

FREDERICK VANUXEM HEBARD

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Frederick Vanuxem Hebard was born in Chestnut Hill October 15, 1900, and, with the exception of a few years spent in New York after graduation from law school, made his home there all his life. He died on March 29, 1961, while on a trip to Everglades National Park. He was the son of Daniel Learned Hebard and Julia Vanuxem Hebard. He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Fales, and four children.

His education began at the Chestnut Hill Academy, from which he graduated in 1918. An excellent student, he was frequently on the honor roll. After graduation he continued his education at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. After the short period in New York mentioned above, he returned to Philadelphia and in due time became a member of the firm of Clark, Hebard, and Spahr. He continued as a partner in this organization until a few years before his death when he started practicing law under his own name.

I knew Hebard at school, but we were never more than casual acquaintances until about 1935 when our mutual interest in ornithology drew us together. One of Fred's finest characteristics was his unflinching good humor. No amount of teasing would upset him in the least, and he could hold his own with anyone in repartee.

My most vivid memories of him will always be of our many "May Round-ups" together. His enthusiasm was tremendous, and it sometimes required the combined efforts of the rest of the party to keep it within reasonable bounds. I well remember an evening at the end of one of these days when I had mailed in the list and retired, only to be called to the telephone by Hebard, who wanted to report a Whip-poor-will. I regret to say that my enthusiasm was not equal to his at that point, and he added his Whip-poor-will at the following meeting when the reports were made.

Hebard joined the D.V.O.C. in 1933 and the A.O.U. in 1930 as an associate. He was made an elective member of the latter organization in 1951. He was also a member of the Wilson Ornithological Society, Cooper Ornithological Society, Maine Audubon Society, and a charter member of the Georgia Ornithological Society. He was active in attending the annual meetings of all these organizations, enjoyed them greatly, and delivered papers before them at various times. His friends never ceased to marvel at the ease with which he was able to arrange his business trips to coincide with some ornithological meeting he wished to attend, and they ribbed him unmercifully about it.

Fred's father was in the lumber business and had large timber holdings in and around the Okefenokee in Georgia and on the upper peninsula of

Michigan. His father also had a beautiful home at Coleraine Plantation near Folkston, Georgia, on the St. Mary's River. Fred spent as much time as he could spare shooting quail and observing birds there and in the Okefenokee. He was also an ardent fly fisherman, and it was to Michigan that he went to gratify this desire, always keeping his eyes open for any unusual birds he might discover while there. In his later years he became interested in the Penobscot Bay area around Camden, Maine, and had purchased a summer home there shortly before his death.

In addition to some thirty-five or forty notes in various ornithological journals he wrote "Winter Birds of the Okefenokee and Coleraine" (84 pages), which was published by the Georgia Society of Naturalists in 1941. At the time of his death he was preparing a paper on injury-feigning by birds, a subject which had interested him for many years and about which he had gathered a great deal of information.

We shall all miss this happy man who added much to the pleasure of our outings together.

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