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The Pacific Seabird Group will hold its first annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, 6-8 December 1974. A symposium on The Ecology and Biology of Alcids will be co-chaired by Dr. M. D. F. Udvardy and Dr. Spencer Sealy. Papers on the biology-ecology of other sea birds will also be presented. Individuals interested in attending the meeting or presenting a paper should contact the chairman of the local committee on arrangements, Dr. David A. Manuwal, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195. J. Michael Scott, Chairman, Pacific Seabird Group.

PAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS

This continent is now fairly well served with organizations and journals devoted to the study or appreciation of birds, at most levels from the most casual to that of the serious research worker. Many birders, however, both amateur and professional, have often voiced the need for an organization concerned primarily with the protection of birds. They will therefore welcome the announcement of the recent formation of the Pan-American Society for the Protection of Birds, with offices in Baltimore and Victoria.

The Society is particularly concerned with the avoidable and deliberate dangers to birds caused by man, and current response and enthusiasm for its aims indicate how widespread is the feeling for the need of such a Society. I would be glad to furnish further particulars of the Society to concerned birders who may be interested. Dr. J. B. Tatum, Department of Physics, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

INDEX ORNITHOLOGORUM

This 112-page soft cover booklet, compiled by W. Rydzewski and published as Vol VI, Nos. 71-73 of The Ring (1972), is divided into two parts. First is a Personal Index which lists the name, address, occupation, principal ornithological interests and organizational affiliations of 711 ornithologists responding from 59 countries of the world. Following is a Subject Index, listing those individuals from the first part under a broad range of subject headings, including specialties in various taxonomic groups, geographical distribution, banding, behavior, conservation, field ornithology, migration, parasitology, territoriality, vocalization and a variety of other subjects.

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