

Robin. It is in our view undesirable to attempt to change most of the names which come under this head, as their usage is so long established. However, a possible exception might be made in the interests of general clarity in cases where the name on one side of the Atlantic is misleading from the point of view of general relationships within a group; e. g. would it conflict too much with American popular opinion to drop the term "buzzard" for a vulture, to restrict the term "hawk" to accipitrine birds, and to use the term "falcon" (not hawk) for members of the genus *Falco*?

To conclude, these points are intended for discussion, and we would suggest that a joint committee of British and American ornithologists be formed to decide on the points raised.—B. W. TUCKER: DAVID LACK; *University of Oxford, England.*

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### NOTICE

#### THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

AS ANNOUNCED in *The Auk* for January, 1947, with corrections in the April issue, the Sixty-fifth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists Union will be held in Toronto this year with general sessions at the Royal Ontario Museum on September 9, 10 and 11. Business meetings of Council, Fellows and Members will be held at the headquarters hotel, the Royal York, on September 8. A field day has been planned for September 12. More details will be announced in the Committees Circular of information which will reach all members before the meeting. Please make your hotel reservations early.

The Secretary advises that titles of papers intended for presentation at this meeting *must* be in his hands not later than August 9 in order to be included in the printed program. Titles should be accompanied by brief abstracts of the contents of the papers and statements concerning the time needed for delivery and the kind of projection facilities needed, if any.

THE AUK is saddened to announce the death of P. A. Taverner, Fellow, at Ottawa on May 9, 1947.

As we go to press, word has come of the death of Wilfred H. Osgood, Fellow, at Chicago on June 21.