

indicate that birds formerly thought to be different species will freely interbreed, or, conversely, that birds that appear to us to be virtually identical actually segregate out into two "kinds" that ignore each other as potential mates, I think the bird student who really wants to know more of the living world of ornithology will listen.

There is not space here to go into the emotionally-charged matter of the "official" English-language names applied to birds (which, contrary to general usage, are seldom either "common" or "vernacular" names). Nobody, least of all the members of the A.O.U. Committee (all of whom are or have been active birders) will deny the "gung-ho lister" the privilege of calling off as many ticks on his list as he likes, under whatever names he may choose. But this has nothing to do with the serious study of birds as living organisms, products of millions of years of evolution, and *that* is what most of us in both the American Ornithologists' Union and the Wilson Ornithological Society are concerned with.—KENNETH C. PARKES.

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AARON MOORE BAGG STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The preliminary announcement of the Aaron Moore Bagg Student Membership Awards (*Wilson Bulletin*, 85:490, 1973) stated that further details about these new awards would appear in the March 1974 issue of the *Bulletin*. No such additional information appeared in that issue, an oversight for which the President apologizes both to Mrs. Bagg, whose generosity has provided these awards in memory of her late husband, and to interested applicants. Final plans for the administration of the student membership awards will be made at the annual meeting in June 1974, and will be published later. Meanwhile, students may obtain information by writing to the Chairman of the Student Membership Committee, Dr. Douglas A. James, Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545.

GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON COLORPLATE FUND

Through an unfortunate misunderstanding, wording of the Council's announcement (*Wilson Bull.*, 85:456, 1973) of the George Miksch Sutton Colorplate Fund did not accurately represent Dr. Sutton's wishes in connection with contributions to this Fund. It is his desire that additions to the Fund that he created for the Wilson Ornithological Society, and that will bear his name, be obtained only through his own efforts. The Council is happy to honor his wishes. Former students and other friends of Dr. Sutton who may wish to contribute to the Society in some particular way to honor Dr. Sutton may do so, with his blessing, either by sending an unrestricted gift or by contributing to another of our special-purpose funds. The Council suggests the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant Fund, which was originally Dr. Sutton's concept, and which his gifts set into motion.

NEW EDITOR FOR THE WILSON BULLETIN

Dr. Jerome A. Jackson, Department of Zoology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Miss. 39762, will be the new editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*. His tenure starts with the 1975 volume, preparations for which begin immediately. All new manuscripts submitted after 31 May 1974 should be sent to Dr. Jackson, as should any manuscript under revision sent in after 31 July 1974. If in doubt, authors are asked to send queries to Dr. Jackson—before sending in their manuscripts.