



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Carl Zeiss Award



Thanks to *Carl Zeiss Ltd*, the winner of the Carl Zeiss Award will be able to choose as his or her prize a pair of traditional Zeiss 10 × 40 binoculars or 7 × 42 binoculars, or the newer 'Night Owl' 7 × 42 binoculars.

The presentation will take place at the British Birdwatching Fair at Rutland Water in August, and the winner's travelling expenses will be paid by *Zeiss* so that he or she can attend the Fair.

The Carl Zeiss Award is presented annually to the person who supplies the most helpful, interesting and instructive photograph of a rarity taken in Britain and examined by the BBRC during a record circulation.

The five previous winners of the Award were Bob Proctor, Ren Hathway, Dr Adrian Wander, John Szczur and Dot Jones. This year's winner will be announced in October.

Carl Zeiss Ltd also presents all runners-up—including everyone whose photograph or documentary drawing is used in the annual 'Report on rare birds in Great Britain', or is published elsewhere in *British Birds* to document a rarity record—with a voucher for a free six-month subscription to *British Birds*. Contributions selected for publication in 'From the Rarities Committee's files' are also eligible. The aim of The Carl Zeiss Award is to encourage full participation in the work of the British Birds Rarities Committee and to reward those whose work helps the Committee to function effectively. We are most grateful to *Zeiss* for this support.

Any photographs (transparencies, colour prints, or black-and-white prints) of 1996 rarities which have not already been submitted should be sent now, please, to Mrs Sheila Cobban, British Birds, Fountains, Park Lane, Blunham, Bedford MK44 3NJ.