

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Audubon Field Notes published bimonthly by the National Audubon Society, has been, since 1947, the leading journal of field ornithology in North America. Before 1947 regional bird observation reports were published "in the back" of *National Audubon Magazine* and the value of such publications to the science of ornithology was well-recognized. Valuable as the regional reports are, the task of editing these was (and is) onerous and no one would ever read such reports through from end to end which leads to readership and thus to subscription difficulties.

Since the beginning of the year a bimonthly journal named *American Birds* has replaced *Audubon Field Notes*. Its chief Editor is Robert Arbib, past-president of our federation. The "new" journal is AFN revitalized.

The fine regional reports are now accompanied by notes and articles concerning field ornithology and, from the first issues, have wider appeal than the old journal, and the magazine is now truly a journal concerning field work in ornithology rather than a mere reporting of birds in the field. Mr. Arbib is to be congratulated on his first issue, as I'm sure all of you will agree. If you haven't seen *American Birds*, it will be well worth your while to get a copy. It fits the reports of our *Kingbird* into the national, even continental, picture of our living birds and makes our field trips even more enjoyable as a contribution, rather than just "selfish" pleasure. By consulting both journals one may certainly appreciate the importance of our records as well as the fine work of our regional editors and editor-in-chief. We hope those of you reading *American Birds* will be encouraged to submit similar articles and notes to the *Kingbird*.

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