

NOTES, NEWS, AND QUERIES

Peregrine Breeding Recovery in England. Jack Mavrogordato reports from England (personal communication) a dramatic recovery in the number of breeding pairs of peregrines—up to 50% of the number of known breeding pairs before the decline generally attributed to pesticides. As yet, however, the breeding success is only one fledged young per eyrie as compared to about 2.5 before the decline.

RRF Tax Exempt. The Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., has been determined by the director of the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt. This means that gifts, grants, and contributions are deductible by the donor.

Hawks Needed for Experiment. A request has been made for anyone who might be interested in using their trained hawks in experimental bird damage control situations in Kansas. Anyone so interested should contact Mr. F. Robert Henderson, Extension Specialist, Wildlife Damage Control, Cooperative Extension Service of Kansas State University, Fairchild Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66502; phone 913-539-6731.

Commendation for the Pathology Committee. We would like to especially commend and congratulate the pathology committee for providing a very useful service to those working with raptors. Most who have had experience with handling birds of prey know the frustration of trying to get competent help in treating injuries or ailments. Now for the cost of a phone call you get a specialist consultation for yourself and/or your veterinarian. We hope you will use this service promptly and not wait until the ailment has progressed to an incurable stage. It is the editors' view that we owe at least this much to birds in our care. If a bird should die by all means avail yourself of the post-mortem service which may well provide knowledge that will prevent future losses.

Books. David Hancock offers for sale a booklet, *Adventures With Eagles*, by Lyn and David Hancock. Paperback—\$1.50; hardcover—\$3.95. Also for sale is an 80 page book (which we have not seen) entitled *Wild Islands*. Paperback—\$4.95; hardbound—\$7.95.

Eberly Resigns. With this issue Lee Eberly is terminating his services to the Foundation. We thank him for his invaluable work and wish him luck in the future.