

WARDEN'S REPORT

The 1966 season, from an ornithological point of view, was one of the most successful for a number of years, both for strength and variety of movement, and the impressive list of rarities.

Some of the outstanding species recorded were:-

Semi-palmated Sandpiper; Least Sandpiper; Dotterel; Hoopoe; Icterine Warbler; Melodious Warbler; Barred Warbler; Red-breasted Flycatcher; Richard's Pipit; Tawny Pipit; Woodchat Shrike; Scarlet Grosbreak; Red-headed Bunting; Spanish Sparrow; Rufous-sided Towhee.

As in previous years the Observatory has continued its main task, the daily estimate of all species recorded on the island. This is the Warden's responsibility and is undertaken every day of the season and preserved for future reference. Secondly, ringing was stepped up a little because any long-term study would be greatly handicapped without it.

Other items of general interest were the record of a Long-eared bat (*Plecotus auritus*) which was caught in Millcombe in October, and the sighting of a Leathery turtle (or Luth), off Rat Island, this being the largest known species of sea turtle.

Finally, it is a pleasure to record once more our debt of gratitude to the owner and residents of the island for their unfailing friendliness and hospitality, and for the help they have given by reporting the birds they have seen. I must also mention how very grateful we are to Miss Shirley Hall for cooking so excellently for us all, at times under considerable difficulties, and to Mr. Joe Mullins for the tremendous enthusiasm shown while acting as Assistant Warden.

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NOTICES

The Secretary is still seeking back numbers of the Annual Report for 1951 and 1962, and would be very pleased to hear from any members who might have copies for disposal.

A limited number of copies of the "List of the Birds of Lundy", compiled by Peter Davis, are still available from the Secretary, price 5s.

OBITUARY

DR. FREDK. R. ELLISTON WRIGHT

Dr. Elliston Wright, an Honorary Member of the Lundy Field Society, died at his home in Braunton in August 1966, at the age of 87,

It was while in general medical practice in Braunton that Dr. Wright developed his interest in Natural History and especially in Botany. His book "Braunton, A few Nature Notes" appeared in 1926 and seven years later he described in a paper the hitherto unrecorded species of Cabbage on Lundy which now bears his name.