

IN MEMORIAM: LAUNCELOT ERIC RICHDALÉ

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Launcelot Eric Richdale was born on 4 January 1900 at Marton, New Zealand and died in his 84th year at Auckland on 19 December 1983. He made a major contribution to ornithology through his long-term studies of penguins and petrels, his work on the Yellow-eyed Penguin extending over 18 seasons and that on the Sooty Shearwater over 17 years.

Richdale was elected a Corresponding Fellow of the A.O.U. in 1947 and published a classic paper on "The starvation theory in albatrosses" in *The Auk* (1954, *Auk* 71: 239), as well as several review articles between 1941 and 1960. He was a Fulbright Exchange Professor

at Cornell University, an experience that allowed him to produce his book "Sexual Behavior in Penguins" (1951, Lawrence, Univ. Kansas Press). His second book, "A Population Study of Penguins" (1957, Oxford, Clarendon Press), was written during 1952-1955 while working with David Lack.

Richdale gained his D.Sc. in 1952 and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1982 "for services to ornithology." A full bibliography of his scientific writings will appear in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of New Zealand* (vol. 112) and more extended accounts in *Emu* and *Ibis*.

IN MEMORIAM: EDMUND W. MUDGE

Edmund W. Mudge, a member of the A.O.U. since 1947 and a Patron since 1972, died in his home in North Dallas, Texas on 6 January 1985 at the age of 80 years. Born in Pittsburgh, Mudge moved to Dallas in 1939, where he was one of the founders of the Mudge Oil Company. He founded the Dallas Museum of Natural History Association; his most recent contribution to the museum was a 4,000-volume

collection of ornithological books. A new addition will be built to house this library. The Mudge Art Building at Southern Methodist University and two scholarships at the Fogg Museum, Harvard University, also honor his name. Mudge was active in numerous state ornithological and conservation groups. He is survived by a daughter, a stepson, and 11 grandchildren.