

## MEETINGS OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

8-12 June **Wilson Ornithological Society Centennial Meeting**, Rosemont College and The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Dr. Richard C. Banks, WOS, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. 20560, U.S.A.)

9-10 June **Annual Meeting, American Association for the Advancement of Science - Caribbean Division** (site to be announced).

14-17 June **Ecologia Integrada en Defensa de la Naturaleza, I. Simposio de Zoología**, Palacio de las Convenciones, La Habana, Cuba (Dr. María Herrera Alvarez, President of the Organizing Committee, Apartado 16046, La Habana, Cuba. 809/22-5511 or 22-1623)

7-12 August **Animal Behavior Society**, Missoula, Montana, U.S.A. (Donald A. Jenni, Department of Zoology, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59812, U.S.A. 406/243-2393).

15-18 August **106th Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union**, Fayetteville, Arkansas, U.S.A. (Douglas A. James and Kimberly G. Smith, Chairpersons).

16-19 August **Second Annual Conference of the Society for Conservation Biology**, University of California, Davis, California, U.S.A. (Dr. Daniel Simberloff, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306-2043, U.S.A.)

6-10 October **Second International Conference on Behavioral Ecology**, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (Conference Services, Continuing Studies, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5A 1S6. 604/291-3649).

October **Meeting of the Parrot Working Group**, International Council for the Conservation of Birds, Brazil.

## TRAINING PROGRAMS AND COURSES

**Manomet Bird Observatory Field Biology Training Program and Research Apprenticeship Training Programs.** The Field Biology Training Program will begin offering a full semester of college credit in 1988. Students participate in ongoing environmental studies of tropical forests and avian migrants in Belize, Central America; migration and breeding ecology of landbirds on the Gaspé Peninsula, Québec; colonial bird ecology; marine mammal distributions in the Northwest Atlantic; and others. Transfer credit through affiliates. Financial aid is available.

## TRAINING PROGRAMS & COURSES (CONTINUED)

Research Apprenticeships (2-4 months) in ongoing research in avian, marine mammal, estuarine, and tropical forest ecology. Available year-round. U.S.\$250 per month and room provided. Apprenticeships are designed for beginning biologists with some field experience.

For information, write: Field Biology Training Program or Research Apprentice Program, Manomet Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 936, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345 U.S.A., (617) 224-6521

**Captive Breeding of Endangered Species**, The Wildlife Preservation Trust, Isle of Jersey, Channel Islands, England, Great Britain. Programs are available for persons with practical experience with animals, institutions with captive breeding programs, and students with interest in conservation. Those interested in the programs should send a proposal before 1 June 1988 for participation in the subsequent year. Selections are made in August. For information or to submit a proposal, contact: Training Program, Wildlife Preservation Trust International, 34th Street & Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, U.S.A.

The National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C., offers summer courses in wildlife management and conservation. The principal objective of the **Wildlife Conservation and Management Training Program** is the scientific preparation of persons from tropical countries. Courses are also organized in these countries. The institutions interested in conducting such a course in their country should select the candidates for the course, identify the sites for field work and determine needed logistics. The National Zoological Park will attempt to obtain funds for implementing the course and travel funding. For field courses in the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center for foreign students in universities in the United States or persons living in tropical countries and who want to continue with advanced courses in management of wildlife, write: R. Rudran (Program Coordinator), Department of Zoological Research, National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C. 20008, U.S.A.

**Course on the Management of Viable Populations** - The Center for Conservation Biology, Stanford University, offers a 3-day course on population viability for wildlife professionals and graduate-level students. The fundamentals of biogeography, ecology, population dynamics, and population dynamics will be taught as they relate to protection, recovery, and maintenance of populations of rare, threatened, and endangered species. The course will also cover case studies, computer simulation models, and the legal and policy aspects of population viability analysis and planning.

For information, write Center for Conservation Biology, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305, U.S.A.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

**Research Assistant** needed for graduate student's study of sexual selection in the yellow-knobbed curassow in the Venezuelan llanos, March-June 1988. Some field experience necessary, knowledge of the tropics and Spanish helpful. Airfare and room/board provided (conditional on funding). For more information, send curriculum vitae and cover letter to Richard Buchholz, Department of Zoology, 223 Bartram Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, U.S.A.

**Research Assistant** in study of the biology and conservation of the Bahama Parrot on Abaco Island, Bahamas, May-September 1988. Contact Rosemarie Gnam, Bird Division, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, New York 10024, U.S.A.

**Volunteers** for Earthwatch project supported in 1988: Avian studies in southwestern Puerto Rico (Dr. Jaime Collazo and Mr. José Colón. For additional information, contact Dr. Collazo, Wildlife Biologist, Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Apto. 510, Boqueron, Puerto Rico)

**Amazon internships.** Work/study at a field station 80 mi. deep in climax tropical rainforest, Peru. Specialties include rehabilitation, reintroduction of wildlife confiscated from the illegal pet trade; nature photography; field study. Must pay air fare, tuition, room and board. Contact Amazon Conservation Foundation, 18328 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, Florida 34635, U.S.A.

**Experienced volunteers** are needed to run mist nets and manage data in association with the World Wildlife Fund's Minimum Critical Size of Ecosystems project, 80 km north of Manaus in Amazonian Brazil. Airfare, room and board, and very modest allowance are provided. Volunteers are expected to work for 6 months, with the possibility of developing independent research following the banding period. Working knowledge of Neotropical birds useful and weigh heavily in selecting candidates. Contact Rob Bierregaard, World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, U.S.A.

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## REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

**Parrots** needed for work on the biochemical systematics of Psittaciformes. Frozen tissue is needed from a variety of taxa. Source may be adult or juvenile, wild-caught or captive-bred birds. Michael Dixon, Department of Zoology, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712, U.S.A.

Byron Swift (2738 Chain Bridge Rd. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, U.S.A.) requests **bird lists of neotropical parks** to build a data base of bird species found in all major neotropical protected areas. Systematic lists are needed, rather than incidental observations made in 1-2 days.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

"**Checklist of Birds of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.**" 1987. U.S.\$1.00. Fred W. Sladen, P.O. Box 4106, Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00820.

"**Checklist of Vertebrates of the United States, the U.S. Territories, and Canada,**" edited by R.C. Banks, R.W. McDiarmid, and A.L. Gardner. 1987. Fish and Wildlife Service, Resource Publ. 166, 79pp. Available from Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Matomic Building, Room 148, Washington, D.C. 20240, U.S.A.

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*Send notices, articles, and other information of interest to members of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology to: James W. Wiley, 1863 Ciprian Ave., Camarillo, California 93010, U.S.A.*

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