

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Blue Jay has recently been declared the avian emblem of Prince Edward Island. We are anxious to obtain high quality photos of the bird for use in publications, interpretive slide talks and related projects. Do you have any suitable photos that we can purchase? If so, please contact *Diane Griffin*, Supervisor of Interpretation, Dept. of Tourism, Parks and Conservation, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 7N8.

A comprehensive bibliography of martins is currently in preparation. It will include all papers dealing solely or partly with martins (*Progne spp.*) except local annotated checklists. Authors wishing to have material included should send an abstract or reprint to *Charles R. Brown*, Box 1309, Austin College, Sherman, Texas 75090, USA.

I am working with volunteers from the Manitoba Naturalists Society on an index to the Chickadee Notes column of A. G. Lawrence, numbers 1-1756. We would like to include the location of all known complete or nearly complete sets of the columns to facilitate access to this valuable source of information on the birds of Manitoba and adjacent regions. Anyone having all or most of these columns or knowing of someone who may, please write *Jack Dubois*, Assistant Curator, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, 190 Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0N2.

The National Museum of Natural Sciences in Ottawa is developing a permanent exhibit gallery entitled ANIMAL GEOGRAPHY, and is looking for high quality colour photographs of specific subjects. If you have photos you think might be suitable on the following subjects — a) 35mm (or larger) colour transparencies or negatives of Greater Prairie Chicken or Sage Grouse (typical habitat, non-courtship poses), or of desert

habitat (sandy desert or dunes bounded by a line of vegetation); b) large format (2¼ or larger) transparencies capable of being enlarged to 4' x 4' of man altered environment (a smoggy cityscape, industrial area, garbage dump, etc.), cowboy and cattle (an action shot of cowboy rounding up cattle or a pastoral scene of a shepherd and dog watching over sheep), predator and prey (a predator such as a lynx, coyote, bear catching or eating a prey such as a rabbit, salmon, etc.);

please send a copy to the address below. We will negotiate payment and credit for use of photos selected. Those photos that do not meet our specifications will be returned by registered mail. *Barry Peers*, Exhibit Planner, Interpretation & Extension Division, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8.

SNHS ANNUAL MEETING

The 29th annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society will be held in the Biology Theatre on the Campus of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, on October 14-15, 1977.

Registration will begin at 1830 on Friday. Members are invited to present up to five minutes of slides. Saturday's banquet will be in Marquie Hall, near the Biology Building.

Please send resolutions to Dr. Maureen DuWors, Biology Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, in advance of the meeting.

YOUNG NATURALIST SECTION FOR NEWSLETTER

Editor Pat Kern invites contributions from young naturalists for a special page in the SNHS Newsletter. She would welcome nature observations, poems or sketches and drawings suitable for black and white reproduction. Send them to 105 Chestnut Avenue, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan S6H 1A7.