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IN MEMORIAM: JAMES OSBORNE STEVENSON, 1908–1991

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James O. Stevenson, a member of the AOU since 1927 and an Elective Member since 1948, died at Bethesda, Maryland, on 14 October 1991. Jim was born 16 April 1908 in Chicago, Illinois, attended Wooster College in Ohio, and graduated with a B.A. in Biology from Occidental College, Los Angeles in 1930. He received his M.A. in Biology in 1930 for his studies under S. Charles Kendeigh at Western Reserve University and then did additional graduate work at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at Berkeley until 1934.

After working for the Arizona State Museum, the Iowa Fish and Game Commission, and the National Park Service, he transferred to the Bureau of Biological Survey (now the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) in Washington, D.C., in 1938. He was assigned as the first Refuge Manager of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Austwell, Texas, where for three years he studied and photographed Whooping Cranes. He rose to Assistant Chief, Section on National Park Wildlife. Then as Assistant Chief, Division of River Basin Studies, he helped launch the

first wetland-protection programs in the prairie-pothole region. He published 43 papers on topics that included behavior, food habits, digestion and taxonomy.

From 1960 until his retirement in 1970 as Chief, Office of Legislation, he worked on the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, Bald Eagle Act, and Endangered Species Act of 1966. For these accomplishments, he received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Secretary of the Interior upon employees of the Department.

The James O. Stevenson Memorial Fund has been established with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to assist with wildlife conservation programs. Contributions may be sent to the James O. Stevenson Fund at the Foundation, Suite 900, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. A more detailed memorial by Harvey K. Nelson and David L. Trauger appeared in the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 20(2), 1992.

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IN MEMORIAM: HEINRICH DATHE, 1910–1991

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Heinrich Dathe, a Corresponding Fellow of the AOU since 1976, died on 6 January 1991, two months after having celebrated his 80th birthday on 7 November. Dathe was best known as founder and developer of the world-famous Tierpark Berlin, an exemplary zoo noted particularly for its great success in raising broods of rare birds and the breeding of other animals.

In his younger years Dathe had made numerous faunistic contributions to the ornithol-

ogy of Saxony. After 1945 he became the *de facto* leader of the East German ornithologists, and founder and Editor of the new ornithological journal *Beiträge zur Vogelkunde*. He also was a very successful lecturer and author of popular articles. Dathe played an important role in conservation.

Longer memorials have been published in *Beiträge zur Vogelkunde* 37:257–259, 1991 and *Zool. Garten N.F.* 61:145–148, 1991.