
Photographs of West Indian Birds Needed

Jorge Moreno is putting together a collection of slides of the Caribbean Islands avifauna for use by Society members. If you have good slides of Caribbean taxa and are willing to let the Society make copies, please contact Jorge by telephone (809) 722-7517, FAX (809) 724-0365, or write him at the Departamento de Recursos Naturales, P.O. Box 5887, Puerta de Tierra, Puerto Rico 00906.

Books for Nature

Books for Nature is a grass roots organization that sends field guides, technical literature, and basic field research equipment to libraries, teachers, and field biologists in developing countries. Their goal is to encourage the growth of conservation biology as a science and an ethic by increasing knowledge of the natural world. Books for Nature tries to get their books and field equipment free or at considerable discounts and sends them where they are needed with visiting researchers or by post. If you would like to donate money, books, journals, or basic field research equipment, please contact Books for Nature (c/o Bernie Tershy, Neurobiology and Behavior, Seeley G. Mudd Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, U.S.A.; telephone 607-255-2255 extension 370) first by letter. The organization would also like to hear from researchers who have contacts with needy institutions and can deliver material directly.

North American Breeding Bird Survey

The North American Breeding Bird Survey Program seeks participants to conduct surveys. For the past 25 years the Breeding Bird Survey has remained the only program in the world that provides continental information, within a statistically reliable framework, for populations of any group of vertebrates. They have surveys in every state, province and territory on the continent. However, the program exists only through an international network of volunteer surveyors. To qualify, an observer must have good hearing and know all the songs and calls of the local birds. This year, the Program is placing special emphasis on recruiting observers for Puerto Rico. If you can help, please contact Breeding Bird Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, Maryland 20708, U.S.A. (telephone: 301-498-0330). The Program can provide researchers and managers with population trends, annual indices, and raw data for North American bird populations using both magnetic and paper media.

Special IOC Session for Bird Collection Managers

Curators, collection managers, and preparators who plan to attend the XX International Ornithological Congress this winter in New Zealand are urged to participate in a Special Interest Group discussion of "Current Ideas in the Management and Preservation of Specimen Collections of Birds." The intent is to share knowledge of (1) techniques, materials, and treatments for specimen preparation and storage, (2) undesirable materials and treatments, (3) organizations and suppliers that provide expertise, materials, training, and publications relevant to bird collections, and (4) techniques for the management of specimen data. If you are interested in participating in this discussion at the IOC, please notify Kimball L. Garrett, Section of Ornithology, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90007, U.S.A. (telephone: 213-744-3368).

Intra-Neotropical Migrant Survey

Betsy Trent Thomas is collecting the scattered references and unpublished data on migration and/or seasonal movements of neotropical bird species. She is seeking correspondence with those interested in this subject, and solicits data relating to such movements not only from studies and observations of individual species, but also from regional and site birds lists kept by month. If interested, please contact Ms. Thomas at: Waterfield, Rt. 1 Box 212c,

Opportunity

The Raptor Research Foundation will provide a U.S.\$600 grant from the Stephen R. Tully Memorial Fund for research, management, or conservation of birds of prey. Students and serious amateurs are encouraged to apply. Send five copies of a succinct proposal (5 pages maximum) outlining your background, study goals, and methods, anticipated budget, and other funding requests to James H. Enderson, Chairman, Tully Grant Committee, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, U.S.A. Applications must be received by 10 September 1990.
