

# THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION AT A GLANCE

**ORGANIZED**—in New York City, Sept. 26, 1883; **Incorporated**—in Washington, D. C., Nov. 15, 1888.

**OBJECTS:** "The advancement of its members in Ornithological Science; the publication of a journal of Ornithology and other works relating to that science; the acquisition of a library; and the care and collection of materials relating to the above objects, under the restrictions and regulations established in its By-Laws."

**OFFICERS:** President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and 9 elected Councilors. Two Councilors appointed by Cooper Club and Wilson Club. Officers, the Editor and ex-Presidents are ex-officio members of the Council.

**MEMBERS:** Associates (unlimited), Members (150), Corresponding Fellows (75), Honorary Fellows (20), Fellows (50), Fellows Emeriti, Patrons. (Total membership in 1946 about 1835.)

**DUES:** Annual—Associates \$3, Members \$4, Fellows \$5.  
Life-Members of any class \$100; Patrons \$1000.

**INCOME:** From annual dues, sale of publications, life memberships, and contributions.

**MEETINGS:** Annual—usually in October or November.

**PUBLICATIONS:** 'The Auk,' a quarterly journal in 62 volumes, with 5 general indexes: 1876-1900, 1901-1910, 1911-1920, 1921-1930, 1931-1940. 'Check-List of North American Birds': 1st ed., 1886; 2d ed., 1895; 3d ed., 1910; 4th ed., 1931. 'Code of Nomenclature,' 1886; Revised ed., 1908. (See Auk, '24, 142.)

**BREWSTER MEDAL:** The income from a fund of \$7250, established in 1919 by the friends of William Brewster, awarded biennially (now annually) to the author of the most important work relating to the birds of the Western Hemisphere published during the preceding six years. Awarded in 1921 to Robert Ridgway, in 1923 to A. C. Bent, in 1925 to Todd and Carriker, in 1927 to John C. Phillips, in 1929 to C. E. Hellmayr, in 1931 to Mrs. Florence M. Bailey, in 1933 to F. M. Chapman, in 1935 to H. L. Stoddard, in 1937 to R. C. Murphy, in 1938 to Thomas S. Roberts, in 1939 to Witmer Stone (posthumously), in 1940 to James L. Peters, in 1941 jointly to Donald R. Dickey and A. J. van Rossem, in 1942 to Margaret M. Nice, in 1943 to Alden H. Miller, in 1944 to Roger Tory Peterson, in 1945 to H. Albert Hochbaum.

## WHERE TO FIND FURTHER INFORMATION

**ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**—Annual list usually in April Auk. Copies of last list (1942) available at 50 cents each.

**THE AUK (LOCATION OF SETS)**—Auk, '19, 634; '20, 348; '24, 207; '29, 584.

**THE AUK IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**—Auk, '30, 609.

**BIOGRAPHIES OF DECEASED MEMBERS**—Auk, '35, lviii and current issues.

**BREWSTER MEDAL**—Auk, '20, 29; '22, 86; '24, 125; '25, 484; '26, 69; '28, 71; '30, 219; '32, 52; '34, 53; '36, 57; '38, 317; '39, 113; '40, 142.

**BY-LAWS:** Auk, '27, xi; Auk, '38, 330-340.

**DATES OF PUBLICATION OF THE AUK (1912-1943)** follow the Index in each volume or the title pages in later volumes.

**HISTORY OF THE UNION:** Allen, J. A., 'A Seven Years' Retrospect,' 1891; 'The A. O. U.,' Bird-Lore, 1899, 143.

Palmer, T. S., 'The A. O. U.,' Am. Mus. Journal, '18, 473; 'Looking Backward,' Auk, '24, 139; Fifty years' progress of American Ornithology, 1933, 7-27.

**MEETINGS:** Auk, '24, 143; '30-36, back cover of October numbers.

**MEMBERSHIP:**—Auk, '24, 140; Fellows, '18, 110; Foreign Members, '18, 266; Members, '18, 384; Associates, '18, 513.

**PERMANENT FUNDS:** Auk, '20, 513. (See yearly Treasurer's and Trustees' reports.)