

Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Committee in 1982, and served as a most valued member of that committee until his death.

The University of Bonn honored Hans Wolters with the title *doctor honoris causa* in 1971; the "German Ornithological Society" (DO-G) elected him an Honorary Member in 1988; and he was elected a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1982 and an Honorary Fellow in 1991.

Hans Wolters had close contacts with a large number of ornithologists throughout the world. He generously shared his extensive scientific knowledge and freely gave his advice to colleagues and students. With Hans Edmund Wolters many of us have lost a friend, and German ornithology has lost one of its most distinguished avian systematists.

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## IN MEMORIAM: MAURICE BROUN, 1906–1979

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Maurice Broun, Curator Emeritus of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, died 2 October 1979 in Lehigh Valley Hospital at Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1922 and an Elective Member in 1948.

Born in New York City on 27 August 1906 of immigrant Romanian parents, Broun was orphaned when he was two years old. With adoptive parents, he moved to Boston where, at age 13, he became interested in birds because of a chance encounter with birders at the Boston Common.

After graduation from high school, Broun worked with Edward Howe Forbush, Massachusetts State Ornithologist. He aided John Bichard May in editing the posthumous third volume of Forbush's monumental *Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States* (1929, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, Boston). Broun contributed the text for five species accounts and for the hybrids of the Blue-winged and Golden-winged warblers.

Several years later, Oliver L. Austin, Sr., asked Broun to take charge of Austin's bird-banding station at Wellfleet on Cape Cod. While there, Broun met Irma Knowles Penniman, who survives him, and they were married on 15 January 1934. Later that year, Rosalie (Mrs. Charles Noel)

Edge, chairman of the Emergency Conservation Committee, secured an option to buy the land, which shortly became Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. She chose Broun to be its curator.

Except for three years, 1942–1945, when he served as a photographer with the Seabees in the South Pacific during World War II, Broun was curator of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary until his retirement in 1966. In addition to over 100 articles on natural-history subjects, Broun was the author of the popular *Hawks Aloft: The Story of Hawk Mountain* (1949, Dodd, Mead and Co., New York) and *Index to North American Ferns* (1938, privately published, Orleans, Massachusetts).

Broun's efforts on behalf of conservation were recognized by honorary doctoral degrees from Muhlenberg College in 1952 and Albright College in 1976. He also received numerous accolades from scientific and conservation organizations. Chandler S. Robbins lauded Broun's contributions to the cause of conservation in a letter to Irma Broun shortly after his death, writing that, "Maurice spent his lifetime working with greater dedication for the cause of conservation than anyone else I can think of. The nation and the world will be forever indebted to him for remolding public opinion regarding our birds of prey."