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(L) Downy Woodpecker, 2000; (R) Hairy Woodpecker, 2001, both Holtville, N.B.

(photos by Dorothy McFarlane)

A Newfoundland acquaintance called them “Wood-knockers b’ating their face up on trees”; editors sometimes feel like that too, but can work off frustration better by writing something...

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University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., U.S.A.
15-18 August 2001

The S.C.O. Council meeting and AGM will be held during the conference; check at S.C.O. information table there for other information; for times & places of these meetings, see the conference circular (inserted with this issue, unless you'll receive it directly as an A.O.U. member), or for more details, check AOU Seattle website at
<http://depts.washington.edu/bird2001>

The conference program line-up includes

Plenary topics (& chairs):

- Molecular methods to study population divergence - the first steps of speciation (Steffan Bensch)
- Seabird Conservation (Dee Boersma)
- Current issues in mate choice and sexual selection (Marion Petrie)
- The physiology-life history nexus (Robert Ricklefs)
- Maternal steroid hormones in the egg: functions, mechanisms, and implications (Hubert Schwabel)

Symposia

- Bird collections: Development and use of a scientific resource;
- The science, management and policy of seabird conservation;
- New perspectives in evolution of sexual traits.

Workshops and Roundtables

- Migration monitoring in the Americas;
- Introduction to Band Manager, and Advanced Band Manager;
- Funding opportunities for ornithology at National Science Foundation;
- The wave of the future: Using recorded sound to monitor avian diversity and abundance;
- New opportunities for research on the National Wildlife Refuges;
- Field optics.

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