

courtship must be extremely interesting to see. The prominent part that the elaborate ruff and ear tufts play, and the ways in which they may be displayed and contrasted are important to know. As our American grebes no doubt go through the same or similar performances this paper is one with which American ornithologists should familiarize themselves.

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The undersigned begs to call attention to the following facts disclosed by an examination of the last list of Deceased Members of the A. O. U.

(1). That 3 Corresponding Fellows (Altum, Hoast and Philippi) and 1 Member (Judd) have never had any obituary notices in 'The Auk.'

(2). That nearly one half (55) of the deceased Associates have never had obituary notices.

(3) That during the last two years eight Associates have died without mention except in the list of Deceased Members. These Associates are Beers, Butler, Mrs. Davis, Hales, Hill, Miss Howe, Marsden and Welles.

(4). That every obituary notice should give at least the full name of the person and the date and place of birth and death. Fully 50 percent of the obituaries in 'The Auk' fail to mention one or more of these essential facts.

Respectfully,

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