

Age never dimmed his interest in the observation of birds, but when it became difficult to spend long hours in the field he pursued a companion interest—Western Americana. His knowledge of the history of mining camps and ephemeral towns in California and Nevada was vast, but he never mentioned these interests to ornithologists, nor did he discuss birds with historians.

He treated anyone in search of any kind of knowledge as an equal. He was as willing to listen as to tell, and in fact he always listened to everything the other fellow had to say first. If he disagreed he would nod his head in a neutral sort of way, but if he knew the answer, the information would be presented in a round-about fashion. Because of these traits he remained the friend of almost everyone he met, and it didn't matter whether they were museum directors, boy scouts, farmers, or just the person who happened to be sitting next to him. The titles in his bibliography number 32, all but 3 devoted to birds.—HAMILTON A. TYLER and JOHN R. ARNOLD.

### NOTES AND NEWS

For his contributions in ornithology, ecology, and international conservation, S. Dillon Ripley, Life Fellow, received the seldom-given Gold Medal of the Royal Zoological Society of Antwerp, Belgium on September 1, 1970.

The sum of \$650.00 is available in the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund for research grants in 1971. All students of birds, especially young men and women just starting their careers or others not eligible for government grants, are invited to apply for them. Applicants should prepare a brief but comprehensive description of their research projects specifying the objectives and proposed plans of procedure. Particulars of the type and amount of financial assistance needed must be included, also a brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists are helpful. Please submit six copies to facilitate review by the committee. Applications should be submitted not later than **15 March 1971** to ALAN H. BRUSH, *Chairman of the A.O.U. Research Committee, Biological Sciences Group, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06268.*

To stimulate research in the field of ornithology through the use of bird-banding techniques or available banding date, the EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION makes a grant of \$250 to a student, undergraduate or graduate, who uses bird banding in an ornithological study in a college or university within the United States. Undergraduates must be either juniors or seniors, major in zoology or biology, and earn at least a B average. Graduate students must be majoring in ornithology. Although the Eastern Bird Banding Association would like to publish in its journal a paper written by the award recipient on his project, this is not a requisite.

To apply for the award, a student should submit a description of his project, signed by the head of his department, explaining how he uses bird banding. Applications will be judged on the quality of the presentation as well as content. Preference will be shown for projects already in progress. Applications must be submitted prior to **25 February 1971** to MRS. ROGER W. FOY, *Secretary, Eastern Bird Banding Association, Box 164, Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008.*

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. A particular aim is to develop research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided additional money. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually. Since its inception, the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 29 persons, many of whom have continued their research work. Two grants have been made in several recent years; last year the grants were for \$200 and \$100. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration. Application forms may be obtained from VAL NOLAN, JR., *Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401*. Completed applications must be received by 1

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A new award of \$100 annually, to be known as the Margaret Morse Nice Award, has been made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor of \$500 to the Wilson Ornithological Society. Candidates for this award are limited to persons not affiliated with a college or university. Interested persons should write to Val Nolan at the above address.

As part of a study on Golden Eagle ecology juveniles of this species were color-marked in southwestern Idaho to determine movement and migration patterns. Marked birds carry a crescent-shaped vinyl band around the humeral area of one or both wings. The colors used were red, pink, yellow, orange, dark green, white, and blue. Information desired includes: color of marker on each wing; the date and location of the sighting; and the observer. Send any information to MICHAEL N. KOCHERT, *Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843*.

The United States National Museum has recently been divided into two separate Museums, the National Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of History and Technology, both bureaus of the Smithsonian Institution. The U. S. National Museum now consists only of the Office of the Registrar, Administrative and Exhibit Offices. Because all national biological and paleontological specimens (including those of the former Biological and Geological Surveys, and Fish and Wildlife Service) have been and still are accessioned through the Office of the Registrar, it is appropriate to continue the designation USNM for specimens in all Smithsonian Museums.

The Brazilian government has adopted, by Congressional Decree No. 65.057 of 26 August 1969, new regulations governing the issuance of permits for scientific expeditions to Brazil. Requests for information and applications for permits should be addressed to PRESIDENTE, *Conselho Nacional de Pesquisas, Av. Marechal Camara 350, Rio de Janeiro, GB. ZC. 39, Brazil*.

The Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, upon the recommendation of Mrs. Carl Tucker, has made funds available to assist a few promising young ornithologists to attend the annual meeting of the A.O.U. at Seattle next 30 August to 2 September. Any member of the A.O.U. may nominate candidates for these awards. It is not required that awardees present papers at the meeting, but they may do so. The size of each award will depend upon personal need, distance to be traveled, and funds available.

Letters of nomination should be sent to DR. JARED VERNER, *Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards, Department of Biological Sciences, Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington 98926*. They should include: (1) name, age, and address of nominee; (2) education and experience of the nominee; and (3) statement by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, and financial need of the nominee. Closing date for nominations is **1 May 1971**.

During 1971 the bird collections of the British Museum (Natural History) will be moved from London to the Zoological Museum, Tring, Hertfordshire. The earliest stages of the move will begin in April, and from May to the end of the year the collections will not be available to visitors. It will also be necessary to restrict access to the collections during the period January to April 1972.

The collections are being rehoused in a specially designed new building adjacent to the Museum's outstation at Tring, and with effect from 1 October 1971 the address will be:

Sub-department of Ornithology  
Tring, Hertfordshire, England

Tring is about 30 miles northwest of London and is served by a fast train service from Euston Station.

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