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**Virginia Marie Peterson** was a scientist and an expert on the environmental effects of oil spills. **Roger Tory Peterson** established himself as America's leading ornithologist with his best-selling *Field Guide to the Birds*. Like Audubon, Peterson received many honorary degrees and awards, including the Presidential Medal of Honor.