

From the Editor

The Thirty-seventh Supplement to the Check-list of North American Birds (*Auk* 106(3):532-536; 1989) contains several changes that affect the scientific and English names of birds on the New York State list. The official list which appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Kingbird* incorporates these changes, but the Regional reports in this (and the next) issue do not. *The Kingbird* will adopt the newer nomenclature effective the Fall 1989 reporting season, which will appear in issue 1 of Volume 40. This will change the names of the following birds as indicated:

The scientific name of Northern Gannet changes from *Sula bassanus* to *Morus bassanus*.

The scientific name of Yellow-crowned Night-Heron changes from *Nycticorax violaceus* to *Nyctanassa violacea*.

The English name of *Tyto alba* changes from Common Barn-Owl to **Barn Owl**.

The English name of *Surnia ulula* changes from Northern Hawk-Owl to **Northern Hawk Owl**.

The English name of Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* changes to **American Pipit**, and its scientific name becomes *Anthus rubescens*.

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