

## EDITORIAL

The present greatest need of New York State Ornithologists is an up-to-date bibliography of New York birds.

We must have such a list available for use by *The Kingbird* editor, the regional editors, the individual Federation members and clubs if we are to improve our journal.

For example when Mr. H. L. Kutz wrote in the *Auk* vol. 63, page 591 that the Ring-billed Gull was found nesting in New York State for the first time (1949) he overlooked a 1936 nesting record from the Roosevelt Wildlife Bulletin 7 (No. 2): 134-135. If a bibliography had been available to him this omission could have been avoided.

Our present day bird observations cannot be evaluated without reference to past records, and with no New York bibliography as a ready reference the task is for all of us a tedious one and too often apt to produce inaccuracies or omissions.

Perhaps someone living near one of our larger libraries could complete such a project during the winter months. The bibliography could then be mimeographed, used, revised and finally published. After publication of this bibliography *The Kingbird* with its yearly summary of titles could keep New York's birders informed of the current literature and hence aid in an even more substantial way the study and preservation of our birds.

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