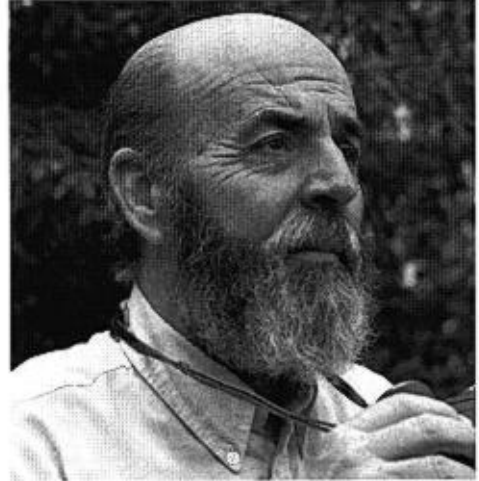


NEWS AND NOTES

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED



RICHARD C. BANKS



JOHN WILLIAM HARDY

At the 1992 annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, the Board of Directors of the Society conferred honorary memberships on Richard C. Banks and John William Hardy. Honorary membership status is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the Society and ornithology.

Richard C. Banks, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1956, and a life member, is highly regarded for his extensive and long-term studies on the systematics, distribution, and geographic variation of North American birds. His prominence in this field is evidenced by the fact that a majority of his more than 150 publications deals with these topics, and by his membership on the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Banks has also been prominent in promoting sound conservation and calling attention to the importance of museum collections and their maintenance. In a series of papers, he documented the dimensions of the pet bird trade in the United States. His work in proposing regulations to control this activity was recognized by a Special Achievement Award of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Banks has been outspoken on the need for ornithologists to become involved in public affairs and has been the driving force behind the concept of an Ornithological Council, whose goal is to provide scientific ornithology a voice in public policy making. His service to ornithology, however, is perhaps best exemplified by his creation, editorship, and single-handed publication of the *Ornithological Newsletter*, a publi-

cation that has fostered unprecedented communication among ornithologists in North America.

For these reasons, the Cooper Ornithological Society is pleased to convey Honorary Membership on Richard C. Banks.

John William (Bill) Hardy has been a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1953. For the first decade and a half of his professional career, while he was Curator of the Moore Laboratory of Ornithology at Occidental College, Hardy was very active in COS affairs, serving as: Treasurer and member, Board of Directors 1965-1967; President, Southern Division, 1968; and President, COS Council, 1972-1974. After moving to Florida, as Curator of Birds at the Florida State Museum in 1975, he continued to take a strong interest in the affairs of the Society, and in the discussion regarding the name of *The Condor*.

He has also been involved in other ornithological societies, including the AOU, in which he served as Editor of *Ornithological Monographs*.

Hardy has published numerous scientific papers. Most of his major works have been based on field studies in Mexico and pertain to various groups of birds. Prob-

ably his most important body of publications, however, concerns the biology of New World jays.

In addition to the above—and perhaps of equivalent scientific importance—are Hardy's contributions to the study of avian vocalizations. He was instrumental in establishing at the Florida State Museum a Bioacoustics laboratory, at which recordings of animal sounds are stored, curated, and studied. In the late 1970s Hardy began to compile and publish, as audio records

and tapes, annotated sets of vocalizations of New World taxa including owls and other nightbirds, trogons and cuckoos, woodcreepers, jays and allies, wrens, thrushes, and mimids. The most recent of these was published in 1991, and the work is ongoing.

For these contributions to ornithology, the Cooper Ornithological Society is proud to convey Honorary Membership on John William Hardy.

NOMINEES FOR 1993 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 1993, the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society shall elect to the Board of Directors three people to replace retiring members Sheila A. Mahoney, Stephen I. Rothstein, and J. Michael Scott.

A Nominating for Directors Committee, chaired by Michael L. Morrison, nominates James A. Gessaman, Kimberly G. Smith, Richard F. Johnston, Kevin J. Gutzwiller, and Thomas C. Edwards for three-year terms to the Board. A ballot will be distributed to all members 45 days prior to the 1993 annual meeting.

James A. Gessaman is Professor of Biology at Utah State University in Logan. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1968. He has been a member of the COS since 1971 and an Elective Member since 1975. Dr. Gessaman has published several papers in *The Condor* and reviews manuscripts for the journal. Avian energetics and raptor migration are his main research interests.

Kimberly G. Smith is Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Arkansas. He received his Ph.D. from Utah State University in 1982. He has been a member of the Society since 1974 and is a Life Member. Dr. Smith regularly attends annual meetings and contributes papers and has served the COS as a member of the Student Membership and Paper Awards Committees. Habitat selection, community ecology, bird-plant interactions, Blue Jays, and the ecology of neotropical migrants are among his research interests. He has published about 60 journal articles and book chapters.

Richard F. Johnston is Professor Emeritus of Systematics Ecology and Curator Emeritus of Ornithology at the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1955 and has been a member of the COS since 1947. He was Assistant Editor of *The*

Condor from 1953 to 1956, a member of the Board of Directors from 1965 to 1968, and Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the 1973 annual meeting in San Francisco. His research interests include the systematics and evolutionary biology of House Sparrows and Rock Doves and the community ecology of woodland birds.

Kevin J. Gutzwiller is Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He received his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Wyoming in 1985. He has been a member of the Society since 1983, has presented papers at annual meetings, has published in *The Condor*, and reviews manuscripts for the journal. His research interests include census techniques, habitat use, determinants of community structure, and aspects of landscape ecology that influence population and community persistence. He has published 16 journal articles and book chapters.

Thomas C. Edwards is Assistant Leader (Wildlife) at the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and Assistant Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Utah State University. He received his Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Florida in 1987. He has been a member of the Society since 1979 and is a Life Member. Dr. Edwards currently serves on the COS Finance Committee and has served on the local committees for annual meetings in Albuquerque and Moscow. He also reviews papers for *The Condor*. His current research interests include habitat needs for neotropical migratory birds, the ecology of nongame birds in alkaline wetlands, behavioral aspects of translocation and reintroduction strategies, and the development of methods for assessing and monitoring biological diversity at landscape scales.