
Tudy Dod (Continued).

1988. Tudy and Don are keeping busy with Caribbean projects, including trips back to the Dominican Republic for Don's orchid work. They would enjoy receiving correspondence from friends at their new address: 2918 G Regent Street, Berkeley, California 94705 U.S.A.

News of Society Members

Wendy (Lee) Van Barneveld is now Resident Director of the Hofstra University Marine Laboratory, P.O. Box 90, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica.

Dr. Fred Schaffner has left the National Audubon Society and is presently employed as a Research Biologist with the Terrestrial Ecology Section, Scientific Research Area, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 5887, Puerta de Tierra, Puerto Rico 00906.

Dr. Jose L. Vivaldi has accepted the position of Management Assistant at the U.S. National Park Service, Box 712, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902.

Society President Jorge A. Moreno has succeeded Jose Vivaldi as Chief of Terrestrial Ecology with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources.

International Piping Plover Census

The 1991 International Piping Plover Census is being planned by piping plover recovery teams in the United States and Canada, and will include a census of wintering piping plovers in the Caribbean. The team members request that anyone working in or travelling to Caribbean beaches, mudflats, and sandflats report sightings of piping plovers to Susan Haig, South Carolina Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Lehotsky Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina 29634, U.S.A.

Assistance Requested in Preparation of New Field Guide

Dear colleagues:

This note is to inform you that I and several other coauthors are compiling a new, completely illustrated guide to the birds of the West Indies. Not only will this book serve as a field guide, but it will also have major components aimed at focusing interest on the

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conservation of the region's unique avifauna. To make this guide as complete and up to date as possible, we are soliciting several categories of information which you may be able to provide:

- reliable, unpublished bird records that alter the known status of a species. This may vary from the observations of vagrant species, updating the status of endangered forms, or documentation of increases or decreases in population levels;
- interesting information about the most unique species on your island (folklore, unusual behavioral characteristics, and so on);
- nest descriptions of poorly known species; and
- renditions of calls and songs of local species.

Please send any information to: Herb Raffaele, Room 860 (ARLSQ), Office of International Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., USA 20240 (Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands); or Robert Norton, c/o National Parks Trust, Ministry of Natural Resources, Roadtown, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (Bahamas and Lesser Antilles); or Jim Wiley (in conjunction with Orlando Garrido of Cuba), 1863 Ciprian Ave., Camarillo, California 93010, USA (Cuba and Hispaniola).

I should also inform you that the largest component of the revenues eventually generated through the sale of this book will go toward promoting bird conservation in the region. Most of the remainder will finance production of the art work.

I thank you in advance for your support of this effort and I look forward to your assistance. I believe that your help in making this book a quality product will ultimately prove a significant contribution toward the conservation of the West Indies' avifauna.

Herb Raffaele

Meetings of Interest

29 April - 3 May 1990 - Society for Ecological Restoration, 2nd Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Abstracts due by 15 January. (William R. Jordan III, University of Wisconsin Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison, Wisconsin 53711, U.S.A.)

7-11 May 1990 - Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, 5th annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois. (David Willard, Bird Division, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lakeshore Dr., Chicago, Illinois 60605, U.S.A.; telephone 312-922-9410, ext. 269)

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31 May-3 June 1990 - The Wilson Ornithological Society and The Association of Field Ornithologists, joint meeting, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Special events include symposia on "The amateur in ornithology" and "American avian zoogeography," and workshops on "Standardization of field techniques and data management among bird banders" and "Conservation of coastal wetlands in the western hemisphere." (John Kricher, Chair of Local Committee; Richard Conner and Edward H. Burt, Jr., Co-Chairs of Scientific Program Committee)

4-8 June 1990 - Association for Biology Laboratory Education (ABLE), Southwest Missouri State University. Includes 12-15 innovative interactive workshops suitable for undergraduate biology lab courses. (John Glase, Section of Neurobiology and Behavior, 1130 Comstock Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, U.S.A.; telephone: 607-255-3007)

10-15 June 1990 - Animal Behavior Society, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, U.S.A. (Stim Wilcox, Department of Biology, SUNY Binghamton, New York 13901, U.S.A.)

12-16 June 1990 - Malaysia International Conference on Conservation of Tropical Biodiversity, "In Harmony with Nature," Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (Ministry of Science, Technology & Environment, 50662 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

17-20 June 1990 - Society for Conservation Biology, University of Florida campus, Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A. Symposia include "Biological conservation in the Neotropics," "Conservation and sustainable development," "Theory and practice in Florida conservation," and "Can we manage public lands for biodiversity?" (For authors of contributed papers and posters: Dr. Stephen R. Humphrey, Department of Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, U.S.A.; telephone: 904-392-1721. For general program information: Dr. Susan K. Jakobson, Program for Studies in Tropical Conservation, Department of Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, U.S.A.; telephone: 904-392-8372).

18-24 June 1990 - American Birding Association, Fort Collins Marriott Hotel, Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.A. (Bob Berman, ABA, P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80934-6599; telephone: 800-634-7736)

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25 June-1 July 1990 - Joint meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. (Lloyd F. Kiff, Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 1100 Glendon Ave., Suite 1400, Los Angeles, California 90024; Bryan Obst, Department of Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024)

1-7 July 1990 - ICSEB-IV, International Congress on Systematics and Evolutionary Biology, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, U.S.A. Theme: "The Unity of Evolutionary Biology." (Congress Secretary, ICSEB-IV, Dept. of Microbiology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, U.S.A.)

5-8 August 1990 - Association of Systematic Collections, joint meeting with AIBS, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A. (ASC, 730 11th St. N.W., 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001-4584, U.S.A.)

6-11 August 1990 - Vth International Conference on Wildlife Diseases and 1990 Annual Conference of Wildlife Disease Association, Berlin, German Democratic Republic. The theme will be effects of environmental pollution on wildlife, introduced diseases into wildlife in the Old and New World and health care and health problems in endangered species. (Werner Heuschele, CRES, The Zoological Society of San Diego, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, California 92112-0551; Torsten Morner, Department of Wildlife Diseases, National Veterinary Institute, P.O. Box 7073, 750 07 Uppsala, Sweden).

13-16 August 1990 - Society of Caribbean Ornithology, College of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica (Jorge Moreno, Departamento de Recursos Naturales, Apto. 5887, Puerta de Tierra, Puerto Rico 00906).

15-17 August 1990 - Managing Predation to Increase Production of Wetland Birds Symposium, Jamestown, North Dakota, U.S.A. (Alan B. Sargeant, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, P.O. Box 2096, Jamestown, North Dakota 58402, U.S.A.; telephone 701-252-5363).

22-26 August 1990 - Third International Conference of Behavioural Ecology and Foraging Behaviour, Uppsala, Sweden. (Steffan Ulfstand, Department of Zoology, Box 561, S-751, 22 Uppsala, Sweden)

23-30 August 1990 - "Granivorous Birds as Pests of Agriculture and Epidemiological Vectors," a

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symposium within the 5th International Congress of Ecology, Yokohama, Japan. (Jan Pinowski, Department of Vertebrate Sciences, Dziekanow Lesny, 05-092 Lomianki, Poland)

29 August - 4 September 1990 - 11th International Symposium on Biotelemetry, Yokohama International Conference Center, Yokohama, Japan. (Dr. Akihiko Uchiyama, School of Science & Engineering, Waseda University, 3-4-1, Ohkubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169, Japan; telephone: 03-203-13-4141, extension 73-3413). Deadline for registration: 31 May 1990.

16 September 1990 - The Second International Parrot Convention, Tenerife (Canary Islands). The theme of the convention will be "Captive Breeding for Conservation." The primary language of the Convention will be English, with simultaneous translations into Spanish and German. The cost of the Convention is U.S.\$175, which includes participation in all conferences, excursions, some meals, and a guided tour of Loro Parque. Hotel and meal packages are available. (Loro Parque, 38400 Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain. Telephones: 3422-38 30 12 or 3422-38 30 90. Fax: 3422-38 73 21; Telex: 92398 LORO)

18-20 September 1990 - Challenges in Conservation of Biological Resources: Exploring New Tools for Managers, Planners, and Educators, Sheraton Inn & Conference Center, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A. (Deborah Walsh Grover, Conservation of Biological Resources Symposium, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Department of Natural Resources, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853-3001; telephone: 607-255-2115)

11-14 November 1990 - National Symposium on Urban Wildlife, Stouffer Five Seasons Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, U.S.A. (Lowell Adams, Symposium Program Chairman, National Institute for Urban Wildlife, 10921 Trotting Ridge Way, Columbia, Maryland 21044, U.S.A.; telephone 301-596-3311).

21-27 November 1990 - 20th World Conference of the International Council for Bird Preservation, Hamilton, New Zealand. (see below)

2- 9 December 1990 - XX International Ornithological Congress/XX World Conference ICBP, Christchurch, New Zealand. The general theme is "The World of Birds -- a Southern Perspective." The scientific program will consist of 8 events, including 4 plenary addresses and 6 symposia. (Dr. Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, XX Congressus Internationalis Ornithologicus, Department of

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Zoology, Victoria University, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand; and Dr. Charles G. Sibley, President, XXth International Ornithological Congress, Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Box 855, Tiburon, California 94920, U.S.A. Telephone: 415-435-1717).

14-17 January 1991 - Conservacion de la Biodiversidad Caribeña. Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana. (Michael Smith, Department of Ichthyology, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024, U.S.A.; and Sixto J. Incháustegui, Departamento de Biología, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana)

22-26 March 1991 - The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (Harry E. Hodgdon, Executive Director, TWS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, U.S.A.; telephone: 301-897-9770)

22-27 March 1991 - 56th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference, Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (L.L. Williamson, Wildlife Management Institute, Suite 725, 1101 14th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, U.S.A.; telephone 202-371-1808)

15-19 May 1991 - Joint annual meetings of the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

13-17 August 1991 - 109th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

24-30 November 1991 - IV Neotropical Ornithology Congress, Quito, Ecuador. (Humberto Alvarez-Lopez, President; Nancy Hilgert de Benavides, Local Arrangements Committee, Corporación Ornitológica del Ecuador, Casilla 9068 S-7, Quito, Ecuador. Telephone: [593-2]-240-642).