

Life of the Woodpecker may be of only minor use to the professional ornithologist, but it should be a useful and interesting resource for amateurs. The color plates are well done and complement the text.—Danny J. Ingold.

ROGER TORY PETERSON INSTITUTE CREATED

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute for the Study of Natural History began full-scale operations this year with the hiring of its first President, Dr. Harold D. Mahan, former director of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The Institute's primary mission is to develop programs to increase the number of serious students of natural history.

The Institute, located in Jamestown, New York, near Lake Chautauqua, has been designated as the permanent repository for Roger Tory Peterson's artwork, correspondence, slides, movies, and other materials related to his remarkable lifetime achievements.

A \$5-million headquarters facility is currently being designed, with a mid-1988 opening projected. The building will contain permanent and temporary exhibit areas for wildlife art shows (Peterson and other artists), dramatic displays on world-wide natural history, a 400-seat auditorium with 70 mm film-capability, an extensive natural history library, and research collections of natural history materials. The Institute's staff will eventually include 45 scientists, program coordinators, writers, and editors, with a mission of developing a high-quality, unique program of natural history experiences and publications on a world-wide scale. Ultimately, the Institute will have facilities and programs throughout the United States.

Early members will receive *Field Guide to the Roger Tory Peterson Institute*, a bi-monthly newsletter with articles on the progress of the Institute's construction and program development. All members will receive invitations to special events for groundbreaking and dedication of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute building, and notification of Institute programs across the U.S.

Information about the Institute and its membership program may be obtained by writing: Roger Tory Peterson Institute, 525 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701. (716) 665-5220 ext. 448, or 665-3794.