



THE PESTICIDE DIAZINON has been restricted in use by the Environmental Protection Agency in the US, because it has been found to kill wild birds under certain conditions. It will be prohibited on golf courses and sod farms as unreasonably risky to birds. EPA has received reports of at least 60 bird kills in 18 states where diazinon was confirmed or implicated as the cause. The kills involved 23 species associated with large grassy sites. One incident reported 700 Brant died as a result of exposure to diazinon on a golf course in New York.

**AVIAN FAMILY-GROUP NAMES:** the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Committee has prepared a list of established names of avian family-group taxa (subtribes to superfamilies) and their synonyms as the first step in process of writing an application to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to stabilize use of these names. The SCON wishes to obtain input from all interested ornithologists and zoologists on this list of avian family-group names and its proposed application to the ICZN. The list is available to all interested ornithologists and zoologists who are willing to examine it carefully and provide the SCON with corrections, additions, comments, and suggestions. This list of avian family-group names is unofficial and should not be used for any purposes other than that just mentioned. Copies of the list may be obtained by writing to Professor Walter J. Bock, Chairperson SCON, Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY 10026, USA.

**MEETINGS**

"WETLANDS '87", a symposium to discuss advances in wetland ecology in Canada and elsewhere, will be held 26-28 Aug. 1987 at the Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton. For information, contact the Wetlands '87 Coordinator, CCELC Secretariat, Lands Directorate, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E7.

THE 11TH ANNUAL MEETING of the Colonial Waterbird Society will be held at the Red Oak Inn in Thunder Bay, Ontario, 10-13 September 1987. Lynn Hauta and John P. Ryder are in charge of local arrangements. Announcements of the schedule and call for papers will be mailed to members at a later date.

THE XX INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, from 2-9 December 1990. Professor Charles G. Sibley (USA) is

President and Dr. Ben D. Bell (NZ) is Secretary-General. The anticipated Congress programme will include plenary lectures, symposia, contributed papers (spoken and posters), workshops, discussion group and films. There will be a mid-Congress excursion day. Pre-and post-Congress excursions are planned to interesting ornithological sites in New Zealand and adjacent regions. Requests for the First Circular and suggestions regarding Congress organisation should be addressed to: Dr. Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, XX International Ornithological Congress, Department of Zoology, Victoria University of Wellington, Private Bag, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND.

**PEOPLE**  
Nouvelles de l'Université de Sherbrooke:  
GILLES DAoust, au cours de ses travaux de Maîtrise qu'il a complété en 1986, a mis à l'épreuve un modèle d'évaluation des dégâts aux cultures par le Carouge à épaulettes pour mesurer le potentiel avifaunique de la télédétection.

MARC GAUTHIER a terminé tout récemment ses travaux de Maîtrise sur certains effets physiologiques et hormonaux du chimio-stérilisant ornithé chez le Carouge à épaulettes mâle traité en période de grégarité printanière.

SERGE GAUTHIER est à compléter une longue étude doctorale sur les mécanismes de cohésion et les facteurs d'ajustement social chez le Carouge à épaulettes.

CHRISTIAN HOULE a terminé en 1986 sa recherche de Maîtrise portant sur l'étude des comportements pour la recherche de nourriture sans facilitation sociale chez le Carouge à épaulettes.

DIANE LACOMBE qui se prépare à entreprendre des travaux post-doctoraux en physiologie avienne termine une étude doctorale sur la biostérilisation hormonale à l'aide de la LH-RH comme moyen de contrôle des populations chez le Carouge à épaulettes.

MIKE MAHONEY graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Masters Degree in Animal Behaviour in October of 1986. The preceeding April Mr. Mahoney took a position at the Wildfowl Trust in Slimbridge, England. He will be there for one year. Mr. Mahoney is obtaining invaluable experience as well as increasing his knowledge of waterfowl. Mr. Mahoney will complete a study on the freckled duck during his stay at the Wildfowl Trust.

GLEN CHILTON did his M.Sc. work with Spencer Sealy at University of Manitoba, studying foraging ecology and distribution patterns of gulls on Vancouver Island. His Ph. D. work at University of Calgary will involve an investigation of the role of song dialects in mate selection in White-crowned Sparrows.

KEVIN CASH conducted a study of brood reduction in White Pelicans for his M.Sc., under the supervision of Roger Evans at University of Manitoba. He will continue a similar line of investigation at University of Calgary for his Ph.D., which will involve an experimental study of brood reduction in Swainson's Hawks.

#### REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

CASPIAN TERN COLOUR-MARKING. During the 1986 breeding season Hans Blokpoel and Gaston Tessier of the Canadian Wildlife Service colour-marked Caspian Tern chicks at a colony in Lake Ontario, with the objective of determining the year-round distribution of the birds, especially their migration routes and wintering areas in Latin America. They colour-marked the chicks by putting a plastic leg band (yellow with a black horizontal stripe) on the left leg of the birds. In addition, each chick received a metal leg band on the right leg.

They would welcome reports of any sightings of these colour-marked birds and will acknowledge any letters. They are planning to continue their colour banding program in coming years and, eventually, they hope to learn more about the terns' ecology on the main wintering grounds.

Please report any sightings to the Bird Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0E7. This central office coordinates all colour-marking schemes in Canada and it will forward your letter to Dr. Blokpoel.

CHRISTOPHER I.G. ADAM is a Saskatchewan ornithologist and freelance wildlife ecologist interested in the distribution of that province's birds. He is junior author of the upcoming Atlas of Saskatchewan Birds, not a five-year atlas study but a grid-based "Birds of Saskatchewan". It is expected to be published in some form or another in 1988. He is also involved in determining the range of the Eastern Screech-Owl in Saskatchewan. To this end, he has compiled an MS with all Saskatchewan records of the ESOW (about 100), plus an overview of the situation in three neighbouring states and two provinces. Results will be published in the proceedings of the Northern Forest Owl Symposium, and hopefully in a larger MS, after more personal research this spring. Adam is also interested in Lazuli and Indigo Bunting hybridization. A location west of Regina may be the only place in Canada where the two species hybridize. Financial support is needed for the above projects. Adam especially needs observations on ESOWs in Saskatchewan from out-of-province observers. For further information, write: Christopher I.G. Adam, 2636 Argyle St., Regina, Sask., S4S 0K1, (306)-584-9564.

THE CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE, Western and Northern Region, will be initiating a program to survey major shorebird staging and nesting areas in the prairie provinces and the Northwest Territories. This project is part of the International Shorebird Surveys Program. Similar survey in Atlantic Canada identified significant staging areas in the Bay of Fundy that are now proposed for protection through the Ramsar Convention and the shorebird "Sister Reserves Program", a hemisphere wide system of reserves for shorebirds. For

this program to accomplish its objectives, the CWS will have to rely heavily on the efforts of outside individuals, organizations and government agencies. Through your participation in this project, determination of potential Sister Reserves in these regions of Canada will be possible. If you are interested in surveying shorebird staging and/or nesting habitats in the prairie provinces or NWT, please contact H. Loney Dickson, CWS, Western and Northern Region, 2nd Floor, 4999-98 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2X3 (403-420-2525).

#### PUBLICATIONS

DO YOU HAVE translations of foreign avian research publications? If you have, or know of, any translation not listed in "A Bibliography of Translated Ornithological Research" (1986, Current Ornithology 4:243-300) contact DOUGLAS SIEGEL-CAUSEY, Museum of Natural History, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. Your original will be returned and a copy for public use will be deposited in the Jossdelyn Van Tyne Library at the University of Michigan.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE RAPTOR will run from March 1987 to April 1988. It was proclaimed by the World Working Group on Birds of Prey, part of ICBP and IUCN.

MORE THAN 130 Whooping Cranes are now in the wild. Canadian nesting birds hatched 26 eggs of which 20 chicks survived. The managed flock nesting in Idaho did not have a good nesting season.

CANADIAN WILDLIFE ARTIST ROBERT BATEMAN donated a print to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a wildlife print and stamp campaign. Prints are on sale through art dealers in the U.S. and Canada to generate funds for the Foundation's conservation projects.

COSEWIC at its annual meeting on 7 and 8 April 1987 reviewed the status of four bird species. American White Pelican was removed from the threatened category and is now considered not in any category. The Gyrfalcon remained not in any category. The Golden Eagle was considered not in any category. The Mountain Plover was listed as endangered.

PEMBROKE'S 3RD ANNUAL festival of swallows will be held 1 to 9 Aug. 1987. In addition to the marvel of upwards of 100000 swallows, and a number of merlins in pursuit, they plan a Swallow Symposium, a fishing derby, a tour of a bluebird trail and a wildlife art show featuring more than 60 nationally acclaimed and local artists. For information write Pembroke and Area Bird Club, P.O. Box 1242, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6Y6 or call Jacques Bouvier (613) 735-0366.

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Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6, by 15 Oct. 1987.