

the winter distribution of birds in the southeastern states. From 1946 until 1975, he was on the faculty at Florida State University, where Horace Loftin, Bruce Means, John Ogden, and Storrs Olson were among his graduate students.

Henry's interest was primarily in documenting the status of vertebrates in Florida, especially birds. From the mid-1940s on, he contributed notes to the *Florida Naturalist* and then the *Florida Field Naturalist*. He compiled seasonal summaries and Christmas Bird Counts for *Audubon Field Notes* and then *American Birds*. In 1977 the University Presses of Florida published his important reference book, *Vertebrates of Florida, Identification and Distribution*. Since that

time, and joined in the last five years by Bruce Anderson, he had completed a detailed manuscript for a book on the birdlife of Florida. Now under final review, the book is expected to be published in 1992 by the University Presses of Florida.

Henry Stevenson was a modest man to whom spiritual values were important. He had an impressive bass voice and sang in the church choir on Sunday mornings. Those of us who knew him admired his integrity, his loyalty to friends and family, and his dedication to his work. We send sympathy to his family, especially to his wife RosaBelle and his four children, Nell, Ernest, Henry, Jr., and James.

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## IN MEMORIAM: OLLI JUHANI JÄRVINEN, 1950–1990

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Olli Järvinen, Corresponding Fellow of the AOU since 1984, died suddenly, after a serious illness, in Helsinki on 29 November 1990 at the age of 40 years. Born on 3 October 1950, he graduated in genetics from the University of Helsinki in 1973 and received his Ph.D. in zoology in 1980. He did research work for short periods of time in Sweden, Poland and France, and served as Visiting Professor of Zoology at the Florida State University in 1980–1981. Järvinen was promoted to Professor of Zoology and appointed Head of the Department of Ecology at the University of Helsinki in 1981. Starting in 1988, he worked as Research Professor at the Academy of Finland.

A deep insight into ecology, population genetics and philosophy, combined with clear thinking and an eloquent style, characterized his texts on various fields of science and nature. Between 1973 and 1990, Järvinen wrote about 100 papers in English and 200 in Nordic lan-

guages, including two important books on conservation biology. His major accomplishments in ornithology were achieved in studies on bird census methods, long-term population fluctuations of birds, and the structure and biogeography of northern bird communities. In his last years, he devoted himself to the problems of using birds as environmental indicators.

Olli Järvinen served as president of the Finnish Ornithological Society and as editor of *Ornis Fennica* and several conference proceedings. As a referee and scientific editor, he was highly accomplished and was widely in demand inside and also outside Finland. The work of the International Council for Bird Preservation was very close to his heart. Järvinen was a stimulating teacher, who trained about 10 doctoral students in the 1980s. For a more complete description of his career and literary production, see *Ornis Fennica* 68(4), 1991.