

THE NIGERIAN FIELD

Volume 74, Parts 1 & 2, April-October 2010

EDITORIAL

In the last issue, volume 73 (2009), Pat Oyelola stated that Mr. Ako Amadi would take over as Editor for the next issue. Unfortunately, circumstances prevented his taking up this task. No one else was immediately available, so your type-setter doubled to edit this delayed issue.

The A.B.M. took place at the Department of Botany, University of Ibadan, on June 11th 2010. Professor I.F. Adeniyi, of the Department of Zoology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, was elected President of the Nigerian Field Society. Other officers, whose terms are still running, remain the same.

The next day a symposium, on endangered species in Nigeria, took place at the Cooperative Hall, University of Ibadan. An array of experts from the life sciences presented papers on the subject, to a well-packed audience. This issue contains all the papers presented. It opens with an article on the subject, by J.G.C. Allen, reprinted from vol. 1, no. 1 (1931). Articles on endangered species include one by Prof. S. Fagade on animals, exclusive of birds and primates, then one by Dr. A.U. Ezeolor on threatened birds, one on primates by Emmanuel Obot, and two on endangered plant species by J.C. Okafor and by A.O. Isichei.

After the symposium, the participants went for lunch at the Institute of Tropical Agriculture (See photo at the back of this issue). After the lunch, John Peacock led an expedition into the I.I.T.A. forest.

—Joseph Kenny, O.P.

Colour frontispiece: Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*
(www.hidephotography.com & www.arthurgrosset.com)