

EDITORIAL

The Kingbird is the vehicle by which members of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs share their observations with ornithologists everywhere. These contributions to ornithology are not just the papers and field observations which appear in this journal. The Regional reports provide a summary of ornithological events in New York state based on observations of the members of the Federation and now extending over a thirty year period. This record would not exist without the hard work of the many Federation members who also have served as Regional Editors. The list of editors includes many distinguished New York ornithologists. Recent changes, and lapses, in Regional Editorships have made all of us especially aware of the significance the contribution of everyone who has served as or is now a Regional or Highlights Editor.

A compilation of the people who have served in this capacity reveals a short list of persons who each individually has contributed over 50 reports to *The Kingbird*: Leslie E. Bemont, F. G. Scheider, Sally F. Hoyt Spofford and Edward D. Treacy. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I have the honor to report that the Executive Committee of the Federation at its 18 July meeting has decided that, in recognition of these individuals' service, each shall be honored at the 1987 Annual Banquet of the Federation in September and awarded a copy of the New York Breeding Bird Atlas upon its publication. The 1988 Annual Meeting will include a special focus on *The Kingbird*, and will include an exhibit featuring the contribution of these individuals and their awards.