

IN MEMORIAM: W. RUDYERD BOULTON

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W. Rudyerd Boulton, for 68 years a Member and for 54 of them an Elected Member of the Union, died at his home in Zimbabwe on 24 January 1983. Africa was the site of Rud's second career in ornithology, where he founded the Atlantica Foundation in 1959, to assist visiting ornithologists, particularly students, in initiating their studies of African birds.

Rud's earlier work led him to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, and eventually the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where he was Assistant Curator and

then Curator of Birds from 1931 to 1946. He left to continue his war-time government service in Washington, where he stayed until his move to Southern Rhodesia in 1959. This was a natural move for him, for throughout his career he was fascinated by Africa, and accompanied or led five expeditions there.

Rud will always be remembered for his generous and imaginative support for those who were attracted to birds, both in America and in his adopted Zimbabwe. For further details of his life, see the obituary in *Bokmakierie* (1983, vol. 35: 96).