

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The colored frontispiece of this issue was painted especially to illustrate Dr. McClure's article by Dr. Boonsong Lekakul, of Thailand. A physician, naturalist, artist, and author Dr. Boonsong has devoted much of his time during the last 20 years to awakening the Thai public and officials to the need for conservation of the wildlife and natural resources of that country.

The Secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature announces the possible use of plenary powers by the Commission in connection with the following names, listed by Case Number (see *Bull. zool. Nomencl.*, 24: pt. 1, 6 March 1967): 1692. Suppression of *Strix capensis* Daudin, 1800; and 1784. Validation of *Sterna tschegrava* Lepechin and *Motacilla pleschenka* Lepechin, "1770." Comments should be sent in duplicate, citing Case Number, to the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7, England.

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology has established an award in honor of the late Arthur A. Allen, distinguished ornithologist and teacher at Cornell University for nearly fifty years. The award will be in the form of a medal.

The enormous following which ornithology enjoys today is due in a large measure to the influence of Dr. Allen. Besides his scientific studies his popular writings, photography, and public lectures, and his use of graphic art and sound recording, drew attention to birds so widely and effectively that countless people have found ornithology an avocation both challenging and rewarding.

It is in recognition of Dr. Allen's service in widening popular interest in ornithology that the Laboratory of Ornithology will make the award. The contributions of the awardee must therefore reflect his emphasis on interpreting ornithology to the public through such media as magazine articles, books, lectures, still photographs and motion-picture films, drawings and paintings, and sound recordings. Other stipulations:

1. The eligibility of an individual under consideration shall be broad and the selection not limited to a professional ornithologist.
2. The award shall be limited to the field of ornithology and not be concerned specifically with the broad areas of conservation and wildlife management.
3. There shall be no geographical or national limitations as to where the work is done or by whom.
4. A committee appointed by the Administrative Board of the Laboratory shall select the recipient of the medal.
5. The committee shall consider the award annually, but it will be the committee's prerogative to decide whether or not an award should be made in any given year.

To select the first awardee, the Administrative Board has appointed the following committee: Alexander Wetmore (Chairman), George Miksch Sutton, Wesley E. Lanyon, Roland C. Clement, and Phillips B. Street. The award will be made in the fall of 1967, the exact time and place to be announced. The recipient of the award will not be revealed until the award is actually presented.

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