

Announcements

'Not BB III' The third number of this tasteless and scurrilous publication tries to emulate its great parent journal, but fails pitifully, as did the two earlier issues. It is included in *British BirdShop* (pages xix & xx) to make it look as if we can take a joke (there is only one in *Not BB III*) against ourselves.

New books in British BirdShop The following books have been added to the *British BirdShop* list this month:

Askew *The Dragonflies of Europe*

Cady & Hume *The Complete Book of British Birds*

Delin & Svensson *Photographic Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe*

Duff, Hatton & Stirrup *Not BB III*

Harrison & Reid-Henry *A History of the Birds of Britain*

Mearns, Mearns & Rees *Biographies for Birdwatchers*

These can be obtained POST FREE through *British BirdShop*. Please use the order forms on pages xix and xx.

'BB'-Sunbird trip to Canary Islands Provisionally planned for 16th-23rd August 1989 and to be led by David Fisher (Sunbird) and Killian Mullarney (*BB*), this exploratory trip will concentrate on the area's endemic landbirds and the exciting possibilities among the seabirds of the southern North Atlantic. *BB* subscribers can claim a 10% reduction on the full price. Write now for details to David Fisher, Sunbird, PO Box 76, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 1DF.

'BB'-Sunbird tour around New Zealand Timed to precede the International Ornithological Congress (see *Brit. Birds* 80: 289; 81: 534), this special one-off two-week tour during 17th November to 1st December 1990 will attempt to cover the choicest birding areas on both North and South Islands. Whilst New Zealand is well-known for its endangered landbirds, it is less often appreciated that it also provides spectacular opportunities for observing a wide variety of southern seabirds and waders. The leaders will be David Fisher (Sunbird) and Tim Sharrock (*BB*). Precise details are not yet available, but anyone who may wish to join this group should write now, to register their interest, to David Fisher, Sunbird, PO Box 76, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 1DF.



XX IOC The 20th International Ornithological Congress will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, during 2nd-9th December 1990. The Congress programme will include six plenary lectures, 48 symposia, contributed papers (spoken and poster), workshops, discussion groups and films. There will be a mid-Congress excursion day. Longer excursions are planned to interesting ornithological sites in New Zealand before and after the Congress. In late 1990, New Zealand will also host the 20th World Conference of the International Council for Bird Preservation in Hamilton during 21st-27th November 1990, and a Pacific Festival of Nature Films in Dunedin during 27th November to 1st December 1990. Photographic and stamp exhibitions will be held in Christchurch in association with the IOC. Requests for the First Circular, which includes information on the above events, should be sent to: Dr Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, 20th International Ornithological Congress, Department of Zoology, Victoria University of Wellington, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand [Telex NZ30882 VUWLIB; Facsimile NZ (04) 712070].