

THE FORKTAIL
Journal of the Oriental Bird Club

* Request for Papers and Short Communications *

Can you help the Oriental Bird Club by contributing a paper or short note for publication in the The Forktail? Contributions on all topics relevant to the Oriental region are now required.

We are sure many members will have, as a result of desk study or fieldwork, material worthy of publication. It might be an account of an unusual observation, a visit to a little-studied region, or the cumulative records from a locality close to home. Alternatively, it might be the results of a museum study or other research. The Forktail will be published annually. ~~and the final deadline for contribution to the first issue is 1 February 1986.~~

The Editor will be pleased to discuss possible contributions and provide editorial assistance where English is not the author's first language. Can you help us provide an informative, scientific publication and keep pace with the advances now being made by amateur and professional birdwatchers in the Oriental realm?

Contributions are also needed for the Club's Bulletin. The OBC Bulletin provides a forum for news of current conservation issues and recent observations, details of new publications and research projects, and preliminary or brief publication of studies on Oriental birds. Publication in the Bulletin ensures rapid dissemination of results but does not preclude or pre-empt publication as a journal paper either by OBC or elsewhere.

Contributions or enquiries should be addressed to: The Editor, Oriental Bird Club, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL, UK.

Please note: contributions are considered by the Editor and an Editorial Committee and are subject to refereeing where appropriate. In some cases we will recommend, with the authors permission, that articles be first offered to a regional journal or bulletin.

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Forktail Conservation Award 1987

The OBC Council is pleased to announce that the first Forktail Conservation Award will be presented in October 1987. The Award will be made to the project which, in the opinion of the OBC Council (in consultation with the International Council for Bird Preservation), has the highest merit for bird conservation in the Orient. The value of the Award will be £500 and will be accompanied by a certificate.

To be eligible for consideration, project proposals must meet the conditions set out below. In planning such a project, it would be useful to consult the ICBP Expedition Competition Guidelines*.

1. The project must address one of the following priorities
 - Survey of a lowland forest area in Thailand
 - Survey of an Oriental wetland area
 - Study of an endangered species
 - Promotion of public awareness about Oriental birds

2. The project should clearly state its
 - Objectives
 - Justification
 - Mode of implementation (with list of participants)
 - Budget and sources of any funds already available

3. The project must have the written endorsement of the OBC Representative of the country concerned, and if necessary, proof of official approval (e.g. permission to work in a protected area). Participation by local ornithologists in the project would be an advantage.

4. The project must be submitted by 31 May 1987.

Applications and requests for further information should be sent to Paul Goriup, OBC Conservation Officer, 122 Derwent Road, Thatcham, Newbury RG13 4UP, UK.

*Available from ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, UK, price £3.00 inc. p+p.