

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILLER RESEARCH AWARD

The Cooper Ornithological Society takes great pleasure in naming Robert Winthrop Storer the recipient of the Loye and Alden Miller Research Award for 1997, which is presented for lifetime achievement in ornithological research. A 1936 graduate in Chemistry from Princeton University, Professor Storer enrolled as a student in Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley in 1940, and, following an interruption as-

sociated with the defense effort in World War II, completed a Ph.D. in Zoology with Alden Miller in 1949. He subsequently moved to the University of Michigan, where he has spent his career, becoming Professor Emeritus and Curator Emeritus of Birds in 1985.

CITATION FOR ROBERT WINTHROP STORER

The Miller Award is given in recognition of Robert Storer's research accomplishments that have extended



Robert W. Storer, the 1997 recipient of the Miller Award. (photograph by Peter Stettenheim)

over nearly six decades and continue. His work reveals a broad approach to the study of birds, with his publications dealing with topics ranging from paleontology to the flight characteristics of *Accipiter* hawks and, soon, to the parasites of grebes. His contributions to avian systematics and to the understanding of the variation, behavior, and evolution of grebes and alcids are particularly important. He also is to be commended for his numerous articles on "Avian Exotica" in *Birder's World*, which effectively informed the interested public about the biology of unusual birds. His publications are noteworthy for their breadth of approach, insightful character, and meticulous scholarship. Professor Storer's research has been complemented by an array of other important contributions to avian biology. Twenty-two students have completed the doctorate with him and the list includes a number of individuals who have achieved prominence in this field. He is a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, and has served the organization as President and as a member for 34 years of its Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds. He also has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society of which he is an Honorary Member. His contributions to the dissemination of the results of avian research include service as Editor of *The Auk* and *Ornithological Monographs*, and Assistant

Editor of *The Condor*. Productive scholar, effective graduate advisor, and able contributor of numerous services to ornithology, Robert W. Storer is a worthy recipient of the Loye and Alden Miller Research Award of the Cooper Ornithological Society.

THE PAINTON AWARD

The Harry R. Painton Award is conferred for the most significant and original ornithological research published in *The Condor* during the previous four calendar years. The Painton Award for 1997 was presented to Jeffrey D. Parrish for his paper entitled "Experimental Evidence for Intrinsic Microhabitat Preferences in the Black-throated Green Warbler," published in *Condor* 97:935-943 (1995). In this paper, Dr. Parrish focused on the proximate bases of the relationship between habitat structure and choice of microhabitat and foraging sites by a small bird. Using a well-designed series of experiments, he demonstrated that intrinsic behavioral preferences can play a significant role in determining microhabitat selection and that such intrinsic preferences can vary regionally within the same species. This paper thus contributes significantly to our understanding of the relationship between habitat structure and choice of microhabitat, a topic of importance for the ecology of birds as well as animals in general.