



Boreal Owl photographed by Leif J. Robinson.

#### PLANS UNDERWAY FOR HEADQUARTERS ON PARKER RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A new headquarters complex is planned to be constructed on the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. This new construction will comprise an administration and visitor contact building, a maintenance building and a residence. The combined administration and visitor contact building will provide office space for 15 to 20 personnel and facilities for interpretive exhibits and programs to accommodate up to 75 persons. The maintenance building will provide facilities to support refuge operations and maintenance. The residence will be a three bedroom house located on the site to provide for the security and protection of refuge property and resources.

The site for this construction is on an existing managed site centrally located on the refuge. This site is currently occupied by equipment storage buildings. Some of these existing structures will be incorporated into the new headquarters complex.

This project is part of several development projects proposed for funding under the Bicentennial Land Heritage Program. This is a special program initiated in 1977 to provide funds to upgrade facilities on National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges.

This and other proposals were discussed during a public meeting which was held August 24, 1978. An environmental assessment and negative declaration has been prepared for the B.L.H.P. projects proposed at Parker River Wildlife Refuge.

Views and comments regarding this project may be addressed to the Refuge Manager, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Northern Blvd., Plum Island, Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950.