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IN MEMORIAM: NORMAN FREDRICK SLOAN, 1934–1989

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Norman Fredrick Sloan was born on 11 November 1934 at Hillsdale, Michigan. On 14 February 1986, Norm suffered a massive stroke which left him totally incapacitated. He died 30 August 1989.

Following an undergraduate degree in Forestry from Michigan Technological University in 1957, Norm worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon, and then for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Minnesota. He earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology and wildlife management from the University of Wisconsin, then joined the faculty at Michigan Tech, where he taught until 1986. His fields of teaching and research included wildlife management, recreation, entomology, ornithology, plant propagation, and biological control systems.

Norm was instrumental in beginning the graduate program in forestry at Michigan Tech and served as major professor for numerous students, several of whom worked with birds. He often brought students to meetings with him, and it was obvious that they held Norm in high esteem.

Much of Norm's research focussed on White Pelicans, but he was an opportunist and innovator, publishing several papers and notes describing field techniques and aspects of avian behavioral ecology.

Norm was one of those rare professionals who fostered strong ties with amateur ornithologists, especially through his long association with the Inland Bird Banding Association. He edited *Inland Bird Banding News* (1971–1978), served as IBBA's editor for *North American Bird Bander* (1984–1986), and served on IBBA's Board of Directors. In 1984 he became an Elective Member of the AOU.

Norm was a skilled taxidermist, horticulturist, and wildlife rehabilitator. He was renowned among his colleagues for his campfire cookery. Norm is survived by his wife Martha, daughter Elizabeth, and son Graham. The Norman F. Sloan Fund has been set up at Michigan Technological University to reward outstanding students in the School of Forestry and Wood Products.

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IN MEMORIAM: JAMES T. TANNER, 1914–1991

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James Taylor Tanner, a member of the AOU since 1933 and Elective Member since 1947, was born in Homer, New York, on 6 March 1914 and died in Knoxville, Tennessee, on 21 January 1991. He attended Cornell University and did graduate study under Arthur A. Allen. His master's thesis was on "Sound Recording for a Natural History Museum." His Ph.D. dissertation was "Life History and Ecology of the Ivory-

billed Woodpecker," based on 21 months of field studies in the great Singer tract in northeastern Louisiana, the last refuge for this nearly extinct species. This was published as the National Audubon Society's Research Report No. 1 in 1942 and, subsequently, in book form by Dover. Many years later Tanner similarly visited almost inaccessible areas in northern Mexico, but failed to find the Imperial Woodpecker.