

## Announcement by the Rarities Committee

D. I. M. Wallace, a valued former member of the Rarities Committee, has recently returned to live in this country after some years in Nigeria. His close interest in the committee's work has in particular been shown by his paper in 1970 on 'The first ten years of the Rarities Committee' (*Brit. Birds*, 63: 113-129), while his plate of non-breeding plumages of marsh terns, his illustrated paper on Hippolais warblers, and his analysis of the differences between Common and Spotted Sandpipers out of breeding plumage, which have also been published in *British Birds*, give evidence of his unusual ability to contribute to problems of identification; furthermore, his own activities and successes in the field are well known.

There is at present a vacancy on the Rarities Committee, and the committee recommends that Mr Wallace be appointed to fill it. The purpose of this notification is to invite any ornithological body, bird observatory or individual who would prefer the appointment of someone else to send to me before 31st October 1971 the name and address of their candidate, with some particulars of his qualifications. Thereafter the county and regional organisations and bird observatories, who have in the past been consulted before an appointment has been made, will be asked to vote on the names received. If, however, no other nomination has reached me by 31st October, it will be assumed that Mr Wallace's appointment has general approval and he will be asked to join the committee without further ado.

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