

News and Notes

R.A.O.U. CONGRESS AND FIELD-OUTING, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1963

It has been definitely decided that the field-outing in this State will be held at Albany, and accommodation will be supplied by the Forts Hostel. This hostel is situated two miles east of Albany on the summit of Mt. Adelaide, and has a commanding view of Princess Royal harbour and one of the most picturesque coastlines in Australia. To the north can be seen the Porongorups and Stirling Ranges. Popular Middleton Beach is only ten minutes walking distance away.

The following facilities are provided: furnished units to accommodate up to four people each; comfortable beds with linen and blankets; hot and cold showers; all meals provided, including cut lunches if required; dining and reception rooms; septic tank system, and laundry.

The field-outing at Albany will take place from the night of October 25 to November 8. The tentative weekly tariff is £10 per head.

It has been suggested that the Congress in Perth be held from Wednesday, October 23, to Friday, October 25. Accommodation for those attending the Congress will be arranged on request, i.e. when some idea of the people and number attending is known. Transport from Perth to Albany will also be arranged when the number of delegates is known, as will transport to various areas around Albany during the field-outing.

BOOKINGS FOR THE FIELD-OUTING MAY START IMMEDIATELY with Mr. J. R. Ford, 75 Swan Road, Attadale, W.A.

XIV INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Preliminary Announcement

It was decided at the close of the XIII International Ornithological Congress at Ithaca, N.Y., that the next Congress would be held in Great Britain in 1966, with Mr. David Lack as President. At a meeting of the British members of the International Ornithological Committee Dr. N. Tinbergen was elected as Secretary-General and, after full consideration of various possibilities, it was decided to hold the Congress in Oxford. A British Executive Committee was formed.

In view of the decision of the full I.O.C. that there was no need to hold the Congress in the breeding season, the British Committee decided that the meeting should take place in late July.

In view of the further decision of the full Committee that the 1966 Congress need not be preceded nor followed by excursions, the British Executive Committee decided that, if it proved practicable, only one excursion would be organized—a week's cruise of Scottish sea-bird islands in a ship of sufficient size to accommodate most members of the Congress. The provisional dates are: July 16-23, 1966, for the cruise, and July 24-30 for the meeting in Oxford.

The British Executive Committee gratefully acknowledges a cheque for \$200, already received from the American Ornithologists Union towards the cost of the next Congress. If other countries wish to contribute, cheques should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. A. G. S. Bryson, 7 Forbes Street, Edinburgh 3.

THE NATIVE FAUNA CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The inaugural meeting of the above Society was held at the National Herbarium, Melbourne, on November 19, 1962.

The objects of the Society are (a) to promote the conservation of native

Australian fauna, in national parks or otherwise, and to bring to public notice the need for such conservation and to prevent indiscriminate destruction; (b) to unite, affiliate, or co-operate with any other bodies pursuing similar aims.

Professor A. J. Marshall, a Fellow of the Union, was appointed President. Mr. Claude Austin, R.A.O.U., was appointed a Vice-President, and Dr. D. F. Dorward, R.A.O.U., a Committee member.

BIRD-BANDING IN QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Stock will now authorize some Queensland ornithologists to participate in the Australian Bird-banding Scheme. Banding under the Australia-wide scheme is to be conducted in conformity with the State Fauna Conservation Act of 1952, and will not be permitted in sanctuaries, including National Parks.

The Department of Agriculture and Stock has been operating a duck-banding scheme for a number of years.

A RE-PRINT OF *The Emu*, VOLUMES 1 AND 2?

The first two volumes of our journal are somewhat scarcer than Emu teeth, and doubtless many members and subscribers, with otherwise complete sets, would be interested in purchasing a re-print of them. Council will consider the re-printing of volumes 1 and 2 on receipt of sufficient applications to permit an estimate of printing costs and sale price.

Would interested members and subscribers therefore indicate (a) the *maximum* price they would be prepared to pay *per volume*; (b) how many copies of each volume they would purchase, and (c) whether they would accept the volumes printed in a format different from that of the originals (Council would like to be in a position to consider a format, including quality of paper, rather cheaper than the present one. As a guide, the current *Emu*, for 1050 copies of an 80-page issue, costs £3/15/0 per single page of text—i.e. for printing one side of one page. For smaller quantities, the price per issue would, of course, be relatively higher).

Please address your replies to the Editor, P.O. Box 315, City, Canberra, A.C.T., to reach him not later than May 30, 1963.