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Dedication

This issue of *Wildfowl* is in recognition of Prof. Geoffrey Matthews, for many years Editor of this journal (from 1968–1988; a 21-year term unlikely to be superseded) and Director of Conservation at the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT), recalling his pioneering contributions to the research and conservation of waterfowl and their wetland habitats.

The review paper on the history of the International Waterfowl (and Wetlands) Research Bureau describes the remarkable work that he led as Director of IWRB during the 1970s–1980s, including development of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (the “Ramsar Convention”).



**Prof. Geoffrey V.T. Matthews OBE
(1923–2013)**

Photograph: Prof. Matthews with the Bewick's Swan named “Tumble” at the Wildfowl Trust (now WWT) Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, UK, by Maurice Tibbles.



Photograph: Geoffrey Matthews pursuing his early and classic work into bird navigation in the 1960s, courtesy of the Mary Matthews archive.



Photograph: Geoffrey Matthews receiving the Order of the Golden Ark from Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 1987, by Van Dam foto-video.

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