

Straty wśród zoologów polskich w następstwie II wojny światowej

Losses among Polish zoologists as a result of World War II

SUMMARY

The article is devoted to the memory of those zoologists who were killed in the battles of September 1939 and in the Warsaw Uprising, as well as those who were executed by the Germans or Soviets, and those who were martyred in German and Soviet concentration and labour camps or died soon after returning from such camps due to exhaustion and disease.

Altogether the life and scientific activities of 39 zoologists have been presented in the article, with biographical notes grouped into four categories, relating respectively to:

1. Those who were killed in the battles of September 1939, and those who were executed by the Germans or Soviets – 14 people,
2. Those who were killed in the Warsaw Uprising – 7 people,
3. Those who were martyred in German or Soviet camps – 10 people,
4. Those who had been imprisoned in German or Soviet and died soon after returning from such camps due to exhaustion and disease – 8 people.

The article deals with only those persons who had published at least two scientific publications before 1939 and who were connected with institutions of higher education in Poland. Apart from biographical publications, the author relied heavily on his own memories and the memories of the families and friends of those who were killed or died.