



EDITOR'S PAGE

The following letter was received on January 19. If anyone of our readers can shed any light on the situation, please write to the the author, Mr. Fuller.

Gentlemen:

While birding at Squantum one Sunday last December I found a Peterson hardcover, a Peterson soft cover and a Golden soft cover. There was no identification other than the following inscription:

"Grandbe,

Here is Peterson. Hope you spy a new bird to use it for.

Oakes"

If you or any of your readers could identify the owners for me, I'd be happy to see the books get back to their rightful owners.

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Articles, news items, and photographs should be submitted to Mr. Joseph T. Leverich, 25 Milford Street, Boston, 02118. Articles must be typed double spaced. Photographs should have date and location noted. All material is reviewed by the Editorial Board for content and suitability for publication in BIRD OBSERVER.

Wanted: Birds of Wellesley by A. P. Morse. Leif J. Robinson, 14 Willow Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts 02181. 237-5270.

Wanted: Photos of Ross' Gull and the Newburyport "scene," preferably in color. Write to Herman Weissberg, Box 23, Manchester 01944.

NORTH AMERICAN NEST RECORD CARD PROGRAM

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology is promoting two special projects in its North American Nest Record Card Program for 1974, in addition to regular collection of nesting data. With the support of the World Wildlife Fund, the Laboratory has set up a national register of birds-of-prey to monitor their breeding success in the wild. This register is an independent section of the existing Nest Record Card Program, but information will be collected on regular nest record cards. Details of nest locality will be kept secret and maintained in a master file, from which data will be released only with permission of both the original investigator and the Laboratory. Data will go back many years, so breeding success can be calculated over a long period and annual variation and long-term alterations can be seen. These data will pinpoint species and areas of concern that will enable action to be taken.

The second special research area deals with colonial nesting, such as in certain wading birds.

The Laboratory makes a special appeal for nesting records of raptors and colonial nesting birds; however, nesting data on all species of birds of North America will continue to be collected. This includes data from previous years, and researchers with large amounts of original data are invited to inquire about ways of putting these data into a form that will be of permanent value to science.