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birds of ten species were banded on this island between 1963 and 1982, but no recoveries have been reported to date.) MKM

**Post-chick leaving behaviour of the Razorbill *Alca torda* as shown by radio-telemetry.** S. Wanless, J.A. Morris and M.P. Harris. 1988. *Seabird* 11:22-27. Inst. of Terr. Ecol., Hill of Brathens, Banchory, Kincardineshire, Scotland AB3 4BY. (Behavior patterns of two females and one male at a colony in Scotland were recorded before and after their chicks fledged.) MKM

**Bird Island, New South Wales revisited.** S.G. Lane and A.K. Morris. 1992. *Corella* 16:59. Lot 6, Fairview Rd., Moonee via Goffs Harbour, NSW 2450, Australia. (38 Wedge-tailed Shearwaters and seven Short-tailed Shearwaters were banded during the first ornithological visit to the island since 1971.) MKM

**Age, sex and origins of auks (*Alcidae*) killed in the Skagerrak oiling incident of January 1981.**

T. Anker-Nilssen, P.H. Jones and O.W. Røstad. 1988. *Seabird* 11:28-46. Norwegian Inst. of Nature Res., Tungasletta 2, N-7004 Trondheim, Norway. (Two of the Razorbills involved had been banded in Scotland in 1973 and 1974, confirming a previous suspicion that some British birds winter in the Baltic. Bands on Common Murres included one each from Faroe and Helgoland and 19 from Scotland.) MKM

**The distribution of Shetland Black Gulllemots *Cephus grylle* outside the breeding season.**

P.J. Ewins and D.A. Kirk. 1988. *Seabird* 11:50-61. 169 Indian Rd. Crescent, Toronto, Ont. M6P 2G5. (Including banding recoveries.) MKM

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### **A CHANCE FOR ALL BANDERS TO CONTRIBUTE**

I WILL BE REVISING "IDENTIFICATION GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN PASSERINES", hoped for publication date 1995. The 2nd edition will be expanded to include Doves-Woodpeckers, plus a few more peripheral passerine species, and short descriptions of all North American subspecies. These will be based on original descriptions by Ridgway and others (plus additional museum specimen data), and following the taxonomy of the AOU (1957) and subsequent revisions.

I seek comments, criticisms and updated information especially from banders who have used the 1st edition. Have any of your wing lengths been outside the given ranges? Any birds molting feathers at unusual time of year? How late in spring can different species be aged by skulling? Which age/sex criteria are reliable and which are only suggestive or difficult to use? Any additional information? Any more mistakes in the first edition (see *NABB* 13:112-113 and 15:147)?

This is your chance to share the knowledge you have gained over the years. Feedback has been and will be appreciated and all contributors will be acknowledged.

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