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HAWK MOUNTAIN-ZEISS RAPTOR RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association awarded its 1989 research grant to Suzanne M. Joy, a M.S. candidate at Colorado State University. Her project is entitled "Nest-site characteristics and foraging behavior of sharp-shinned hawks in mature aspen and conifer habitats."

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is now accepting applications for its 13th annual award to support student research on birds of prey. Support for this award is provided by Carl Zeiss Optical, Inc. Up to \$2,000 in funds are available and will be awarded to one or two recipients. To apply, a student applicant should submit a brief description of his or her research program (five pages maximum), a *curriculum vitae*, a budget summary including other funding anticipated, and two letters of recommendation to Dr. James C. Bednarz, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, PA 19529, USA. The deadline for applications is 15 November 1989. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision in February 1990. Only undergraduate and graduate students in degree-granting institutions are eligible to apply. The awards will be granted on the basis of the project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to the conservation of raptor populations. The funds are no longer restricted to studies in North America and applications from anywhere in the world will be considered.

NORTH AMERICAN LOON FUND GRANTS

The North American Loon Fund (NALF) announces the availability of two grant programs for support of new or current research, management, or education projects that may yield useful information for Common Loon conservation in North America. The first of these programs, the Robert J. Lurtsema Research Award, consists of a \$1,000 stipend available annually for a suitable research project focused on a member of the Family Gaviidae. Preference will be given to students and independent researchers with limited availability of other funding. The second program offers modest grants in support of research, management, or educational projects directly related to the conservation of Common Loons as a breeding species. Proposals in the range of \$500.00 to \$3,000.00 are most likely to be considered for funding. Further guidelines for prospective applicants are available upon request from the NALF Grants Committee. Deadline for submission of proposals is December 15, 1989. Funding awards will be announced by March 15th, 1990. Please submit guideline request to: North American Loon Fund Grants Committee, North American Loon Fund, RR 4, Box 240C, High St., Meredith, NH 032253.

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