

# Requests

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**Rare issues of 'BB'** Stocks of the issues for October 1978, October 1979, November 1979 and May 1980 have run out. Anyone who has a copy which is not needed and who returns it to us will be doing *BB* (and potential purchasers of the complete volumes) a great favour. Your postage will be refunded by us if you enclose a note asking us to do so. Please send spare copies of any of these four issues to Mrs Erika Sharrock, Fountains, Park Lane, Blunham, Bedford MK44 3NJ.

**Cory's Shearwaters in autumn 1980** The phenomenal movements of Cory's Shearwaters *Calonectris diomedea* in British and Irish waters during July-October 1980 are being collected and analysed by Tim Collins, P. G. H. Evans, Alastair Forsyth and Ciaran O'Flanagan for a summary paper in *British Birds*. Descriptions of the Cory's Shearwaters will, as usual, be assessed by the Rarities Committee and the Irish Records Panel. Details of movements observed (with times of start and finish, and details of other associated seabirds), together with any background information, should, however, be sent to Alastair Forsyth, Woodhaven, Butcherfield Lane, Hartfield, East Sussex.

**Gwent Breeding Bird Atlas** The Gwent Ornithological Society, with the guidance of a committee consisting of J. M. S. Lewis, Dr S. J. Tyler, Dr W. A. Venables and M. J. C. Walton, will be carrying out fieldwork between 1981 and 1984 for a county breeding bird atlas. All breeding records, even of common species, will be welcomed. Any birdwatchers in the county, or who will be visiting the area in 1981 or in the following three years, who would like to help with recording breeding birds in tetrads ( $2 \times 2$  km squares) are asked to contact Dr S. J. Tyler, Yew Tree Cottage, Lone Lane, Penallt, near Monmouth, Gwent NP5 4AJ.

**Birds in Thailand** The Association for the Conservation of Wildlife is currently updating and revising the *Bird Guide of Thailand* by Boonsong Lekagul and E. W. Cronin (second edition, 1974). Many British ornithologists have visited Thailand in recent years, but there are still many gaps in knowledge of the distribution and occurrence of birds in Thailand and exceedingly little information on breeding cycles. Visitors' observations could help to fill these gaps. Any records claiming new species for Thailand should be accompanied by full field notes. Records should be sent to D. S. Melville, Association for the Conservation of Wildlife, 4 Old Custom House Lane, Bangkok 5, Thailand.