

BOOK REVIEW

Hamerstrom, Frances. 1972. *Birds of Prey of Wisconsin*. Madison: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. 64 p. 6x9". Numerous sketches by Elva Paulson. Paper Covers.

Birds of Prey of Wisconsin is different from any regional account of birds of prey you have ever read. It is *not* true to the mold with lengthy plumage descriptions, county-by-county documentations of specimens and observations, and an inflexible format of data presentation. Instead, each species account focuses on one or more interesting attributes of the birds. Life histories, field characters, and status in Wisconsin are woven into easily-read, informative narratives. Introductory pages deal with hawk migration, vernacular names, reading field signs, raptor silhouettes, and a field key to Wisconsin's hawks, vultures and eagles. Even seasoned raptor biologists will find jewels of information during a casual evening's reading of Mrs. Hamerstrom's new book. *Richard R. Olen-dorff*.