The Possessive Form for Personal Bird Names.

Editors of 'The Auk':

Dear Sirs: — Black, White, Brown, Green, Gray; Hill, Pond, Moor, Marsh, Wood, Lake, Beach; Fish, Bush, Crane, Stone; Little, Strong, Swift, King, Small; — these, and others of the same sort, are common surnames, and as likely to belong to naturalists as to anybody else.

Surely this is a sufficient rebuttal of the arguments in favor of dropping the possessive s and apostrophe from the common names of birds and beasts named after men.

Sincerely yours,

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