

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

17-20 April 1997 – 78th Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA. (Scientific program inquiries to Dr. John C. Kricher, Biology Department, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts 02766, USA; telephone: 508-286-3950; e-mail: jkricher@wheatonma.edu. Local Chair: John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Ackert Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66505-4901; telephone: 913-532-6659 or -6615).

30 April - 4 May 1997 – 67th Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, Hawaii. (Jim Jacobi, Pacific Islands Science Center, P. O. Box 44, Hawaii National Park, Hawaii 96718; e-mail: jim_jacobi@nbs.gov. Inquiries concerning the scientific program to: Steven C. Hess, Pacific Islands Science Center, P. O. Box 44, Hawaii National Park, Hawaii 96718; e-mail: shess@aloha.net).

12-17 July 1997 – Fifth International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology, University of Bristol, United Kingdom. (Prof. J. M. V. Rayner, School of Biological Sciences, University of Bristol, Woodland Rd., Bristol BS8 1UG, United Kingdom; fax: 44-117-925-7374; e-mail: icvm97@bristol.ac.uk; <http://www.bio.bris.ac.uk/icvm.html>).

1-6 August 1997 – Society of Caribbean Ornithology, Aruba, Dutch West Indies. (Joseph M. Wunderle, P. O. Box 507, Palmer, Puerto Rico 00721).

13-16 August 1997 – American Ornithologists' Union 115th Meeting, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. (Francesca Cuthbert – cuthboo1@maroon.tc.umn.edu, or Peter Lowther – lowther@fnnh.org).

21-23 September 1997 – Forum on Wildlife Telemetry: innovations, evaluations, and research needs; Snowmass, Colorado. Held in association with the 1997 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society. (Dr. Jane Austin, e-mail: jane_austin@nbs.gov or Dr. Pamela Pietz, e-mail: pam_pietz@nbs.gov; both at National Biological Service, Northern Prairie Science Center, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401; telephone: 701-252-5363; fax: 701-252-4217).

28 July - 3 August 1998 – 7th International Behavior Ecology Congress, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey, California, USA. (Walt Koenig; e-mail: wicker@uclink.berkeley.edu or Janis Dickinson; e-mail: sialia@uclink2berkeley.edu; both at Hastings Reservation, 28601 E. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, California 93924, USA).

16-22 August 1998 – XXII International Ornithological Congress, Durban, South Africa. (Information — Dr. Aldo Berruti, Department of Ornithology, Durban Natural Science Museum, Durban, South Africa; Fax: 27-31-262-6114; e-mail: berruti@superbowl.und.ac.za; Scientific Program — Dr. Lukas Jenni, Schweizerische Vogelwarte, CH-6204 Sempach, Switzerland; fax: 41-41-462-9710).

SOCIETY OF CARIBBEAN ORNITHOLOGY T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

The SCO has produced a t-shirt to promote the Society and help raise much needed funds toward the Society's annual operating costs. The t-shirt depicts the Society's logo, the Pitirre or Gray Kingbird, on a light blue shirt. Large and X-large shirts are available. The cost of the shirt is \$15 (U.S.), which includes shipping costs. Please purchase a shirt today and help support the Society! The shirt makes a great gift for Caribbean birdwatchers. Send your order and a check or postal money order made payable to the Society of Caribbean Ornithology to Rosemarie Gnam, Treasurer SCO, 13 East Rosemont Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, U.S.A. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to promote the Society!

DIRECTORY OF FUNDING SOURCES IN THE NEOTROPICS

SIMBIOTA is a volunteer organization run by a group of graduate students of the University-Madison. SIMBIOTA's goal is to assist Latin American and Caribbean field biologists and conservationists (professional, amateur, or student) in gaining funds for their own projects in the neotropics. The name and logo are meant to symbolize mutual cooperation. It is hoped that SIMBIOTA will be a catalyst for stronger cooperation and support between biologists and conservationists in the Americas.

As a part of this effort, SIMBIOTA has produced a directory of funding sources in the region. The directory is available on the World Wide Web (WWW) at <http://www/wisc.edu/widecol/simbiota.html>. If you do not have access to the WWW and would like to receive a printed copy of the information (available in English or Spanish), contact: SIMBIOTA, Department of Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin, 1630 Linden Dr., Madison, Wisconsin 53706, USA; telephone: 608-263-7595; fax: 608-262-6099; e-mail: simbiota@macc.wisc.edu.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Seeking information on the occurrence of Osprey in the Caribbean, particularly Cuba. Would like contact with individuals interested in monitoring Osprey migration in the Caribbean. Please contact Mark Martell, The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, 1920 Fitch Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55108, USA. Telephone: 612-624-9790; fax: 612-624-8740; e-mail: martel006@tc.umn.edu

1997 SCO ELECTIONS

Society Secretary Marcia Mundle has received the following nominations for officers:

President — Roeland de Kort
Vice-president — Eric Carey
Treasurer — Rosemarie Gnam
Secretary — Marcia Mundle

All candidates have accepted their nominations.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN CUBA

CONFERENCIA CIENTIFICA "50 ANIVERSARIO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE ORIENTE"

6-9 October 1997
Universidad de Oriente, Santiago de Cuba

Among the themes of the conference is *Ecology and The Environment*. The event will include presentations, expositions, round tables, and tours. Official languages will be Spanish and English.

Registration US\$60 for participants; US\$40 for persons accompanying participants
Special packages with attractive rates are available

For further information, contact:

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Jim Wiley also has copies of information regarding the event.

III TALLER DE BIODIVERSIDAD

Centro Oriental de Biodiversidad y Ecosistemas
Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente
25-28 October 1997

Dirección: Museo de Ciencias Tomas Romay
José A. Saco % Barnada y Paraíso
Santiago de Cuba, Cuba

For information, contact Jim Wiley

MESA RODONDA INTERNACIONAL HACIA UNA CULTURA DE LA NATURALEZA

Presidente Antonio Núñez Jiménez
4-8 Noviembre 1997
Baracoa, Guantánamo
Cuba

For information, contact:

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Jim Wiley also has additional information.

ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Members are reminded to pay their annual dues to the SCO Treasurer, Dr. Rosemarie S. Gnam, 13 East Rosemont Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301, USA. Individual membership are US\$20.00 per year.

SOCIETY'S WORKING GROUP RECEIVES FUNDING

The West Indian Whistling-Duck Working Group, formed by Society members at the 1996 annual meeting in Nassau, has been successful in obtaining funding. The Group received a US\$20,000 grant in support of its conservation work on the duck.

IV SIMPOSIO DE ZOOLOGIA

10-15 Noviembre 1997

La Habana Cuba

El Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática, la Sociedad Cubana de Zoología, el Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, la Facultad de Biología de la Universidad de La Habana, el Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones de Sanidad Vegetal y el Comité Nacional de Red Latinoamericana de Ciencias Biológicas tienen el gusto de invitarle a participar en el *IV Simposio de Zoología* a celebrarse en la Ciudad de La Habana, Cuba, del 10 al 15 de Noviembre de 1997.

Se desarrollarán durante el evento, mesas redondas, conferencias magistrales y sesiones técnicas en las temáticas: Sistemática, Ecología, Etología, Anatomía, Paleontología,

Zoogeografía, Genética poblacional, Zoología Aplicada, Conservación y aprovechamiento de los recursos naturales, Fisiología, Relación planta-animal, Colecciones Zoológicas, Enseñanza de la zoología, Biodiversidad, Ilustración científico-técnica e Información científica.

Los resúmenes no deben exceder de 300 palabras y serán presentados antes del **31 de mayo de 1997**.

La cuota de inscripción es \$150 USD. Para los que paguen antes del **31 de mayo del 1997** es de \$100 USD. Los acompañantes abonarán \$70 USD.

Datos Generales

Nombres y apellidos: _____ Nacionalidad: _____
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FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TOURISM RESEARCH: *TURCARIBE '97*

Dear Friends,

The Organization Board and Tourism Institutions, sponsored by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, University of Oriente, Ministry of Tourism, and other scientific and cultural institutions from Santiago de Cuba, invites researchers, professionals, administrators, and tour operators to participate in the First International Workshop on Tourism Research: *Turcaribe '97*, to be held in the heart of the Caribbean, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, from 4-6 December 1997. The main objectives of this event are to promote exchanges of experience from persons involved in the tourism industry in order to provide advice and give conclusions to allow us to take positive actions toward developing research and development projects for the advance of tourism in the Caribbean region.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and present talks on experiences related to the event themes. We await you in Santiago de Cuba.

Yours faithfully,
 Dra. Alga Almaguer
 President, *TURCARIBE '97* Organization Board

Themes:

1. Ecotourism, rural-tourism and bio-tourism, environmental education
2. Commercial tourism strategies, marketing plans
3. Human resources, classification and optimization, capacity policy
4. Tourism, natural and social impact, cultural development strategy
5. Attention Tourist Medical Programme
6. Tourism transportation services: rentability and efficiency
7. Architectural, natural and city values. Preservation and exploitation.
8. Tourist automatic services
9. Publicity and promotion

Papers selected by the Organization Board can be presented in conferences, posters or round tables.

Abstracts: Up to 100 words. Due 14 June 1997.

Papers: Up to 10 pages, double-spaced; one original and two

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copies, to be submitted by 16 August 1997. Manuscripts should include the following information: Name(s) and surname, institution, address, telephone, fax, e-mail address. Author(s) selected will be notified before 30 September 1997.

Registration: Author and delegate — \$200 USD; includes credential, welcome cocktail, social and scientific activities, program of visits to higher scientific centers, certificate of participation, and event documentation.. Students and companion — \$100 USD; includes credential, opening and closing activities, welcome cocktail, and cultural activities

For more information, contact:

TURCARIBE '97

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**MANUAL DE CAMPO PARA DETERMINAR LAS AVES DEL GRAN PARQUE NACIONAL
"SIERRA MAESTA" Y DE LOS TERRITORIOS ALEDAÑOS**

BY DIMITRI O. ELISIEV, NIDIA GARCÍA S., LUIS O. MELIÁN H. AND JOSÉ NÚÑEZ LAGE

Instituto Superior Pedagógico "Frank País García"

1987. 178 pp. 2 indexes, bibliography, line drawings

Designed for use in the field, this manual contains a key to 166 bird species that occur in the Oriente of Cuba, along with individual species accounts.

Available for US\$15.00 through Jim Wiley, 2201 Ashland St., Ruston, Louisiana 71270, USA.

CONTACT WITH SCO SECRETARY

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