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ONTARIO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

O.F.O. NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming O.F.O. Events

Moosonee 22 - 28 September, 1983

To date a number of members have expressed interest in this trip but if you are definitely planning to go travel and accomodation arrangements should be made immediately. Participants will convene at the Cochrane Train Station no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday Sept. 23rd, 1983. The train to Moosonee departs Cochrane at 10:40 a.m. arriving at 4:15 p.m. the same day. Train fare between Cochrane and Moosonee is \$20.00 each way. Information concerning rail connections from Toronto to Cochrane is available from Ontario Northland (416) 965-4268. If driving to Cochrane by car, allow yourself nine hours from Toronto. Commercial accomodation in Moosonee is available at three lodges:

- Lily Pad Guest House (705) 336-2353 \$42.00/single, \$48.00/double
- Polar Bear Lodge/Moosonee Lodge (Toronto
reservation number for both is (416) 743-6287) \$39.90/single, \$48.80/double

A less expensive (but colder) alternative is to camp at Tidewater Provincial Park, situated across the river from the townsite of Moosonee. Although camping at this time of year is free, be advised that there are no amenities (ie. picnic tables, water etc.) provided. For further information concerning the park's facilities phone the Ministry of Natural Resources district office (705) 336-2987. For those camping it is necessary to hire a water taxi to get to and from Moosonee at a cost of approximately \$2.00 per person.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Sept. 24 - 26) will be spent birding the Moosonee area with visits to Shipsands Island and the tidal mudflats. These day trips will be lead by experienced birders familiar with both the area and its birdlife. Since these are all day excursions we will arrange to have box lunches available. Since transportation costs to and from Shipsands Island are dependent upon the number of participants involved, estimates are not yet available. The return trip by train departs Moosonee at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday Sept. 27, 1983 arriving in Cochrane at 2:30 p.m.

If you have already made arrangements to go, or plan to do so, please contact Ron Ridout immediately, either by phone (416) 270-1349, or in writing at Apt. 407 A, 1011 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, Ontario, L4Y 4A5. Once we have a better idea of how many people will definitely be going, a more detailed itinerary will be sent to those who have confirmed their participation.

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Pelagic Trip - Picton, Saturday October 1st, 1983

Cost: \$15.00 per person. Reservations required, cancellations will be accepted up to 10 days prior to sailing (\$2.00 fee will be charged). Mail cheques (made payable to the "Ontario Field Ornithologists") to Hugh Currie, 29 Helena Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6G 2H3.

Registration: At time of writing all 62 available spaces have been tentatively booked. However, to guarantee a space, those people who have already indicated an interest in going must send in their money to Hugh Currie by August 15th. People on the original list from whom payment has not been received by this date forfeit their original reservation and will be placed on a waiting list pending notification of any vacancies.

How To Get There: If Eastbound on Hwy. 401, take exit 91 South, through Belleville on #14 to Picton, then East on #33 to Glenora where you pick up #7 to Prinyer's Cove. Continue East to Harrison's Fisheries at the very end of the peninsula. Harrison's Fisheries is roughly 24 km East of Picton.

If Westbound in the 401, take exit 94 and follow #49 to Picton. Thereafter the route is the same as described above.

Hours: Plan to arrive at Harrison's Fisheries at 7:30 a.m. for a pre-trip briefing. The three boats will depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will stay out until dusk, weather permitting.

Leaders: Three boats are available. Two accomodate 25 people each, the third one will take 12 people. Each boat will be in radio contact with the others at all times. The leaders will be Bob Curry, Ron Ridout and Don Sutherland.

What to Bring: Warm clothes, extra socks, gloves, crepe soled shoes, seasickness pills, camera (with fast film), binoculars (scopes are useless), lunch, and a fold-up chair (to avoid standing all day).

Avoiding Seasickness: Take a seasickness pill the night before. If you do get sick do not fight it - head for the rail. Experts say there is no better way of chumming.

What To Expect: At this time of year large migrations of jaegers have been observed on the U.S. side of the lake near Derby Hill, N.Y. Parasitic Jaegers are probable and Pomarine possible. There is also a good chance of seeing Northern Phalaropes, while Reds are also a distinct possibility. Gulls might include Sabine's and Black-legged Kittiwake. As always with birding, though, there are never any guarantees.

Bud Weather: For confirmation as to whether or not the boat is going as scheduled phone Hugh Currie (416) 653-0176, up to 11:00 p.m. on September 30, 1983. In the event of a Saturday cancellation we have booked a fail-safe day for Sunday, October 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. You should be advised that Lake Ontario is navigable only about 50% of the time in October.

Overnight Accomodations:

- Fireside Inn, Picton, (613) 476-2156 \$26.00/single, \$31.00/double
\$46.00 for four.
- Sportsman, 1 mile East of Picton \$28.00/double,
(613) 476-2424 \$32.00 for four.
- Lake on the Mountain Resort \$32.00/double,
(613) 476-2318 \$38.00 housekeeping.
- Picton Bay Motel, (613) 476-2186 Fall rates not yet available.

For the hardy there are several campgrounds in the Picton area, such as Lake Consecon Resort (613) 399-5518 and Fairfields (613) 476-2810.

O.F.O. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LONDON, ONTARIO 22-23 October, 1983
(Co-sponsored by the McIlwraith Field Naturalists)

All O.F.O. members are invited to attend this year's annual general meeting which will be held in London, Ontario on the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. Anyone arriving Friday evening would be welcome at the McIlwraith Field Naturalists' monthly meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the London Public Library. The library is located on Queen's Ave. between Waterloo and Wellington. Gus Yaki will be the speaker.

The Saturday morning session of the meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the auditorium of Althouse College. Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario. Althouse College is located on the U.W.O. Campus on Western Rd. To get there from the 401, exit at Wellington Rd., go North on Wellington Rd. to Southdale Rd. (3rd set of lights from 401). Turn left, follow Southdale Rd. to Wharncliffe and follow it north across Oxford St. (at which point Wharncliffe becomes Western Rd.). Althouse College is situated on the West side of Western Rd., just past the set of lights at Platt's Lane.

Saturday Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration. (a nominal fee will be charged to cover rental
rental of the auditorium).
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. President's welcome,
reports of O.F.O. executive and Constitutional
amendments, ratification
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon Election of Officers for 1984
Other Business
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Afternoon field trips to nearby birding hotspots.
A choice of outings led by local experts from the
McIlwraith Field Natwalists will be offered,
including Westminster Ponds, Hawk Cliff and area
Sewage Lagoons.

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

DINNER

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Evening Programme at Althouse College including a guest speaker, door prizes and a display featuring Ontario Wildlife Artists.

Sunday Agenda

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All day outings to Kettle Pt./Sarnia (gulls, jaegers), Hawk Cliff (raptor identification), Sewage Lagoon tour (waterfowl, shorebirds), Rondeau Provincial Park (fall migrants).

A number of motels are conveniently situated between Hwy. 401 and Althouse College. These include:

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| - Golden Pheasant Motel, (519)
473-4551 | Hwy. 22 at Wonderland Rd. |
| - New London Motel, (519) 681-2302 | 767 Wharncliffe Rd. |
| - Holiday Inn, (519) 681-2020 | 1210 Wellington Rd. |
| - Howard Johnson's, (519) 681-0600 | 1150 Wellington Rd. |

Anyone requiring additional information should contact Pete Read (519) 472-2887. We hope to see you in London. Let's make the 2nd Annual General Meeting of O.F.O. as successful as the first!

SEARCH FOR COLOR-MARKED SHOREBIRDS

In spring, 1983, shorebirds will be colour-marked at several locations in South America, California, North Carolina, Virginia, and New Jersey as part of a study of migration routes. This study is part of the Pan American Shorebird Program sponsored in part by the World Wildlife Fund, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, and Manomet Bird Observatory. The 1983 work will focus on 3 species: Sanderling, Red Knot, and Black-bellied Plover. Other species particularly Western and Semi-palmated Sandpipers will also be marked. Various kinds of colour-markers will be used. Feather dye a coloured leg band, and a coloured leg flag will be applied to most birds. Dyes represent the continent of origin, flags the country, and bands the specific site.

* If you observe a colour-marked Shorebird, please try to note the following:

1. DYE - Colour and location on body.
2. LEG FLAG - Colour and leg (left and right).
3. LEG BAND - Colour and leg (left and right).

Even incomplete colour-marking information will be very useful.

Please send the information to: Dr. Marshall A. Howe, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, Maryland 20708.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ONTARIO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be "Ontario Field Ornithologists" (hereafter, O.F.O.).

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the appreciation of Ontario's avifauna.
2. To disseminate information relating to the status, identification, distribution, ecology, and behaviour of Ontario's avifauna.
3. To encourage field studies of Ontario's avifauna.
4. To adjudicate records of rare birds and to maintain the official list of Ontario birds.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the O.F.O is open to any person who is interested in Ontario's birds
 - a. Regular memberships shall be due and payable in advance on January first of each year.
 - b. Life memberships shall be available at twenty times the regular membership rate in the year of purchase.
2. Fees for membership classes shall be as approved by the Board of Directors.
3. A membership in the O.F.O. is not transferable and lapses and ceases to exist upon the death of the member, or when he/she ceases to be a member through resignation or otherwise in accordance with the constitution of the O.F.O.
4. All members in good standing shall have voting privileges on any issue raised for discussion at the Annual General Meeting or at any other time of the year. All members will receive copies of newsletters and/or journal numbers published during their membership period, and will be eligible to participate in O.F.O. - organized field events and on its committees.
5. New members joining after January first and before November first in any year shall have the privileges of membership for the year in which payment is made, and will receive issues of any publications produced by the O.F.O. during that year.

ARTICLE IV: DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the O.F.O. shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven (11) members in good standing. The Directors shall determine the policies of the O.F.O. The immediate Past-President shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and the Ontario Bird Records Committee shall designate one of its members to sit on the Board. Five (5) Directors shall constitute a quorum to conduct the Board's business. A Director shall be of legal age in accordance with Ontario's statutes.
2. A Director's term of office shall be from the first of January in the year following the Annual General Meeting at which he/she is elected or appointed until the thirty-first of December of that year. A Director may hold up to three consecutive terms, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.
3. If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, the Directors shall appoint a person to fill that vacancy, and such person shall hold office for the unexpired term of the vacating Director.
4. Questions arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting, in addition to his/her original vote, shall have a second or casting vote.

5. The Directors shall serve without remuneration and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his/her position as such. Directors may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred during the performance of O.F.O. duties.
6. The immediate Past-President shall act a Chairperson of the nominating committee (composed of 3 O.F.O. members), and shall draw up a slate of Directors for the following year. Nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing up to one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be submitted in writing, and must be signed by the consenting nominee. The slate of Directors shall be approved by a majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting. If the slate of nominees exceeds 11, those nominees having the highest number of votes in a secret ballot shall be elected until the maximum number of positions to be filled has been reached.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint the following officers from among its members: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. Officers may hold three consecutive terms, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. There shall be not such limitation on the service of the Treasurer or Secretary.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. President. The President shall chair all meetings of the O.F.O. membership and of the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for requiring the Board to meet regularly and function properly. He/she shall be the chief executive officer of the O.F.O., and shall exercise general supervision and direction of the affairs of the O.F.O., subject to the control of the Board. The President shall be an ex-official member of all committees of the O.F.O., and he/she or a designate shall represent the O.F.O. at public meetings.
2. Vice-President. In the absence or inability to act of the President, as determined by the Board of Directors, the Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the O.F.O. and of the Board. He/she shall be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date inventory of O.F.O. property and its whereabouts.
3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain the books of account and shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the O.F.O., and deposit all such funds in the name of and to the credit of the O.F.O. in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors. He/she shall also perform all other duties customarily incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall prepare and certify at the end of each year, the accuracy of a complete financial statement of the O.F.O.'s assets and liabilities, and the year's income and expenditures, and have same available to members in good standing upon request.
4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meeting of the O.F.O. and of the Board of Directors. An official file containing the Minutes, a set of back issues of O.F.O. newsletters and journals, and any news releases and correspondence, shall be maintained. He/she shall notify the Directors of their meetings and perform other duties as the Board of Directors may assign to him/her.
5. Immediate Past-President. The immediate Past-President shall coordinate nominations for a slate of Directors to be presented at the Annual General Meeting. He/she shall also have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: DIRECTORS OF COMMITTEES

1. Editor of "Ontario Birds". He/she shall be responsible for solicitation of articles, compilation, production, and mailing of the O.F.O. journal, "Ontario Birds". The editor shall ensure that permanent files are maintained of each year's issues and that a complete set is provided to the National Library of Canada annually. He/she shall also be responsible for organizing the production of occasional newsletters containing news of interest to members. He/she may enlist the aid of interested members in the formation of a publication committee.
2. Membership Director. The Membership Director shall be responsible for mailing membership renewal notices prior to January first each year. He/she shall issue membership cards to Regular members upon receipt of membership dues, and all membership monies shall be turned over to the Treasurer directly. He/she shall be present, or designate a representative to be present, whenever possible at O.F.O. activities to oblige any person who wishes to become a member.
3. Publicity Director. The Publicity Director shall be responsible for the distribution of information pertaining to O.F.O. activities through various media deemed suitable by the Board of Directors.
4. Field Events Director. The Field Events Director shall plan all field outings for the year. He/she shall publicize upcoming field events in O.F.O. newsletters and in "Ontario Birds". He/she shall be responsible for organizing events geared to a variety of levels of expertise in field ornithology skills.
5. The Board of Directors may establish or dissolve Special Committee to deal with special issues or events that arise during the year, such as the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETING OF MEMBERS

1. The Annual General Meeting of the members of the O.F.O. shall be held in the autumn of each year, at a place (within Ontario), date, and time to be determined by the Board of Directors. At each Annual General Meeting, reports of O.F.O. committee activities for the previous year will be presented.
2. The presence of 25 members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless the requisite quorum is present.
3. Any question submitted to any meeting of members shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by members in good standing, and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
4. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be printed in a newsletter, for the information of members.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every two months.

ARTICLE X: FISCAL PROCEDURES

1. The fiscal year of the O.F.O. shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of that year.
2. All funds of the O.F.O. shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the O.F.O. in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select. (Refer to Article VI-3)
3. All cheques, drafts, or money orders and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by such Officer or Officers and in such manner as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution of the O.F.O. may be made by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present at any meeting of the O.F.O. called for that purpose, provided notice of the change has been sent to the members not less than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



William J. Crins
Vice-President

O.F.O. EXECUTIVE 1984 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

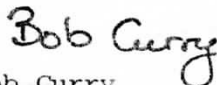
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Nominations are now being solicited to draw up a slate of officers to serve on the board of directors of O.F.O. for 1984. Nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing, they must be submitted in writing, and must be signed by the consenting nominee. Please send nominations in writing to Mr. Bill Crins, Apt. 412, 1180 Forestwood Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L5C 1H8 to arrive no later than August 22, 1983. The slate of officers shall be approved by a majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting in London on September 22, 1983. In the event that the slate of nominees exceeds 11, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes in a secret ballot shall be elected until the maximum number of positions to be filled has been reached. Refer to Article IV, V, and VI of the O.F.O. constitution for more information concerning the board of directors, their specific duties and tenure of office.

Any comments, criticisms or suggested amendments to the Constitution should also be submitted in writing to Bill Crins. The same August 22nd deadline applies in order that any necessary changes may be effected prior to the annual meeting.

ONTARIO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

In accordance with operating guidelines the O.B.R.C. will require 2 new members to serve for a 3 year period beginning in January 1984. Any member of O.F.O. who has demonstrated an expert ability in an knowledge of field identification of birds is eligible. Please send nominations in writing to Mr. Bill Crins, Apt. 412, 1180 Forestwood Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5C 1H8 to arrive no later than 21 September, 1983. Nominations must be signed by the consenting member.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Curry
Chairman, O.B.R.C.