

Obituary

A Tribute to Dr Clive F Mann – Ornithologist, Friend and Kind Soul

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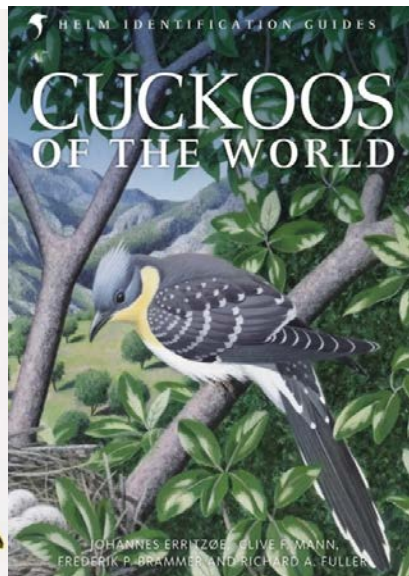
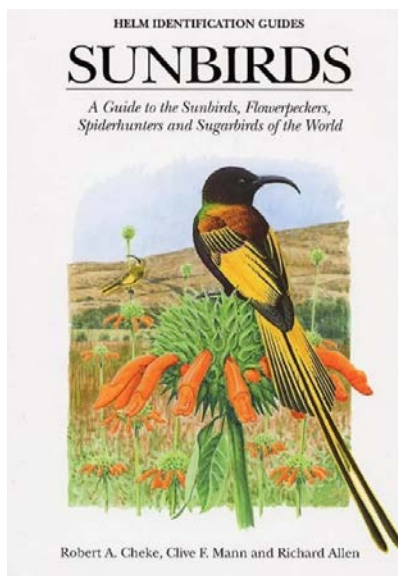
Some of us were devastated by the news that Dr Clive F Mann, suddenly and unexpectedly, died on 24th August 2022 due to a medical problem. This short article is to remember our friend and help as we work through the grief of losing him.

Some of you may know Clive as an excellent ornithologist and an expert on the birds of Southeast Asia. Clive was a member of the MNS Record Review Committee, where his special Borneo bird knowledge was put to good use.



He had written numerous research articles and three wonderful books, which include:

1. Sunbirds: A Guide to the Sunbirds, Flowerpeckers, Spiderhunters and Sugarbirds of the World. Helm Identification Guide Series, 2001, Helm. Written together with Robert A Cheke and illustrated by Richard Allen. (use image 2)
2. The Birds of Borneo. BOC Checklists Volume: 23, 2008, British Ornithologists' Union. (use image 3) At one time in his life, Clive had a teaching role in Brunei, where he took over the role of coordinating national record keeping and published intermittent country reports. This led to his book on Borneo birds.
3. Cuckoos of the World. Helm Identification Guide Series, 2012, Helm. Written together with Johannes Erritzøe, Frederik P Brammer and Richard A Fuller. (use image 4)





At the time of his demise, he was actively working on a major revision to the Helm Identification Guide - Sunbirds: A Guide to the Sunbirds, Flowerpeckers, Spiderhunters and Sugarbirds of the World with Robert Cheke. We hope this will be part of his continued legacy to all of us.

Clive was based in London, England and had a PhD in Ornithology from the City of London Polytechnic in 1979-1984. He was involved in many ornithology societies and was the past chairperson of the British Ornithologists' Club, Trust for Oriental Ornithology and the present chairperson of the Trust for Avian Systematics. He was also a long-standing member of the British Ornithologists' Union and Linnean Society of London.

Clive was far more than a gifted ornithologist. He was interested and involved in human rights, civil rights and social action, disaster and humanitarian relief, poverty alleviation and, of course, the environment.

Clive was a wonderful person and friend. He was an encouraging person and was always appreciative and respectful of the observations of others, including young birdwatchers.

Having communicated often with him, it was always a joy to listen to his insights and perspectives. He was humble and always willing to learn from others.

We shall miss his wise words and kind opinions; and especially his friendship.

We trust that he lives on in the work that he has shared with us and in the impact he has had on our lives.

18th September 2022



A Clive Mann obituary by Robert Cheke in the Guardian on 20th October 2022 in linked below: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/oct/20/clive-mann-obituary>