

RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMMITTEES

A committee structure of the Foundation is being developed. We intend to announce the appointments to the committees and their proposed activities in the first issue next year. We hope that these developments will expedite and expand the influence of the Foundation.

ON THE USE OF FAULT BARS IN AGING BIRDS OF PREY

Mrs. Frances Hamerstrom has recently published a short article on this topic in Inland Bird Banding News (Vol. 39, pp. 35-41, 1967). She has a small supply of reprints which should be of special interest to raptor banders.

RAPTOR BREEDING PROGRAM

We are happy to include a major report in this area by Frank Beebe later in this issue, but we have a few short notes of information here.

Mr. Kerry A. Muller of the Bird Division of the National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C., reports that their Rufous-thighed Falconets (Indian) had two infertile eggs, their Collared Forest-falcons laid an egg which fell and broke, and that an Elf Owl was raised this year.

The B.P.I.E. (Breeding Program Information Exchange) had a slow start but issues came out in October and November. B.P.I.E. No. 1 contained information from Don Hunter and Richard Olendorff. Hunter discusses his breeding plans for Peregrines, Gyrfalcons, American Goshawks, Red-tails, and American Kestrels. For these he raises his own food, 4-6 week old chicks. He describes the quarters and some past experience with light manipulation. His birds have had no foot trouble; he feels foot trouble is not due to hard perches, but to hitting the hard ground at the end of a leash while tethered. He recommends covering the perches of tethered birds with material from door mats with raised bristles of molded rubber. Olendorff gives a full account of a breeding attempt in 1966 with a pair of eyas American Kestrels; while the attempt was unsuccessful, the detailed information provides useful ideas for other breeding program workers.

Ryan Walden has a report in B.P.I.E. No. 2 of the facilities and plans of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia aimed at breeding Harris's Hawks, Red-tails, Swainson's Hawks, and Prairie Falcons.

NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD PROGRAM

The News printed an announcement of this program earlier (Vol. 1, No. 2, p. 21). We want to remind our readers who sent for cards to send them in, or if you did not and you have data on old or new active nests in your records, send for cards and return them to

North American Nest-Record Card Program
Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
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