

IN MEMORIAM: DAVID FINLEY BALPH, 1931-1990

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David Finley Balph was born in Kashmir, India, on 28 August 1931 and died of cancer in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 3 February 1990. He received a B.A. degree from Hiram College in 1955 and M.S. (1961) and Ph.D. (1964) degrees from Utah State University, where he taught animal behavior from 1964 until his death. He studied the role of behavior in the population dynamics of the Uinta ground squirrel for many years and directed numerous graduate students in this work. He also pioneered in collaboration with range scientists in determining the role of early learning in diet selection by sheep and cattle.

In later years David developed a remarkable professional team with his wife, Martha. They used the common birds that came to their bird

feeders to test hypotheses concerning social behavior and feeding strategies. While Martha did most of the fieldwork, David and Martha would spend hours developing hypotheses and discussing the design and implications of the studies. He was a Member of the AOU since 1981 and an Elective Member since 1986. He and Martha received special awards in 1984 from Editor John Wiens for their "exceptionally capable assistance in the editing of *The Auk*."

David was known among his graduate students as a stern critic of scientific proposals, yet beneath his seemingly gruff exterior was a kind and generous soul. His humor and constant challenging of students made him an outstanding teacher.

IN MEMORIAM: NOËL MAYAUD, 1899-1989

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Noël Mayaud, a Corresponding Fellow (1952) and then an Honorary Fellow (1982) of the AOU, died suddenly on 2 May 1989 at the age of 90. He had been a member of the AOU since 1949.

Coming from a rich industrial milieu in Anjou (the Quai Mayaud, one of the principal streets in Saumur, is named after his family), comfortable financial circumstances, and minimal family responsibilities (his marriage was childless), Mayaud devoted his activities wholly to wild birds. His first studies were encouraged and guided by a pioneer of field ornithology in France, Louis Bureau, who left Mayaud the extensive notes that he had accumulated.

He took an active part in the Société d'études ornithologiques, as a founder and editor/coed-

itor of *Alauda*, beginning in 1929. Here he published in 1936 an "Inventaire des oiseaux de France," which served as the basis for all subsequent studies and research. His "Commentaires" and then "Notes d'ornithologie française" appeared at regular intervals from 1938 through 1969. An updated "Liste des oiseaux de France" was published in 1953 by the Société. Thus, for half a century, Mayaud was the undisputed leader of French avifaunal studies; his works continue to be used as references.

He was not a University man. However, he was a long-time research associate at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. At the request of Pierre-Paul Grassé, editor of the monumental *Traité de Zoologie* (Masson, Paris), he