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ERMA JOHNSON FISK: 1905-1990

Jonnie Fisk died on January 11, 1990, leaving nine grandchildren, a son and daughter, and a legion of friends. She was widowed in 1962. Jonnie's attention first focused on birds in her mid-forties, when she noticed a Great Blue Heron near the family's summer cabin. A neighbor "conned" her into becoming a bird bander, and Jonnie was hooked. For four decades she censused and banded many thousands of birds, from Canada to Peru, noting their diminishing numbers and "making a pitch for conservation" wherever she went. During a ten-year migration study in Florida, this spirited and determined widow from Boston grew famous for her efforts to save the endangered Brown Pelicans.

Commuting between Florida and New England, Jonnie noted that Least Terns, displaced from beaches by human activity, were nesting on roofs. She chronicled their plight in *American Birds* in February 1975 and launched the first tern protection program on the East Coast. While house-sitting for Cornell Lab's Sewall Pettingill, she translated Maria Koepcke's valuable Peruvian field guide *Las Aves del Departamento de Lima*, greatly increasing its usefulness. In 1983 Jonnie published the first of five books, *The Peacocks of Baboquivari*, an account of five months that in her seventies she spent alone, living in a tiny rock cabin on a remote Arizona mountain ranch, censusing wildlife. Still vigorous at eighty, Jonnie founded Arey's Pond Press and in 1985 embarked on a new career—publishing. Heaven only knows what she is up to now! D.R.A.