

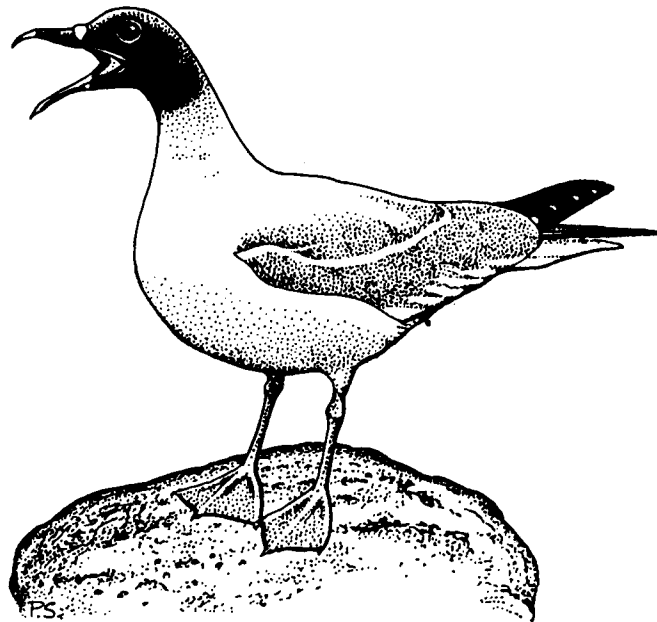
## HAROLD JEFFERSON COOLIDGE: A TRIBUTE

Harold J. Coolidge has died at the age of 81. He was born in 1904 and became a pioneer in the field of international wildlife conservation. From an early age he devoted his life to the protection of the world's natural resources and, through sixty years of relentless endeavour, lived to see conservation grow from the eccentricity of a few to a preoccupation of many. Even the words "wildlife conservation" and "ecology" had scarcely entered the general vocabulary when he began his career.

Hal was a Founder Member of the Charles Darwin Foundation and a driving force in its activities. I first met him in the Galapagos when he marshalled the proceedings for the inauguration of the Research Station in 1964 under the blazing equatorial sun. Our last meeting, only two years ago, was also in the Galapagos, where he had returned to view with deep pride how much had already been achieved in the struggle to rescue these unique islands from environmental degradation. The Galapagos owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

But his role in the Galapagos enterprise, enormously important though it was, was only a fraction of his achievement. His influence extended to every continent. He was involved in the promotion of the major environmental organizations of our time, including The World Wildlife Fund. For years he presided over the International Union for Conservation of Nature and until his death remained its Honorary President. He was a great leader and he will be sorely missed but his work will live on and his name will be remembered in the recently created Coolidge Center for Environmental Leadership.

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Swallow-tailed Gull  
*Drawing by Peter Scott*