

Symposium on Ecology and Management of Predators. This symposium is part of the 31st Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference at the St. Paul Hilton, St. Paul, Minnesota, and is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 10. "There are 16 papers on topics ranging all the way from the philosophies of predation to predator-prey interactions and predator management."

Important Reprint. We were happy to learn that "Hawks, Owls and Wildlife," by John J. and Frank C. Craighead has been reprinted by Dover for \$3.75.

Notes on Raptor Work. We are grateful to Joe Hickey for the following information.

"Harry Reynolds received his M.S. at the University of Montana this spring with a fine thesis on the golden eagle. Carried out under John Craighead's direction and following two other studies on the same area, this is a fine report on the nesting and productivity of this species in south-central Montana."

"Clayton White worked with bald eagles and peregrines on the Aleutians during the past breeding season."

"Perhaps the outstanding discovery of the year has been Walter Spofford's finding 'several pairs' of Taita Falcons in East Africa. It would appear that Spof has now seen more individuals of this species than all the rest of the world's ornithologists put together--and living or dead!"

"Jerry McGahan, now a student of John Emlen's, has been working on South American condors in Columbia and Peru. Nests of this species are hard to find in the wilderness terrain of these two countries, but some interesting concentrations of the condors can be seen on parts of the Peruvian coast."

The editors hope that members will send in items of interest to all of us.

Information Wanted on Merlins. In an attempt to determine the distribution and status of the Merlin or Pigeon Hawk (*Falco columbarius*), past and present, I am soliciting help. This species has shown an alarming decrease in numbers on the Canadian Prairies. I am attempting to document this decrease, determine the cause, and to determine to what extent it is occurring elsewhere. As little work has been done in this species, I need much basic information.

What is the current status? Have there been any breeding records in the past 50 years in your area? Have you noticed a decrease in the number of Merlins seen since 1960?

Any information you can give me in this regard will be gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for your cooperation. Glen A. Fox, 65 Grange Street, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.