

Breeding Project Information Exchange. B.P.I.E. No. 11 was issued July 26, 1969, and consisted of a request by Donald V. Hunter, Jr. (Centerville, S.D.) for summaries of observations and results, both positive and negative, from those working on breeding projects. He indicated a need for specific information on diet and feeding, description of quarters, history of the birds, lighting system and timing, disturbances, and individual characteristics of the birds. He also discussed his female Goshawk which has built a nest and laid an egg but so far a male has not been available.

Continental Osprey Survey. On May 24 a continental Osprey survey was initiated through the Raptor Research Foundation to:

1. Coordinate local individual studies of Osprey on a continental basis.
2. Provide statistical data for analysis on a continental basis.
3. Bring together individual workers for comparative discussions and problem solving.
4. Promote further study of this species with special emphasis on both ethological and ecological relationships between Osprey and man.
5. Provide statistical data from as far back as possible that will be compiled and presented as supporting evidence as to the success of this species.

To date approximately 30 individuals or organizations have been contacted because of past or present interest and research on this species. Thomas C. Dunstan, Project Chairman, reports that the project has been enthusiastically accepted by those concerned at private, state, and federal levels from coast to coast.

The survey includes the study of breeding success, ecology, migration patterns, diseases and parasites, and development of research techniques. Photographs showing nesting ecology and related ecological aspects are being solicited as well as related reprints and unpublished reports. These materials will be housed at the Raptor Research Foundation office and made available to workers for future reference.

Persons interested in contributing to the study may contact Thomas C. Dunstan, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, 57069. Reports for 1969 are due prior to November 15 with data to be compiled by January 15, 1970. All contributors will receive a copy of the progress report of the study. This project demands strict scheduling and due dates must be maintained. Constructive criticism is welcomed at all times and is necessary for a project of this magnitude.