



October 9, 1981

SEMINAR NEWS

Several seminars this week:

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, October 13 will be given by Bruce Alexander, Scholarly Studies Fellow from Imperial College, Univ. of London, who will speak on

"Sandflies: their ecology and role as vectors of disease"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

and

On Thursday, October 15, at 12 noon, Jorge Briceño from the University of Panama, will give a seminar in the Naos Conference Room. The subject of his seminar will be:

"Energy budget of juvenile mullets (*Mugil curema* v.) from the Gulf of Cariaco, Venezuela"

That evening (Oct. 15th), Francis Ratnieks, Educational Outreach Fellow from the New University of Ulster, will give a seminar in the BCI Lounge on:

"The relationship between the orange-tip butterfly and its larval food plants in Northern Ireland"

The seminar will be at 7 p.m. and please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler at (2)52--2124 if you plan to attend.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

October 10 - Leaving, Dr. Frank Morris on official business to Washington, D.C. to attend a seminar at the Smithsonian. He is expected back in two weeks.

October 15 - Leaving, Dr. Stan Rand for Cuba. Dr. Rand will be conducting preliminary observations of *Anolis* behavior in the island as part of the scientific collaborative agreement between the Smithsonian and the Cuban Academy of Sciences.

October 14 - Leaving, Arcadio Rodaniche to continue studies on the behavior of cephalopods in the

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Southwest Pacific. He is expected back in about three months.

Expected to arrive this week is Dr. Lissy Coley, University of Chicago, to conduct preliminary studies in relation to her Smithsonian Postdoctoral Project: "Variation in the physiology of leaf development among species of tropical trees and vines and its relationship to herbivory". She will be at Gamboa until the end of December.

Leaving this week is Bruce Alexander who will be returning to Great Britain after having spent three months at STRI.

NEWS ON HAWK MIGRATION

Hawk migration has been unprecedented this year---two weeks early and in incredible numbers. Neil Currie, from the Taft School in Connecticut and a long-time hawk buff has followed the migration down to Panama making stops throughout the route. He will be here until the end of this month when the skies will be dominated by Swainson's Hawks (on their way to Argentina) and Turkey Vultures.

On any sunny day with slight northerly to westerly breezes, the hours from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. are best to observe the hawks from Ancon Hill. Neil Currie observed some 35,000 hawks from the Administration Building. Currie remarks that "Nothing equals Panama".

Richard Foster from the BBC took shots of the migrations from the ground and from the air. This will be in a BBC film "Life in Air". He will return on October 25 to shoot the Swainson and Turkey movement. The full film will be put on video cassette and made available to local t.v. stations and other interested groups.

MISSING

Kodak 16 mm movie projector with grey case from the Ancon Building. (SI tag # 117094). If borrowed please return immediately.

IMPORTANT NOTE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 IS A HOLIDAY IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA IN CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER 11 (THE DAY OF THE 1964 REVOLUTION), AS WELL AS THE CELEBRATION OF COLUMBUS DAY.