

Request for Assistance

Raptor Organization Registry: The Raptor Research Foundation (RRF) announces the Raptor Organization Registry whose purpose is to identify and locate the numerous splendid organizations throughout the world which are primarily concerned with raptors. RRF intends to assemble a document listing this information and distributing it among other organizations such as wildlife or conservation agencies, funding agencies, etc. Officers dealing with some aspect of the life of raptors are asked to submit: official organization name; address; brief statement of purpose; approximate number of members; major area(s) of interest; name and official position of responding individual. This information should be forwarded (on an organizational letterhead if possible) to: Richard J. Clark, vice-pres., RRF, Dept. of Biology, York College of Pennsylvania, York, Pa. 17403-3426 USA.

Migration Project: The Goshute Raptor Migration Project is looking for volunteers and funding to help in the never-ending need for conservation of raptor populations and their habitats in western North America. The objectives of the project are: to monitor raptor population trends in the region; determine movement patterns and essential habitats for raptors in the West; and to investigate and reverse the causes of raptor population declines in western North America. During the past six years, founder Steve Hoffman and several colleagues, have captured, banded and released over 4,400 raptors. Between 7,000 and 9,500 raptors comprising 16 species have been recorded each fall. For more information contact: Steve Hoffman, P.O. Box 1382, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or call (505) 291-9224.

Color-marked Southern Bald Eagles: The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. banded and color-marked Bald Eagle nestlings last spring for the second year along the Texas Gulf Coast. The right wing of the nestlings were marked with a yellow patagial tag with an alphanumeric (T-01 through T-100). The left wing was marked with a blue (light) patagial tag with a yellow spot. In addition, all birds were banded with a #9 USFWS rivet band on one leg and a color rivet band on the opposite leg. The color leg bands used in 1984-85 were red, white, black, green or combinations of these colors. All birds banded in 1985-86 were banded with a 3 cm. red band. If you see or hear of an Eagle with such markings, please notify Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, MD 20708 and David W. Mabie, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 715 S. Bronte, Rockport, Tex. 78382, (512) 729-2315. The date of observation, exact location, and if possible, the color of leg band, and which leg it is on, is of particular importance.

Scanning The Globe

Northeastern US Ospreys: It looks like continued good news for Ospreys in the northeastern US. This past year, Rhode Island produced more fledglings than it has since the 1960s and, in New Jersey, the species has officially been reclassified from endangered to threatened on the state's endangered list. In Pennsylvania, where the species was totally extirpated, over 25 Osprey young have been released through a hacking program and, once again, are being seen nesting in the state. A confirmed sighting of a Pennsylvania hacked female Osprey was even seen colonizing a new nest in Vermont this past breeding season (personal correspondence from Dr. Paul Spitzer).

(Much of the info for this article was taken from the Osprey Newsletter distributed by the Rhode Is. Dept. of Environ. Management, Div. of Fish & Wildlife and the Connecticut Osprey Update put out by the Connecticut Dept. of Environ. Protection, Wildlife Bureau.)

Return to France of the Osprey: The Osprey had not been known as a breeding species in mainland France for over 50 years. One pair has now nested and raised two young which, carefully guarded against outside interference, fledged in July, 1985. It is hoped that the Osprey may now start recolonizing France in the same way as it has done in Scotland (See Scanning the Globe Vol. 1, No. 1). Unfortunately, news from Corsica is less encouraging: only 12 out of the previous 13 pairs have been recorded, and only 8 pairs raised 17 young, whereas in 1984, 11 pairs produced 25 young.

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New Books Available

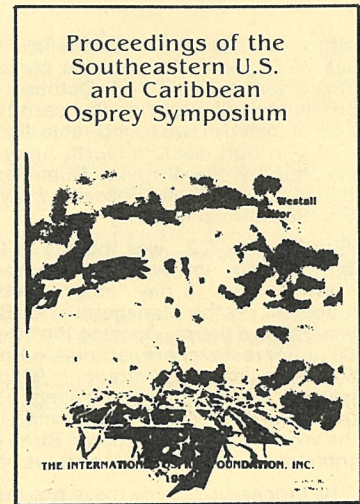
GABAR (Growth and Biology of African Raptors) is a new journal that publishes material on African raptors. Contents will include short papers, progress reports, short notes, unusual sightings, conservation problems and a Forum section. For sample copies and subscription rates contact: Robert Simmons, Editor, GABAR, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg 2001, South Africa.

Conservation Studies on Raptors — I. Newton and R.D. Chancellor (Eds.), 1985. Cambridge, England, International Council for Bird Preservation. ICBP Technical Publ. No. 5. xii + 482 pp. The cost is £25.00 (paperback). This book presents 53 of the papers given at the Second World Conference on Birds of Prey held in Greece in 1982.

Audubon Wildlife Report 1986 — A compilation of articles, reports and useful appendices covering selected wildlife species and government agencies. 1094 pp. Cost is \$34.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling for each copy. Of particular interest should be the species accounts of the Spotted Owl, Peregrine Falcon and Osprey. TIOF president, Mark A. Westall, authored the report on Ospreys. You can order the 1986 Wildlife Report from Audubon Wildlife Report, National Audubon Society, 950 3rd Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Proceedings of the
Southeastern U.S.
and Caribbean
Osprey Symposium

Copies of Proceedings of the Southeastern U.S. and Caribbean Osprey Symposium published by TIOF in 1984 are still available at \$16.00, plus postage from TIOF, P.O. Box 250, Sanibel, FL 33957.



FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 1985 — June 30, 1986 INCOME

Membership	\$ 2175.00
Fundraising	1036.00
Artificial Nesting Project	450.00
Sales — 1983 Proceedings	688.00
Symposium income	1709.00
Interest	688.00
Total Income	6746.00
Balance — June 30, 1985	3557.50
TOTAL	\$ 10,303.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Membership	\$ 54.00
Administration	668.00
Office Supplies	239.00
Osprey Captive Breeding Project	110.00
Artificial Nesting Project	308.00
Education	119.00
Travel: 1985 Regional Symposium	794.00
Total disbursements	2292.00
Balance — July 1, 1986	8011.50

Announcements

Raptor Course: The Hawk Mt. Sanctuary Association in cooperation with Cedar Crest College announce a short-course on "The Ecology and Conservation of Raptors" to be held 2-11 January 1987. The course is geared towards students (undergraduate or graduate) in the natural sciences or professionals in wildlife conservation and management who would benefit from a rigorous program concentrating on birds-of-prey ecology and conservation. Faculty will include Dr. Paul Kerlinger, Dr. Mark Fuller, Kim Titus, Robert Schutsky and Jim Brett. For more details write: Raptor Course, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary, Rt. 2, Kempton, Pa. 19529, or call (215) 756-6961.



Pennsylvania Raptor Conference: The Wildlife Information Center of Allentown, Pa., will sponsor Pennsylvania Raptor Conference 1987: Raptors and Public Education on 17 January, 1987, on the campus of Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. For more information write: Wildlife Information Center, 629 Green St., Allentown, Pa. 18102.

Conservation Expedition Competition: The International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) announces the Conservation Expedition Competition to encourage more expeditions to carry out conservation based ornithological work abroad. The competition is open to university or other teams. ICBP will contribute up to \$1,000 to the two best proposals which must have a local counterpart and clearance from the host government. Full details and entry forms are provided in a guide to the competition for a nominal fee and is available from ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, England. Deadline for proposals is 31 Jan., 1987.

World Conference on Birds of Prey: The Third World Conference on Birds of Prey will be held 22-27 March, 1987 at Eilat, Israel. The conference, organized by the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls and in cooperation with the Israel Raptor Information Center, Tel-Aviv University Dept. of Zoology, Hawk Mt. Sanctuary Association, National Wildlife Federation, International Birdwatching Center, Israeli Ministry of Tourism, Israeli Ministry of Science and Development and the municipality of Eilat. Seven paper sessions on conservation, migration, population biology, education and legislation. For more information write to: Mr. R.D. Chancellor, 15 Bolton Gardens, London SW5 0AL, UK.

New England Hawk Conference: The third New England Regional Hawk Conference will be held 4 April, 1987 at the Holiday Inn, Holyoke, Mass. Registration forms are available from HAWKS, P.O. Box 212, Portland, Ct. 06480. There are special rates for lodging at the conference center. Registration will be limited.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Two special notes of interest!!! Artificial platform programs for Ospreys continue to play an important role in the stabilization of the species in the US. Placement of these artificial nesting sites must be done with utmost care and consideration. During the past several months, it has come to TIOF's attention that Osprey fatalities have occurred near active airports due to collisions with flying aircraft. Please be cautious when erecting platforms in these areas. Also, young Ospreys are increasingly becoming entangled in plastic, or monofilament, trash which their parents have brought to the nest as nesting material. Spread the word in your area to properly dispose of this trash and wildlife health hazard.

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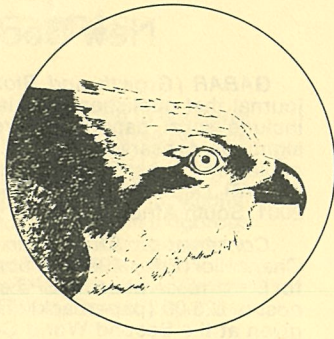
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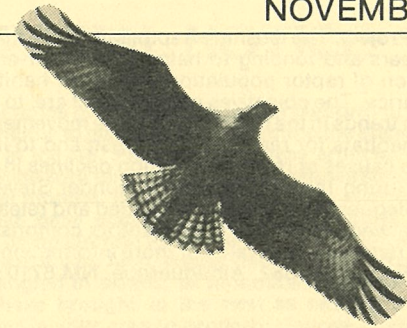
TIOF Osprey Symposiums Attracted Wide Interest

Since our last newsletter, we have successfully completed our series of regional symposiums concerning Osprey research in North America. On 23-24 October, 1984 in Blacksburg, VA., approximately 65 participants heard 10 papers, watched two films and participated in two round-table discussions concerning Osprey research in northeastern North America. This meeting was also sponsored by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Raptor Research Foundation (RRF) and preceded RRF's 1984 annual meeting.

Sacramento, CA., was the site of the Western North America Osprey Symposium held on 8 November, 1985, in conjunction with the now famous 10 day "mega-meeting" of RRF's International Symposium on the Management of Birds of Prey. More than 12 sponsors gave their support to the international meeting and over 1,000 raptor researchers participated in the overall symposium with our one-day meeting attracting 90 plus. Thirteen papers were presented at the Osprey meeting from such various areas as Alaska, Baja California and Montana. Bernd-U. Meyburg, chairman of the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls, also gave an interesting overview of the status of Ospreys in central Europe.

The proceedings from these two meetings are in the process of being published as a single volume and we hope to have them available by March, 1987. The proceedings from our first symposium entitled, *Southeastern US and Caribbean Osprey Symposium* was published in 1984 and is available from our offices for \$16.00 US.

TIOF is proud to have been able to bring Osprey researchers from around the continent together to discuss their findings with others. Through our publishing of the proceedings, it is hoped that we can spread these thoughts and ideas around the world.



International Year of the Raptor

Anyone who has ever seen an Osprey, or heard its call, will never forget their first sighting of this magnificent bird of prey. Amateurs and professionals alike have watched with wonder and amazement as this large raptor slowly circles above a shallow body of water, slows to a dead standstill and then hovers awhile (perhaps more than 100 feet above the surface) to dive straight down into the water feet first. And then, if the Osprey was skillful enough, the observers may watch him carry away his slippery prey, shake himself free of excess moisture like a dog fresh out of water, and disappear over the horizon.

But the Osprey, like so many other raptors around the world, has suffered severe population declines due largely to man's ignorance and disrespect. It has been shot by gunhandlers; had its eggs stolen by oologists; been poisoned by insect abatement programs; and lost precious hunting and nesting habitat to development and industry. Although Ospreys have made moderate recoveries in certain areas of the world, other raptor species have not been so lucky.

To that end, the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls has declared March 1987-April 1988, **The International Year of the Raptor** in an effort to reverse the worldwide trend of decline for these species. An extensive educational campaign in cooperation with conservation organizations throughout the world is being planned and TIOF will be participating to the fullest.

Letter from the President

It has been over two years since any of you have received a TIOF Newsletter and I feel it is time that you be given an explanation why.

As president and founder of TIOF, a lot of the character and personality of the organization has come from me. Unfortunately, I allowed TIOF to slip into one of the pitfalls which can occur when one individual is the major force behind the organization. The members of the board of directors had come to question their usefulness in the decision-making process of the organization. TIOF was born out of the recognition that there was a need to improve and increase communication between those studying Ospreys *throughout the world*, whether on an amateur or professional level. Some felt, however, that TIOF should become a purely localized organization interested only in Ospreys within the Southwest Florida region and even a few felt it would be best for TIOF to disband.

Fortunately, a solution was eventually reached and TIOF now has a new board which is very supportive of the goals and objectives stated in TIOF's articles of incorporation. The new board is working very hard with me to achieve these goals and objectives. TIOF has successfully completed its series of North

American regional symposiums and under the guidance of this board, the proceedings of the last two meetings are in the process of being published. Obviously, the newsletter is once again a reality. An endowment fund has also been proposed for the next budget and TIOF will hopefully begin distributing those funds to Osprey researchers through small grants in the next few years.

To those of you who have faithfully stayed by TIOF's side and continued to express your support for the organization, I send you my utmost feelings of appreciation. To those of you who have wondered "what ever happened to TIOF?", we are once again on the move and the future looks bright and exciting. TIOF has faced its first major confrontation and survived — and will be stronger because of it.

Mark A. Westall,
President

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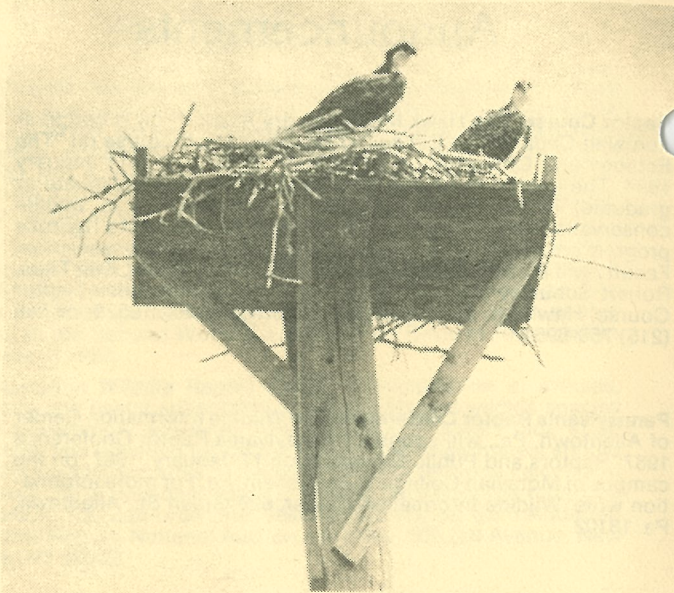
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