

## DEDICATION

Brilliant, passionate, adventurous, and disciplined, Margaret McIntosh was an outstanding birder, an inspiration and an ideal to many. When we initiated the bird atlas in 1997 Margaret and her husband Bert became enthusiastic participants, spending over 700 hours in the field. Her death from pancreatic cancer on 28 August 2001 was a terrible blow to the bird atlas, to the museum's

department of birds and mammals (where she had volunteered for 10 years), and to all of us who knew her as a friend. Especially in her last few weeks, Margaret told me many times how proud she was of the project's amazing accomplishments. In recognition of her steadfast support, unwavering loyalty, and tireless effort on its behalf, right up to the very end, this atlas is dedicated to Margaret.