

may merit their best efforts. From all this sufficient data must inevitably accumulate to find answers to the questions we posed and to prove or disprove some of the guesses we made.

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-- The Schnitzers are returning to Monhegan for a fourth year of banding for about two weeks commencing Labor Day, 1963. Persons interested in helping with the netting or as observers are invited to join them in this challenging and worthwhile project.



HAWKS HIGH IN THE ANDES

From a letter by Frank P. Frazier, Jr., EBBA News' Associate Editor

Frank writes from Peru that he spent four days in late July on a trip in his new red Volkswagen to the Callejón de Huaylas, a hundred-mile-long valley in the Andes, well north of Lima. Among the peaks flanking this valley is Huascarán, Peru's highest mountain. Frank drove through a pass around 13,000 feet high, with Huascarán some two miles away and nearly two miles above him. He writes:

"Over the high grassland, I saw a big black and white hawk (*Phalco-boenus albogularis*) (same as the ones we first saw and identified when you were here), and then a couple more, and stopped to watch them; then I saw a couple more sitting on stones, then about five in the air. I began to look around more carefully, and realized that the neighborhood was full of them! I fired a shot into the air with my pistol, and the air was full of these hawks - an amazing sight. As far as I could tell, all were of this species - many were dark brown, some blackish, presumably gradations of immature plumage, but all were the same size and shape, and together; only three other species of this type that I know of here, and none of the birds were these. I must report this to Maria Koepcke, since a gathering of perhaps 50 hawks has to be interesting. . . ."

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