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Glen E. Woolfenden Elected Honorary Member of the Florida Ornithological Society.—Glen Woolfenden, having served his ornithological apprenticeships with the likes of Dean Amadon, Harrison "Bud" Tordoff, and Pierce Brodkorb, and attained international esteem for his insightful and original research on the behavioral ecology of Florida Scrub Jays, is probably held in highest regard by his students. As a Professor at the University of South Florida since 1960, Glen has served as mentor for a flock of graduate students, his ornithological apprentices, instilling in them the philosophies, theories, and facts of science, evolution, and ornithology. Virtually all of his students remain actively engaged in ornithological research, producing new ideas and students of their own, a testament to the foundation laid by Glen Woolfenden.

Glen earned his B.S. in Biology from Cornell University in 1953 and his M.A. in Zoology from the University of Kansas in 1956. He arrived in Florida not long after and, in 1960, completed his Ph.D. in Zoology at University of Florida. He has spent his entire professional career at the University of South Florida, attaining full Professor in 1970. A classically trained ornithologist, Glen prepared and curated an extensive bird skin and skeleton collection, especially of Florida birds. He has received virtually all the faculty awards at U.S.F. as a distinguished teacher, lecturer, and scholar, culminating in his promotion to Distinguished Research Professor in 1988. His obvious enthusiasm for evolution and behavioral ecology permeates his lectures, infusing an infectious and growing excitement in his audience. His list of invited lectures reads like an itinerary from Jules Verne's whirlwind tour—Queensland, West Berlin, Oxford, Moscow, Tel-Aviv, Johannesburg, Tokyo, and Haines City, to name but a few.

Glen initiated his studies of the Florida Scrub Jay in 1969, as a Research Associate at Archbold Biological Station. His attention was drawn by the cooperative nature of these amicable birds and the evolutionary paradox posed by their apparent altruism. His objective and rigorous studies of demography and behavior helped make sense of this paradox by placing it "in the light of evolution." In 1985, with co-author John Fitzpatrick, he received the American Ornithologists' Union's highest award, the William Brewster Award, for their book, *The Florida Scrub Jay: Demography of a Cooperative-Breeding Bird*. In 1994, he was named Distinguished Animal Behaviorist by the Animal Behavior Society. He has published over 100 scientific articles in ornithology, mostly on Florida birds. He recently co-authored, with William B. Robertson, Jr., *Florida Bird Species: An Annotated List*, an up-to-date compendium of the status of all species of birds ever reported from Florida.

Glen's contributions to the ornithological community are extensive. He was a Charter member of the Florida Ornithological Society, served on the Editorial Advisory Board for over a decade, was Vice President and, more recently, F.O.S. President. He is currently the Editor for Special Publications. He has served on the Editorial Board of the Wilson Ornithological Society, the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society, and numerous committees and offices of the American Ornithologists' Union, serving as their President from 1988-1990. He has been a member of the International Ornithological Congress Committee since 1978. He is a Fellow of the A.O.U., the Animal Behavior Society, and a Corresponding Fellow of the Deutsche Ornithologen-Gesellschaft.

Glen Woolfenden's contributions to ornithology, behavioral ecology, and evolution are vast and his contributions to the conservation of Florida's birds are assuming the same proportions. He is not an adherent of vogue paradigms, but pursues his evolutionary and ecological interests doggedly, knowing full well the applicability of his data. Glen's research and his advocacy have clearly demonstrated that the foundations of good conservation are extensive, long-term studies of natural history. He has led a new

generation of biologists by teaching and example and we are proud to honor him and his long association with the Florida Ornithological Society.—**Reed Bowman**, Archbold Biological Station, P.O. Box 2057, Lake Placid, Florida 33862.

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