

HISTORY OF NEW YORK STATE ORNITHOLOGY

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Editors' Preface

This is the first of a projected series which will trace the study of birds in New York State from colonial times to the twentieth century with emphasis on biographies of those who have made significant contributions to ornithology. In this first article the Albany and lower Hudson area has been touched on very briefly since this will be covered in a forthcoming paper by Dr. Minnie B. Scotland.

The aid of all readers of *The Kingbird* and members of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs is urgently solicited in forwarding this project. Needed are such things as material relative to local and county lists, information on persons not well known to historians, and sources of biographical data. Anyone wishing to prepare a sketch on a particular person should make this known. As an initial specific request, information is needed on Jacob P. Giraud Jr., the author in 1844 of *Birds of Long Island*. Correspondence may be directed to the senior editor at 92 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, or the junior editor at New York State Teachers College, Albany.