

EDITORIAL — JOHN J. ELLIOTT AWARD

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Each year at our Annual Meetings, the Federation bestows the Elliott Award to the author(s) of the best article published in *The Kingbird* the previous calendar year. John Jackson Elliott was the President of the Federation from 1962 until his sudden death on 28 June 1963 (Arbib 1963). The award in his honor was established in 1964 by a special committee appointed by President Robert S. Arbib, Jr. and chaired by Cornelius J. Ward (Arbib 1964). Award presentations are now regularly published with our Annual Meeting minutes, but were not during the 1970s and early 1980s. Here is a list of the 36 awardees and their 29 articles.

Authors	Article
Stephen W. Eaton	The Wild Turkey in New York State. 1964 Jan; 14(1): 4-12.
David B. Peakall	Pesticides and wildlife. 1965 Jan; 15(1): 5-12.
Walter R. Spofford	
Robert P. Yunic	Data gathered from the redpoll flight of 1966. 1966 Oct; 16(3): 193-205.
Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr.	Conservation and state secrets. 1967 Jan; 17(1): 16-18. + "Natural beauty" is a 20th Century phrase. 1967 Oct; 17(4): 210-212.
Allen H. Benton	Weather and Purple Martin mortality in western New York. 1968 May; 18(2): 71-75.
Herbert Tucker	
William Post	Reappearance of the Black Rail on Long Island. 1969 Oct; 19(4): 189-191.
Frank Enders	
No award given	1970
James R. McAllister	Locomotion, maintenance and feeding behavior in the Great Blue Heron in Northern New York. 1971 Oct; 21(4): 183-203.
George R. Maxwell	
Gilbert S. Raynor	Overland feeding flights by the Common Tern of Long Island. 1972 May; 22(2): 63-71.

James N. Briggs John R. Haugh	Habitat selection in birds with the consideration of the potential establishment of the Monk Parakeet (<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>) in North America. 1973 Jan; 23(1): 3-13.
No award given	1974
Morgan V. Jones III	Brown-headed Cowbird brood parasitism on the Eastern Phoebe. 1975 Jul; 25(3): 119-123.
Thomas J. Rauber	Notes on a New York nest of the Bald Eagle. 1976 Summer; 26(3): 122-135.
Robert F. Andrie	Gulls on the Niagara Frontier. 1977 Summer; 27(3): 118-134.
Dan Nickerson	Wilson's Warbler nests in New York. 1978 Fall; 28(4): 215-220.
Thomas H. Davis	(Many articles) 1979
No award given	1980
No award given	1981
Norma Siebenheller Bill Siebenheller	Blue Grosbeak nesting in New York State: a first record. 1982 Fall; 32(4): 234-238.
George Maxwell Gerald Smith	Reproductive success of island nesting Ring-billed Gulls and Common Terns in the St. Lawrence River. 1983 Winter; 33(1): 26-33.
John M. C. Peterson	First record of Palm Warbler nesting in New York State. 1984 Winter; 34(1): 2-7.
Laura W. Moon Neil S. Moon	Braddock Bay spring hawk migrations. 1985 Winter; 35(1): 7-31.
Bob Dickerman	A review of the Red Crossbill in New York State. Part 1. Historical and nomenclatural background. 1986 Spring; 36(2): 73-82. Part 2. Identification of specimens from New York. 1986 Summer; 36(3): 127-134.
Michele H. Frech John L. Confer	The Golden-winged Warbler: competition with the Blue-winged Warbler and habitat selection in portions of southern, central and northern New York. 1987 Spring; 37(2): 65-71.

Janet Carroll	Status and breeding ecology of the Black Tern (<i>Chlidonias niger</i>) in New York. 1988 Summer; 38(3): 159-172.
Gerald A. Smith	Point Peninsula, Jefferson County; mouse raptor mecca during the winter of 1987-1988. 1989 Winter; 39(1): 7-20.
No award given	1990
Melinda G. Knutson	Characteristics of Black Tern (<i>Chlidonias niger</i>) nesting habitat at Lakeview Wildlife Management Area, New York. 1991 Fall; 41(4): 228-236.
No award given	1992
Ken Feustel	An ephemeral shorebird habitat at Cedar Overlook Beach, Suffolk County, New York. 1993 Sep; 43(3): 170-184.
Polly Rothstein	Cooper's Hawk nesting in a suburban yard. 1993 Dec; 43(4): 278-292.
William W. Watson	Establishment of the Great Blue Heron colony on Motor Island. 1994 Dec; 44(4): 268-276.
No award given	1995
Valerie M. Freer Joan Visconti	Population trends of birds at feeders in Sullivan County N.Y. 1981-1994. 1996 March; 46(1): 4-12.

Four of these articles had no references and one had 34. The typical (median) article had 7 references. Journals were cited just slightly more than books. Only 9 articles cited *The Kingbird*.

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