

# Announcements

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**AOU Centennial Meeting** The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its Centennial Meeting at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, during 25th September to 1st October 1983. There will be a special Centennial Day with a Symposium, plus varied scientific and social events to mark the occasion of its founding, in late September 1883, at the American Museum of Natural History. The AOU would especially welcome attendance and participation by members of sister ornithological societies all over the world. For further information, contact the Local Committee Chairman, Lester L. Short, or the Scientific Program Committee Chairman, George Barrowclough, at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024, USA.

**Cover designs for sale by postal auction** Each month's cover is offered for postal auction (see page 40 in January issue and the outside back cover each month). Sometimes, however, no bids are received, often, we suspect, because readers feel that well-known artists' work will reach a higher price than they can afford. When this happens in future, we shall list those available so that readers have a second chance. The following original drawings used on *BB* covers are available:

Artist	Subject	Issue
D. A. Thelwell	Black Grouse	October 1978
Keith Brockie	Purple Sandpipers	November 1978
Norman Arlott	Canada Geese	March 1979
Martin Woodcock	Redstart	April 1979
Wayne Ford	Great Spotted Woodpecker	September 1982

Send in your bid, following the usual procedure. Remember, successful bids have varied from £10 to £100 (average £35), so you could pick up a real bargain!