

Population Studies. We have received several comments on the population committee report in the last issue. The report was based on the returns from an information request sent out earlier. This request was brief and fairly general. It is encouraging to see the number of responses. All of the responses were included; this inclusiveness resulted in three types of problems. The first is probable errors; in at least two places there are questionable identifications which might have been eliminated in editing. Second, there is the shortage of quantitative data in some of the reports; and third, there is the use of secondary sources including newspapers.

There were several reasons for including all of the reports. First, it gives an idea of the variety of information generated by this approach thereby suggesting improving modifications. A number of the reports are excellent and can be used in comparisons in the future. Second, proper refereeing would have been very delaying and time consuming. It is hoped that reviewing of the material can be an integral part of the system. Secondary information was used when available when no direct information on an area came to the committee. As a first attempt your editors feel the report provides some useful information and some ideas for organizing a more inclusive survey.

We wish to thank Mr. Don Adolphson who served as the first Chairman of this committee and to George Jonkel who helped assemble the material. Don has become Editor of the *South Dakota Bird Notes* so the Board of Directors is contacting potential Chairmen who can develop this important committee.

Animal Rehabilitation Centre. Elsewhere in this issue the Burketts describe their breeding experiments. They also mentioned that they would be delighted to meet any members who might be visiting in England.

Request for information on color-tagged Mississippi Kites. As part of a study of the ecology and population dynamics of the Mississippi Kite, adult and juvenile birds are being color-tagged, banded with U.S. Fish and Wildlife bands, and released in areas of southwestern Kansas, western Oklahoma, and north central Texas. Marked birds carry a large plastic oval on the humeral area of each wing, and colors used have been white, red, orange, yellow, dark green, dark blue, and light blue. Information desired includes: color of plastic oval on each wing; date, time and location of sighting; activity of the bird; and observer. Your assistance will be appreciated. Respondents will receive information concerning the observed bird. Please send information to: James W. Parker, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.