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The second installment of our year-long tribute to Henry S. Fitch appears in this issue. A third installment will be in the September issue and the fourth and final portion will appear in December. We would like to think that Dr. Fitch would have enjoyed these notes and articles about the natural history of the animals to which he devoted much of his professional life.

Also in this issue is the second inclusion of our Invasive Species section, documenting species of amphibians and reptiles in places where they do not occur naturally and do not belong. Alien species are a major and growing concern for the conservation of native and endemic taxa throughout the world. Although interesting, the accounts that appear in this section document a tragedy imposed on natural biotas. We ask that readers of *Reptiles & Amphibians* not contribute to this problem by releasing captive animals into nature or by patronizing irresponsible breeders and merchants.

The Editors of *Reptiles & Amphibians*

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