

Having conceded that much to each other, they decided to commission a study which would first dig out some of the missing facts --hopefully to point the way to better answers to the problem. With the approval of the Audubon Society and the Wool Growers Association, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife will appoint a team of investigators who have experience in the habits of sheep and in the habits of the golden eagle. The work of the investigators will be closely supervised by the policy committee to reassure objectivity in the study. They hope to carry the study through a winter-spring lambing season, from Texas north to Montana.

RAPTOR RESEARCH AND THE NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD PROGRAM

A letter from Dr. David B. Peakall remarks on the following which should be of use to our members.

"It seems to me that our two organizations could be of mutual assistance to each other. The North American Nest Record Card Program has been organized to collect, analyze and distribute information on the breeding biology of birds. One of the important functions of this program is to act as an environmental monitoring system by measuring breeding success of birds on a continent-wide basis. Naturally one of the most interesting groups, judging by the marked decrease in the last decade, are the birds-of-prey. They are also one of the most difficult groups since their nests are not found and examined in large numbers.

"We hope that members of your organization will complete cards --a few are enclosed--on all active nests found. It would also be extremely valuable if they would also fill out cards on nests from previous seasons if they have detailed records. It would not be necessary to be specific as regards location of the nest, merely the state would be enough. I hope that you will be willing to publish an appeal for records in your newsletter.

"The data collected on hawks from all sources by the nest record card program will be available to any serious worker in the field."

We hope that many of our members will cooperate in this venture. Please request cards from, and return them to:

North American Nest-Record Card Program
 Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
 33 Sapsucker Woods Road
 Ithaca, New York 14850