "species."

BARB BEASLEY - will be at La Perouse Bay this summer to study, via doubly-labelled water, the "Effect of plumage coloration on the thermoregulatory ability/metabolic rate of Lesser Snow Goose goslings."

MARC BEGIN - has successfully defended his M.Sc. thesis entitled "Comparative study of retinal oil droplets in grebes and coots."

JACKIE DIXON - will be at the Delta Waterfowl Research Station this summer doing her M.Sc. research on the "influence of hatching date on timing of molt and fat deposition in post-fledging Mallards."

SUE EDMUNDS - plans to defend her thesis, "Offspring sex-ratio in relation to egg sequence, season, and parents' age in Mourning Doves and Ringed Turtle Doves," this spring.

MARK FORBES - has gone to Guatemala for several months, with Gary Neuchterlein, to begin a study of Attilan Grebes; he plans to finish his M.Sc. thesis, "Asynchronous hatching in Pied-billed Grebes," by August.

IAN GOUDIE - successfully defended his M.Sc. thesis, "Comparative ecology of Common Eiders, Black Scoters, Oldsquaws, and Harlequin Ducks wintering in southeastern Newfoundland," and has resumed his position as C.W.S. Surveys Biologist in Newfoundland.

PAUL GREGOIRE - expects to defend his M.Sc. thesis, "Family and social behavior of Lesser Snow Geese during winter and spring migration," this summer.

PAUL HANDFORD - recently returned from a sabbatical trip to South America after completing intensive field work on song dialects in Rufous-collared Sparrows.

PETER HICKLIN - began his educational leave from C.W.S. last fall and has recently started his year-round Ph.D. research on the "Feeding ecology and bioenergetics of the Common Eider in southwestern New Brunswick."

DAVID KREMENTZ - has accepted a Post-doctoral position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is also writing mss. from his Ph.D. thesis "The bioenergetics of breeding House Sparrows."

DAVE SCOTT - will retire this July and plans to devote time to writing mms. and particularly to his avocation - butterfly research.

JOE WEAVER - is still "radio-tracking" the Wild Turkeys released near Simcoe, Ont., in 1984 and 1985.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

60 YOUNG GYRFALCONS in the Northwest Territories received blue, red, or black bands. If you see Gyrfalcons this winter, please check for color bands and report observations to the Bird Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3 or to BOB BROMLEY, Dept. of Renewable Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada X1A 2L9.

IN CONNECTION WITH an enquiry into the question of polyandry in Wilson's Phalarope, E. OTTO HOHN, Dept. of Physiology, Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 0N4 requests information on egg weights in this species.

PUBLICATIONS

HOHN, O.E. 1984. The Northern Naturalist - experiences with wildlife in the Canadian Aspen Parklands. 176 pp. 32 photos. \$9.99. Lone Pine Publishing, 9704-106th St., Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1B6.

THE PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS of the 1983 Bald Eagle Days conference are now available: "The Bald Eagle in Canada." Edited by J.M. Gerrard and T.N. Ingram. 272 pages, illus. \$20.00. This volume contains a thorough and up to date account of the status, management, and research on Bald Eagles in Canada. It contains provincial status reports, authoritative articles on eagle biology, and special section on Charles Broley. Send \$20.00 per volume to: White Horse Plains Publishers, Box 113, R.R. 1, Headingley, Manitoba R0H 0J0.

Also available from White Horse Publ.: "Charles Broley: an extraordinary naturalist." 58 pages, ill., \$4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW NAME. After 45 years of operation the Delta Waterfowl Research Station has recently changed their name to the Delta Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Station. This change reflects on-going expansions of the Station's program in the general area of wetlands ecology. The largest single effort is the Marsh Ecology Research Program which is a long-term (10-15 years), experimental multi-disciplinary study of the marsh ecosystem's response to a controlled wet/dry cycle. This particular research is conducted jointly with Ducks Unlimited (Canada).--B.D.J. Batt.

FESTIVAL OF SWALLOWS August 3-11, 1985, Pembroke, Ontario. Sponsored by the Pembroke and Area Bird Club. Last year close to 6,000 visitors were entertained in the evenings by thousands of swallows flying to their roost near Pembroke Marina. The Canadian Wildlife Service estimated the flock at 150,000 on the 9th of August, 1984.

For more information or for your free copy of the "Swallow Roost Guide" write to: Festival of Swallows, c/o Pembroke and Area Bird Club, Box 1242, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6Y6.

COSEWIC, at its annual meeting in Ottawa on 2 and 3 April 1985, declared status for seven bird species: the Piping Plover as endangered; King Rail and Prairie Warbler as rare; and, not surprizingly, Great Auk, Labrador Duck and Passenger Pigeon as extinct. In addition, a status report on Merlin was considered, but it was felt that the species was not in sufficient difficulty to assign any status.

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The NEXT NEWSLETTER will be issued in Nov 1985. Send items for inclusion to the editor Ross D. James, Dept. of Ornithology, Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6 by 15 Oct. 1985.

Call for nomination for the council of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists

Nominations are being sought for the positions of Vice-President (President-elect), Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Council of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists and for four positions of Councillor (2 for 1985, 2 for 1985-86). Any member is eligible to nominate one or more persons who are also members in good standing.

You may simply send in a list of names for consideration by the Nominating Committee, but to insure your nominee's name appearing on the ballot, you must complete the form below. If more than one person is to be nominated, xerox this sheet and record the appropriate information for each person on a separate sheet. Then send it on to the nominee for him or her to sign and return to the Nominating Committee Chairperson by 15 June 1985 (Spencer G. Sealy, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2).

OFFICE FOR WHICH THIS NOMINEE IS PROPOSED: _____

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: _____

BIOSKETCH OF NOMINEE (Suggested content: job title, past service to ornithological organizations, and/or statement of desired directions for SCO. May be filled in either by nominator or nominee):

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE: _____