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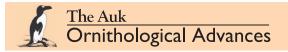
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Alex's unusually broad

perspective on migration is

widely sought out. He has

written two reviews on aus-

tral migration, in *Ecological*

Monographs and Ecological Applications. In 2013, he

was the first author on two

groundbreaking papers in

The Auk that used geoloca-

tors to provide the first

documentation of a migra-

tory passerine's annual

movements in South Amer-

ica. The National Geograph-

ic Society has recognized

the unusual scope of his

work with two Research

Grants. He is also a coau-

thor of the forthcoming

Birds of Bolivia Field Guide.

that Alex has truly been a leader in the study of bird

migration in Latin America

and certainly has a bright

future ahead of him. The

AOU is pleased and proud

to name Dr. Alex E. Jahn our

In summary, we believe

AWARDS

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The AOU is pleased to present Dr. Alex E. Jahn with the 2014 Ned K. Johnson Young Investigator Award. This award recognizes work by an ornithologist early in his or her career who shows distinct promise for future leadership in the profession. The award honors Ned K. Johnson, a lifelong supporter and former president (1996–1998) of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Alex's passion is austral migration—a stunningly neglected topic. More than 98% of papers published on bird migration focus on migrants that breed in North America and Eurasia, despite the incredible diversity of migrants in South America. Alex charged into this void.

For his master's work at the University of Arkansas, he chose to study migration in the Chaco region of Bolivia. His Ph.D. at the University of

Florida focused on partial migration of Tropical Kingbirds that breed in Bolivia. During this time, he discovered that well-supported hypotheses to explain partial migration in North America do not apply in South America; his results firmly rejected hypotheses that are taken for granted by practically all ornithologists. In short, he argues that seasonality of temperature drives migration in the Northern Hemisphere, whereas seasonality of rainfall drives migration in the Southern Hemisphere.



Young Investigator of 2014.

Award Criteria.—This award recognizes work by an ornithologist early in his/her career who shows distinct promise for future leadership in the profession. The award consists of a framed certificate and an honorarium, provided through a gift to the endowment of the American Ornithologists' Union honoring Ned K. Johnson, a lifelong supporter and former President (1996–1998) of the AOU.

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