

holds membership in the following organizations: National Audubon Society; Los Angeles Audubon Society; National Wildlife Federation; Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association; Santa Monica Nature Club; Save the Redwoods League; and The Wilderness Society.

The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter, The California Condor, featuring articles of interest about birds of prey; written by people who know and admire them, and people who want to do something to forestall the destruction of these majestic birds. The Society also offers its members the opportunity to visit and learn about birds of prey first hand--a series of field trips are offered quarterly each year, and participants are taken into wilderness areas to study and photograph the species of birds found in that locality. In addition, films will be shown to the interest of members, and at monthly meetings other plans and objectives of the Society will be discussed.

The Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey is supported by membership dues, contributions, and bequests from individual parties. The Society does not accept large donations over which support the amount of mailing and publishing the newsletter, field trips, and filming costs.

Membership Application blanks are available to interested individuals by writing the Society's headquarters in Pacific Palisades, California. The Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey, 1429 North Amalfi Drive, Pacific Palisades, California 90272. The membership fee is \$2.00.

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In the next two months notices and advertisements promoting the sale of this handy publication will be appearing in several major ornithological periodicals. Judging from the sales to date, the remaining copies of the bibliography could go very quickly once exposed to thousands of ornithologists and libraries through the distribution of Condor, Auk, Wilson Bulletin and Bird Study. Thus far advertisements have appeared only in Hawk Chalk and Raptor Research News, in order that members of NAFA and RRF have first crack at them. Since purchase of any and all parts will reserve (until six months after all 3 parts are out) the matching numbered copies of all 3 parts, it might be wise to purchase Part I at this time, if you intend to obtain a set at all. When copies of any part are sold to 1000 different people, sale to new subscribers will cease for six months. After that time unmatched sets will be sold.

Again, there are only 1000 copies and a large scale advertising campaign is beginning. Order now to assure your set is reserved. For further information write Richard R. Olendorff, Aggie Village 7-D, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

Important Raptor Books are Published. Of interest to all of our readers will be the following books which we hope to have reviewed in detail in the future:

Hickey, Joseph J. (Ed.) 1969. Peregrine Falcon Populations; Their Biology and Decline. 618 pp., 60 photographs. Madison: Univ. of Wisc. Press. \$10.00

Brown, Leslie, and Dean Amadon 1969. Eagles, Hawks and Falcons of the World. 2 vols., 946 pp., 311 illus. New York: McGraw-Hill. \$59.50

"Wildlife Center Short of Space." This newspaper article is from County News (Md.), May 29, 1969:

The Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, between Laurel and Bowie, has an "urgent" need for land to be used for studies of the vanishing species of American wildlife.

In a recent release, the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs said the Endangered Wildlife Research Station at the center is short about 470 acres of land needed for experiments designed to save the vanishing species, which include the whooping crane, bald eagle and California condor, among others.

The land is needed for propagation and conditioning pens and other facilities at the station, where scientists plan to hold 50 to 100 pairs of 100 or more species.

The department said that it is "vital" that the land be acquired now, since demand for property is rapidly increasing and prices are "skyrocketing."

The 470 acres are expected to cost \$1.5 million, the department said. "Funds are available for this, if Congress only will act," it noted, citing a 1965 law authorizing such appropriations.

But the department also cited another federal law limiting the acquisition funds to \$750,000 in this area, without another act of Congress.

With funds presently in view, about 180 acres adjacent to the research area can be purchased. But Rep. Edward A. Garmatz, D-Md., chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, has introduced a bill that would provide authority for the full \$1.5 million.