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ORNITHOLOGIST JOSEPH ARCHIBALD HAGAR: 1896-1989

We note with sadness the close on December 17 of a professional career that spanned seventy years and produced major contributions to our knowledge of the biology of the American Black Duck, Broad-winged Hawk, and Peregrine Falcon. For quarter of a century (1934-59) Archie Hagar was Massachusetts State Ornithologist in the Forbush pattern of distinguished activity. His writings were published in *The Auk*, *Wilson Bulletin*, in volumes 2 (1976) and 5 (1988) of Palmer's *Handbook of North American Birds* and in Bent's *Life Histories*. An old-time scientist/naturalist of rural background with ideas in advance of his era, Archie was actively protecting Peregrines in 1935-36 and concerned in 1947 about the increased destruction of their eggs in the nest. He was a trustee of MBO from its inception. He discovered Mt. Tom as a study site for hawk migration; added to our understanding of the dynamics of shorebird migration; reported the nesting of Hudsonian Godwits in Churchill and of Double-crested Cormorants, Little Blue Herons, and Black Skimmers in Massachusetts; and carried out studies of the Red Knot, Least Tern, and Black and Yellow rails.