

Request for Information on Bald Eagles. A study is being conducted to determine the migration routes of Bald Eagles breeding in Minnesota and Bald Eagles wintering in South Dakota. Both immature and mature birds have been color-marked yellow, green, turquoise, or in combination. Information desired: color and portion of wing or tail that is marked, date of sighting, location, and activity of the bird. Exact time of sighting and name of person making the observation is also necessary. Send information to: Thomas C. Dunstan, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, 57069.

A Comment on a Camera Research Apparatus Applicable to Raptor Research. A camera apparatus was designed in 1968 to enable one to determine the number of eggs and the number and size of nestlings in nests of four birds of prey (Bald Eagle, Osprey, Great Horned Owl, and Red-tailed Hawk) which commonly are in inaccessible portions of trees and, therefore, cannot be examined from the ground or near vicinity. This apparatus was used on four additional raptors (Barred Owl, Goshawk, American Kestrel, and Broad-winged Hawk) during the 1969 breeding season.

A Polaroid Swinger camera was mounted on one of a set of five-foot sections of aluminum tubing by means of a sheet metal carriage that surrounds the camera from the back, top, and bottom and is tripped manually from the ground. The camera gives one an immediate picture large enough and of good enough quality to enable the investigator to count eggs or nestlings, needs only simple light adjustment, and has a built-in flash unit which can be inserted into cavities or used to lengthen the work day. Use of the apparatus minimizes disturbance of incubating birds, lessens the chance of fatally chilling or over heating the eggs or nestlings, eliminates chance of destroying the nest or its contents, minimizes the chance of attack from a defending bird, and eliminates the chance of the investigator falling from the tree.

Copies of a paper titled "A Camera Research Apparatus for Investigating Nests of Cavity or Canopy Nesting Birds" reprinted from December, 1968, *Loon* which gives details of carriage, uses, and photos can be obtained as a service of the R.R.F. by writing to this author. Thomas C. Dunstan, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, 57069.

Slides on Raptors. David W. Howard (Chapin Forest, 10373 Hobart Road, Willoughby, Ohio, 44094) is interested in obtaining slides of raptors for use in talks to school groups. He would be interested in hearing from anyone who has duplicates or copies for sale. He also suggests that the Foundation might provide a useful service to collect slides and sell copies to members. If there is interest in providing slides for such a service or in having such a source, please send a note to this effect to the Secretary (George Jonkel, 1848 Dakota Ave. S., Huron, S. Dak., 57350).