



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 'BB' Award for the Best Annual Bird Report

Entries are invited for the fifth annual award (see accounts of the first, second, third and fourth awards, *Brit. Birds* 85: 299-308; 86: 163-165; 87: 171-173; 88: 218-220), which is open to all those clubs and societies in Britain and Ireland which publish an annual bird report. The aim of the Award is to provide public acknowledgment of the high quality of publications which may generally be seen only locally, and to encourage and promote high standards in all regional bird reports.

We hope that every local bird club and society in Britain and Ireland will submit a copy of its annual report for consideration by the judges.

The senior editor of the winning report will receive an inscribed book of his choice as a permanent personal memento of the award, and the club or society publishing the winning report will be authorised to use the logo of the Award on its reports and in its advertising and promotion.

Entries (which need consist only of the club or society's 1994 report and a covering note stating the number of members, the price of the report and from whom it can be obtained) should be submitted at once if available (the closing date for entries is 15th December 1995) to Bird Report Award, British Birds, Fountains, Park Lane, Blunham, Bedford MK44 3NJ.

Bird Illustrator of the Year

The closing date for this competition is Friday 15th March 1996. Required dimensions of entries will henceforth be 16.95 cm wide \times 16.8 cm deep (or 22.6 cm wide \times 22.4 cm deep), 17.1 cm wide \times 6.9 cm deep, and 8.5 cm wide \times 6.0 cm deep, for reproduction at two-thirds (or half) these sizes.

The co-sponsors for 1996 are the bird-book publishers *Pica Press* and *T. & A. D. Poyser*.

Prizes will be £100, £40 and £25 for the first, second and third, and all three winners will each be able to choose a total of 15 books from the *Pica Press*, *T. & A. D. Poyser* and *Academic Press* lists.

Winning and many short-listed entries will, as usual, be displayed at The Mall Galleries during the Society of Wildlife Artists annual exhibition and subsequently at the British Birdwatching Fair at Rutland Water.

'Zeiss' binoculars and six-month 'BB' subscriptions to be won



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For circulation to the Committee, send prints or *duplicate* transparencies to M. J. Rogers, Hon. Secretary BBRC, 2 Churchtown Cottages, Towednack, St Ives, Cornwall TR26 3AZ.

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