

# Preliminary Guide to the S. Dillon Ripley Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1066

**CREATOR:** Ripley, S. Dillon (Sidney Dillon), 1913-2001

**TITLE:** S. Dillon Ripley papers

**DATES:** 1943-1974

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of manuscripts, typescripts, and pre-publication versions of Ripley's writings on birds of Asia and other parts of the world. Also included is film footage of Ripley's 1948 trip to Nepal.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of S. Dillon Ripley, 1952-1974, and A. Whitney Griswold, 1943. Transfer from Yale University Archives, 2002.

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## Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

Sidney Dillon Ripley was born on September 20, 1913, in New York City. He received a B.A. from Yale University in 1936 and an honorary M.A. in 1961. He earned a Ph.D. in biology from Harvard in 1943. Ripley served in the Office of Strategic Services from 1942 to 1945 and received the Order of the White Elephant and Freedom Medal from Thailand. From 1946 to 1964, he served in various capacities as professor and curator at Yale University, and was director of the Peabody Museum of Natural History from 1959 to January 1964. Ripley was secretary of the Smithsonian Institution from 1964 to 1984. He also authored several books, primarily on birds. A noted ornithologist, Ripley died on March 12, 2001.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Writings are arranged chronologically by date of publication.

## Collection Contents

### Writings

#### *On the Trail of the Money Bird*

b. 1, f. 1	Manuscript and typescript drafts	[1943]
b. 1, f. 2	Typescript	[1943]
b. 1, f. 3	<i>Search for the Spiny Babbler</i> [typescript]	1952

#### *A Paddling of Ducks*

b. 1, f. 4	Typescript	1957
b. 1, f. 5	Galley proofs	1957

#### *A Synopsis of the Birds of India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and Nepal*

b. 1, f. 6	Manuscript	1960
b. 1, f. 7	Unbound printed copy	1960
b. 1, f. 8	"Cabinets, Lost and Found" [typescript; address before the Connecticut Academy of the Arts and Sciences] English	1974
b. 1, f. 9	Manuscript of a book on Southeast Asia	undated

Footage of Ripley's trip to Nepal to film birds [1948?]

The trip was sponsored jointly by Yale University, the National Geographic Society, and the Smithsonian Institution; filmed by Howard Weaver; also has footage of ceremony with Nepal dignitaries establishing diplomatic relations with United States Ambassador Loy Henderson.

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b. 2	Original <i>1 Film Reel (16mm)</i> <i>16 mm Kodachrome</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] ripley1.m4v</a>  Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy for their personal use should consult Copying Services information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.
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Reel 2

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b. 3-D	<p>Duplicating masters [color internegative; color positive]  <i>1 Videocassette (BetacamSP)</i></p>
	<p>Duplicating master of reels 1 and 2  <i>9 Computer Files (dvd-video)</i></p>
	<p>Footage of Ripley's trip to Nepal to film birds Use copy [1948?]</p>
b. 2U1	<p>Use copy [VHS of reels 1 and 2; with time code]  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i></p>
b. 2U2	<p>Use copy [VHS of reels 1 and 2; without time code]  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i></p>
b. 2U3	<p>Use copy of reels 1 and 2  <i>1 Optical Disc (DVD)</i></p>

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Birds -- Asia

### **Occupations**

Ornithologists

Zoologists

### **Names**

Ripley, S. Dillon (Sidney Dillon), 1913-2001