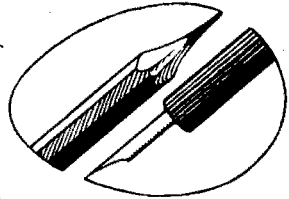


Announcements

Directory of foreign ornithological tours As a service to subscribers, we shall, in an autumn 1980 issue, be publishing a short directory of 1981 foreign bird tours. Any travel firms which wish to have their tours considered for inclusion in this directory should send details of countries and dates of departure to Mrs S. D. Cobban, Fountains, Park Lane, Blunham, Bedford MK44 3NJ.

'Bird Illustrator of the Year' and 'The Richard Richardson Award'

The closing date for these competitions is 31st May. Full details of the rules appeared in January (*Brit. Birds* 73: 44-45). We hope that the number of entries will be even higher than last year, especially from artists aged under 21. As well as the four prize-winners' work, drawings by 30 or so other entrants will be selected for display at a London press reception.



Western Palearctic rarities committees To help ornithologists who see rarities outside their own countries, we are publishing the secretarial addresses of rarities committees which operate in the western Palearctic. The value of rarities committees as focal points for identification research and for maintaining national rarity records is obvious: further gradual expansion of the network to cover eventually most of the western Palearctic would be welcome. The help of G. J. Oreel in compiling the list is gratefully acknowledged. We shall welcome additions, corrections and updating amendments to this list.

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