

relative abundance, status, and bird occurrence on each island group is provided for use with the checklist. The checklist itself is divided into Waterbirds, from the grebes (Podicipedidae) to the gulls and terns (Laridae), and Landbirds, from the pigeons and doves (Columbidae) to the finches and sparrows (Emberizidae). Space is provided for recording new sightings and notes. In addition, a list of recommended books is given. Bird-watchers are reminded that permits are required to visit sanctuaries, and that birds in the Turks and Caicos Islands are protected. **Chandra A. Degia**, Grambling Cooperative Wildlife Project, P. O. Box 4290, Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana 71245, U. S. A.

### BREEDING BIRD ATLAS OF CUBA AND ADJACENT ISLANDS

As announced at the Society's 1993 annual meeting in Playa Girón, Cuba, the Breeding Bird Atlas of Cuba Project proposes to provide data on the status and distribution of the approximately 160 species that nest on the main island of Cuba, Isla de la Juventud (formerly Isla de Pinos), and adjacent keys. Preliminary results of the Project were presented at the XXI International Ornithological Congress held in Vienna, Austria last year. The Project is coordinated at the Zoology Department of the Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, with participating ornithologists from several Cuban agencies and institutions. Cuban ornithologists are in charge of finding and evaluating information from their colleagues. To date, funding for the Project has come mainly from the participating institutions, but a grant has been requested from the Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericano of Spain.

The Project organizers invite individuals and organizations interested in ornithology, biodiversity, and conservation to collaborate with them, or to send any suggestions they may have. They also request that interested ornithologists or birdwatchers who have visited Cuba during the breeding season send data for inclusion in the database. Each contribution will be acknowledged in the Atlas, and the organizers hope to offer copies of the book to collaborators at a reduced rate. The organizers request that curators of ornithological collections send a list of Cuban bird skins (with dates and localities) in their collections. All information and inquiries should be sent to:

Prof. Dr. Salvador J. Peris  
Depto. de Biología Animal-Zoología  
Facultad de Biología  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL

The Ornithological Council is the public voice for ornithologists in the United States. It was founded in 1992 by seven scientific societies, including the American Ornithologists' Union, Association of Field Ornithologists, Colonial Waterbird Society, Cooper Ornithological Society, Pacific Seabird Group, Raptor Research Foundation, and Wilson Ornithological Society. These societies represent more than 5000 scientists and students of bird life with worldwide membership and expertise. The objectives of the Council and its members include to (1) Link the scientific community with public and private decision-makers; (2) Provide timely information about birds to help ensure scientifically-based decisions, policies, and management actions; (3) Inform ornithologists of proposals and actions that affect birds or the study of birds; and (4) Speak for scientific ornithology on public issues. Among the services provided by the Council are (1) Development of a database of expertise, (2) Analyses of funding trends in ornithological programs, and (3) Information exchange to improve the quality of decisions. A brochure describing The Ornithological Council and its activities is available from:

Dr. David Blockstein  
NIE  
730 11th St., NW, Suite 300  
Washington, D. C. 20001-4521  
Telephone: 202-628-1731

### STATUS OF PUERTO RICAN RAPTORS

The Puerto Rican Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus brunnescens*) and Puerto Rican Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus venator*) were listed as Endangered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on 9 September 1994.

### BUYER BEWARE BROCHURE AVAILABLE

The World Wildlife Fund, together with several Caribbean governments and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), has put together a brochure to educate tourists and protect endangered wildlife. "Buyer Beware" summarizes which wildlife and wildlife products should generally be avoided when looking for souvenirs. For a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, U.S.A., Attn.: "Buyer Beware" Brochure for the Caribbean.

**CARIBBEAN NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE (CANARI)  
WORKSHOP ON REVENUE GENERATION FOR PROTECTED  
AREAS  
SABA, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES  
5-9 JUNE 1995**

Objectives of the Workshop include to (1) Expose participants to a range of mechanisms for financing protected areas, particularly those that have proven successful in the Caribbean; (2) Explore opportunities for collaboration between governments, NGOs, the private sector, and community institutions in the financing and management of protected areas; and (3) Support participants in the preparation of revenue generation strategies for their own countries or protected areas. Admittance to the Workshop is by application only. Application forms can be obtained from CANARI at either of the following addresses:

1104 Strand Street  
Suite 208  
Christiansted, St. Croix  
U. S. Virgin Islands 00820  
Telephone: 809-773-9854  
Fax: 809-773-5770  
*or*  
Clarke Street  
Vieux Fort  
St. Lucia  
Telephone: 809-454-6060  
Fax: 809-454-5188

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

**WEST INDIAN WHISTLING-DUCK (*DENDROCYGNA ARBOREA*)**

Research is currently being conducted on this species in the Bahamas by a graduate student from University of Minnesota. We are aware that this duck has a precarious status within its limited range in the West Indies and there is a movement to conduct an education and conservation program on the few islands where it occurs. To ascertain important habitat requirements for the duck, we need specific information on nesting: dates of observation, location, description of construction, type of surrounding vegetation, number of eggs, distance from nearest body of water, and whether this is salt, brackish, or fresh water. Because the nests of this species are difficult to find, we would appreciate assistance from members who may have been able to observe nests. Contributors to this much needed data will certainly be acknowledged. Send information to:

Mars Van Liefde  
1313 S. Military Tr. #300  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, U.S.A.

**NEWS OF MEMBERS**

**PATRICIA E. BRADLEY AWARDED THE MBE**

Society Secretary Patricia E. Bradley was awarded an MBE by the Queen of England at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in November 1994. The award was made in recognition of Ms. Bradley's many important contributions to conservation in the Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands. Ms. Bradley is the author of "Birds of the Cayman Islands" and the "Check-list of birds of Turks and Caicos," among many other publications. Patricia has served as the Society's Secretary since 1991. Congratulations, Patricia!

**NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The following publications on West Indian birds have recently become available:

**BIRDS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, second edition.** By Patricia Bradley. Available from Ms. Bradley, Box 907, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B. W. I. Cost to Society members—US\$30.00 including postage.

**CHECK-LIST OF BIRDS OF TURKS AND CAICOS.** By Patricia Bradley. Available from National Trust, P. O. Box 261, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands, B. W. I. Cost — US\$10.00 plus postage. [All proceeds go to the Turks and Caicos National Trust]

**MONOGRAPH ON THE AVIFAUNA OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS.** By Patricia Bradley. Available as a separate from "The Cayman Islands Natural History and Biogeography," (Brunt and Davies, Editors), Kluwer Acad. Publ. Request from Ms. Bradley with postage to cover shipping.

**MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

4-7 May 1995 - **Wilson Ornithological Society / Virginia Society of Ornithology joint meeting**, Fort Magruder Inn and Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.A. [Ruth A. Beck, Department of Biology, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia].

7-11 June 1995 - **Annual Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology**, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.A. [Richard L. Knight, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523, U.S.A.].

mid-June 1995 - **The Second Mesoamerican Workshop on the Conservation and Management of Macaws**, Costa Rica. [Center for the Study of Tropical Birds, Inc., 218 Conway Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78209-1716, U.S.A.; Fax: 512-828-5911].

8-13 July 1995 - **Animal Behavior Society**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, U.S.A. [ABS 1995, School of Biological Sciences, 348 Manter Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0118, U.S.A.; Telephone: 402-472-9073; Fax: 402-472-2083; e-mail: ABS95@niko.unl.edu].

5-11 August 1995 - **V Neotropical Ornithological Congress**, Asuncion, Paraguay. [Nancy Lopez de Kochalka, c/o Comité Organizador Local del V CON, Museo Nacional de Historia Natural del Paraguay, Sucursal 19, Campus, Central XI, Paraguay, South America; Telephone: 595-21-505075].

13-20 August 1995 - **American Ornithologists' Union Annual Meeting**, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A. [Robert Kennedy, Museum of Natural History, 1720 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, U.S.A.; Telephone: 513-345-8510; Fax: 513-345-8501].

1-4 November 1995 - **The Raptor Research Foundation Annual Meeting**, Duluth, Minnesota, U.S.A. [University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Continuing Education & Extension; Telephone: 218-726-6819; Fax: 218-726-6336; e-mail: merickso@d.umn.edu].

8-12 November 1995 - **Colonial Waterbird Society and Pacific Seabird Group Joint Meeting**, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. [Dr. Rob Butler, Pacific Wildlife Research Centre, Canadian Wildlife Service, Box 340, Delta, British Columbia V4K 3Y3 Canada; or Dr. Ron Ydenberg, Dept. of Biosciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6 Canada].

3-7 June 1996 - **Society of Avian Paleontology and Evolution**, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. [Storrs Olson, NHB MRC 116 (Birds), Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560, U.S.A.; Telephone: 202-357-2031; Fax: 202-786-2328].

29 September - 4 October 1996 - **6th International Behavioral Ecology Congress**, Australian National University, ACT, Australia. [Andrew Cockburn, Botany and Zoology, Australian National University, ACT, 0200, Australia; e-mail: isbe6@anu.edu.au].

16-22 August 1998 - **XXII International Ornithological Congress**, Durban, South Africa.

**RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF SOCIETY OFFICERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN TRINIDAD**

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