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## Announcements

### HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Board of Directors of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association announces its fifth annual award for raptor research.

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Charles H. Blake, who served *American Birds* as editor of Christmas Bird Counts from the West Indies, and in many other ways, died on December 6, 1981, at the age of 80. "Charlie," a most genial and admirable man, was born in Berkeley, California, and received his bachelor's and doctoral degrees in zoology at M.I.T., where he served on the faculty for 32 years. A former president of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, and of the Chapel Hill Bird Club, he was an Elective Member of the A.O.U., and a Fellow of the A.A.A.S. His interests, in addition to ornithology, were museums and historical societies, and he served on the boards of several of them. He kept a keen and watchful eye on our editorial content, as critic, referee, and friend. We note his passing with great regret.

**Communications**

April 15, 1980

To the editor:

Bird banding has one advantage and that is the bander must keep records of individual birds so he tends to have exact dates and accurate identifications. I went back over my records recently, looking for gaps in the capture [at Hillsborough, near Durham, N.C.] of supposedly rather common species and I came up with the following tabulation:

- Eastern Kingbird—Aug. '64-June '78, no captures.
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—last Sept. '70.
- White-breasted Nuthatch—Feb. '69-Jan. '80, no captures; occasionally heard or seen.
- Bewick's Wren—last Oct. '69.
- Loggerhead Shrike—Feb. '72-Nov. '77, no captures and none since.
- Yellow-throated Vireo—July '69-Apr. '76, no captures and none since.
- Tennessee Warbler—Sept. '69-Oct. '77 no captures.
- Black-throated Green Warbler—only Sept. '65.
- Blackburnian Warbler—two captures May '69 and Sept. '78.
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