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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.