

# Announcements

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**With 'BB' to Israel** After the very successful exploratory trip in 1991 (*Brit. Birds* 85: 127-129), *BB* subscribers now have a second chance to join Hadoram Shirihai watching raptor migration, searching for migrants and cruising on the Red Sea looking at seabirds. The trip will again be run by Sunbird, and will this year be led jointly by Killian Mullarney. The dates are 9th-23rd September 1992 and there are still a few places left. For full details write or phone to Sunbird, PO Box 76, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 1DF; Sandy (0767) 682969.

**Books in British BirdShop** This month there are special prepublication offers on *The Birds of Africa* vol. 4, and on vol. 1 of the new mammoth work *Handbook of the Birds of the World*. Five other books have been added to the list.

For all your book orders, please use the British BirdShop order form on pages xi & xii.

**Rarities Committee: new member** As previously announced (*Brit. Birds* 84: 290-291), a vacancy arose on the Rarities Committee\* from 1st April 1992. Three nominations were received by the closing date of 31st December 1991. In consequence, a postal vote has been conducted, each county/regional bird recorder and bird observatory voting using a 3-2-1 points system. The candidates, and votes cast by the closing date of 15th February, were as follows:

Peter Combridge (Southampton, Hampshire).....	77
Dave Flumm (Sennen, Cornwall).....	104
Grahame Walbridge (Portland, Dorset) .....	149

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The new member elected to serve from 1st April is, therefore, Grahame Walbridge.

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\*The Rarities Committee is sponsored by Carl Zeiss—Germany 