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On June 4, 2024, the day of his 92nd birthday, one of the luminaries of Russian ornithology, Vladimir Trofimovich Butyev (JUNE 4, 1932 – JUNE 4, 2024), passed away. His life was closely intertwined with landmark events of Russia in general and Russian science in particular. He graduated from the Geography Department of Moscow State University, worked at a polar station, and even taught students at V.P. Potemkin Moscow State Pedagogical Institute, but most of his life he spent working at the Biology and Chemistry Department of Moscow State Pedagogical Institute/University. V.T. Butyev wrote numerous works on ornithology, biogeography, and ecology. In 1977, he defended his PhD dissertation “Structure and Dynamics of the Bird Population of the Forests of the Central European Territory of the USSR”. Thanks to him, one of the largest ornithological collections in Moscow was created, which is used frequently by many specialists in taxonomy and ornithogeography. Vladimir Trofimovich was a great teacher who had trained many students, an organizer, a subtle and thoughtful researcher of the birds’ life, and simply a wonderful person. He stood at the origins of many conferences and meetings that have been regularly held in our country for many decades.

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