

# ANNOUNCEMENT

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*Southern African Ornithological Society Thematic Symposium*

## MIGRATION, DISPERSAL AND NOMADISM

12-16 September 1993

A symposium on the topic **Migration, Dispersal and Nomadism** will be held at Langebaan, South Africa, from Sunday evening 12 September to Thursday 16 September 1993.

The symposium will take place on the shores of Langebaan Lagoon, one of southern Africa's prime wader (shorebird) sites, in the new West Coast National Park. At the time of the conference, the migrant waders will be arriving from their northern breeding grounds, and the spring flowers in the park will, weather permitting, be close to their best.

All persons interested in attending this symposium should inform Mr T B Oatley, Avian Demography Unit, Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa, in

order to be put on the mailing list to receive a copy of the First Announcement which will contain further details of the programme. The First Announcement will be posted in late 1992.

Anyone wishing to present a paper or a poster should also inform Mr Oatley. Papers on all aspects of migration will be welcomed, but special attention will be devoted to the Palearctic-African, intra-African and Southern Ocean migration systems and to the conservation of migrant birds. The concepts dispersal and nomadism will be interpreted liberally, and will include, for example, topics such as the foraging movements of seabirds. Papers presented at the symposium will be considered for publication in a special number of *Ostrich*, the journal of the Southern African Ornithological Society.

