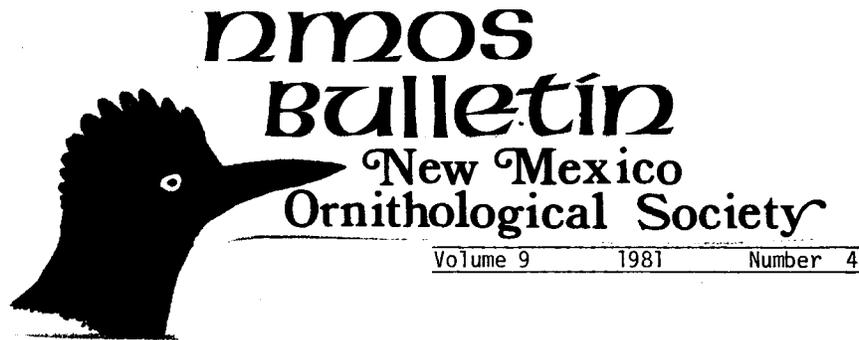


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FROM THE EDITOR:

By John P. Hubbard

The year 1982 ushers in a new editor of the *N.M.O.S. Bulletins* namely D. Archibald McCallum of Cibola County (Box 969, Thoreau, New Mexico 87323). Arch is well prepared for the job, being a good writer, a student of New Mexico fauna and flora, and full of vim and vigor. I wish him the best, and I am sure that the membership will want to welcome his coming by submitting articles for this publication.

I leave my tenure as *Bulletin* editor with mixed feelings, and perhaps you will feel the same. I will not miss the production end of things, especially the deadlines, proofing, et cetera. On the other hand, I will miss the contacts with contributors and the editing process per se. However, I should have more time to write.

This departure as editor does not mean that I would never return as such. However, I want to see new blood in the Society, and thus I am not going to hover over Arch or any other *Bulletin* editor. The same is true of the *Field Notes*, although in both cases I will gladly help when needed.

I am not getting out of the editing business completely, as I plan to stay on as the New Mexico editor for at least the 1981 Christmas Counts. I am also hopeful of remaining as an editor of the Southwest Region account in *American Birds*, if a new format idea works out. This will be tried for the autumn 1981 report, and it will feature separate sub-regional Arizona and New Mexico accounts. Regardless, your *American Birds/N.M.O.S. Field Notes* reports should continue to be sent to me until further notice.

Well, I have about had my say. Editing has been rewarding for me, and I am sure that it will be for Arch. He will need your support and a compliment every now and then feels good. Let Arch hear from you --soon.

THE 1982 ANNUAL MEETING

By Charles A. Hundertmark

Notice of the Meeting

The annual meeting of NMOS is scheduled for 6-7 March 1982, at the University of New Mexico. The Program Committee, chaired by Mary Alice Root, has planned a catered lunch in the Biology Department similar to that offered at our last meeting. The lunch will allow members to spend more conversational time during the noon break. The lunch will cost about \$2.00 per person.

In recognition of our 20th anniversary, the Committee has also planned a banquet for Saturday evening. The Society's founders will be honored at the banquet. The banquet will be followed by our evening guest speaker. The banquet site has not yet been selected, but the Committee will attempt to select a dinner arrangement in the \$7.00- \$8.00 per person range.

To help plan for the lunch and banquet, the committee is asking members to indicate their intention to attend either event. Spaces for response are provided on the enclosed dues notice.

Call for Papers

The Program Committee asks that all requests for time on the program be submitted by 16 January 1982. Presentations on any topic of ornithological interest are invited. Average presentation length is 15 to 20 minutes. Requests for time may be made to Mary Alice Root, NMOS, Biology Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque 87131 (phone 505-277-3411).

Nominating Committee

Two directors-at-large, will be elected at the annual meeting, as the terms of William Stone and Dustin Huntington are expiring. Nominations may be sent to Mary Alice Root; Ross Teuber and Mary Lou Arthur are the other members of the committee.

NOTES AND NEWS

Barbara McKnight, former secretary of the Society and now a life honorary member living in Glenwood, has been awarded the Leopold Conservation Award. These awards are to be made each year by the New Mexico Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and Barbara was cited for her work with birds -- including with the N.M.O.S. Governor Bruce King made the presentation in Albuquerque on 24 October 1981

The annual Mid-Winter Bald-Eagle Survey will be conducted in the period 2-16 January 1982, with the dates of primary interest the 8th and 9th. New Mexico yielded 156 adults and 96 immatures for January 1981, and the total of 252 was the 20th highest in the lower 48 United States. Anyone wishing to participate in surveying should contact John Hubbard for forms. Any Bald Eagles seen in the above 15-day period should be recorded as to age (adult or immature), place (as exactly as possible), date, and observer. Your cooperation is essential for completeness.

New Mexico and the Province of Alberta (Canada) have initiated a cooperative program involving Canada Geese. Twelve adult female geese from the wintering population at Bosque del Apache N.W.R. were trapped in February 1981 and later taken to southeastern Alberta. In July 1981 the adult geese were introduced to broods of 12-14 week old goslings as foster mothers. The geese readily accepted each other, and it is expected that the birds will migrate to central New Mexico to winter. The purpose of the program is to establish breeding geese in that part of Alberta and have them winter in our state. All of the goslings and some of the adults have been color-marked, i.e., with yellow neck bands bearing black letters (females) or blue ones with white letters (males). Some birds also have yellow leg bands. If you see a marked bird, please contact Jim Sands immediately, at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 6511 Domingo Road, NE, Albuquerque 87198 or call 268-4374.

The Raptor Information Center (1412 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036) has launched a drive to gather more definitive information on the status of raptors in North America. In particular, RIC wants to help improve attempts at detecting downward trends in populations. In view of the fact that one vulture species, six species of hawks, the Osprey, three falcons, and six owls are blue-listed (*American Birds*) and others are threatened or endangered, it is clear that this group of birds needs attention. For more information on how you can help, write to RIC about the "Population Status of North American Raptors" program.

Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Arizona

Gale Monson and Alan R. Phillips, University of Arizona Press, Tucson, 1981, 240 pp, \$5.95 -- This important work will be of interest to New Mexico birders, as it updates the avifauna of Arizona -- the third most diverse in the United States. Treated are over 500 species (species recognized by these authors do not necessarily agree with those of the American Ornithologists' Union, mainly because of lumping of forms), the majority of which have been confirmed in that state by specimens or diagnostic photographs. Status, distribution, habitat usage, abundance, subspecies, and related information are presented.