

(namely *Index Orn. Sup.*, 1801, p. XLI, and *Gen. Syn. Sup.* II, 1801, from line 21, p. 183 to line 8, p. 184)—a course implicit in the action of Gould and others—and with them include this name in the synonymy of *Seisura inquieta* (Latham). This is entirely in conformity with the R.A.O.U. *Checklist*, 2nd edn.

The recently-published drawing, which has so bewitched the formalists, should be taken to a distant crossroads and interred there, unnamed, with an oaken stake driven firmly through the area covering the heart!

Yours, etc.,

Sydney,

February 9, 1943.

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AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION

We have received a notice that the Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists Union was held at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, October 12-16, 1942, with an attendance of 192. Twenty-seven scientific papers were read—many illustrated by colour slides or films. The three days of programme sessions included a like number of evening entertainments, Open House at the Academy of Sciences, the Annual Dinner and a Symposium on the Cape May area. Wednesday was spent on a conducted tour of the collections of living vertebrates at the Philadelphia Zoo. On Friday ornithologists in attendance took a field trip to favourable localities along the New Jersey coast, around the Cape May Sanctuary.

Officers elected for the new year were as follows: President—James L. Peters, New York City; Vice-Presidents—George Willett, Los Angeles, California, and Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa, Canada; Secretary—Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; Treasurer—J. Fletcher Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Editor—John T. Zimmer, New York City; New members of the Council—Arthur A. Allen, Ithaca, New York; Rudolphe M. de Schauensee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Robert C. Murphy, New York City; Rudyerd Boulton, Washington, D.C.

The Brewster Medal Award was made to Margaret M. Nice of Chicago, Illinois, for her publication 'Life History of the Song Sparrow.' Three Fellows were elected—Clarence Cottam, Chicago, Illinois; Rudolphe M. de Schauensee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Harrison F. Lewis, Ottawa, Canada.

The 1943 meeting, if conditions permit, will be held in New York City in October.

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