

nonprofessionals that have an especially difficult time identifying North American hawks. The item of most use to experienced field biologists may be the list and brief description of well-used hawk migration sites in regions unfamiliar to them.

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The Study of Raptor Populations. Donald R. Johnson. The University Press of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843, 2nd ed, 1981. 80 pages, \$6.95.

This is Don Johnson's second edition of his useful little booklet. The first edition was in offset format on $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ paper, this one is typeset and of a smaller size, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$. Don revised his first edition after the appearance of Newton's *Population Ecology of Raptors* and has thus been able to take advantage of some of Newton's information, references, etc. The booklet contains the following chapters: Identification, Census Techniques, Productivity, Survival, Mortality, Food, Prey Base Studies, Niche Relationships, Energetics, Migration, Sexual Dimorphism and Raptors as Predators. The layout of the chapters can be represented by chapter 3 on Productivity and has the following sub-titles: Clutch Size, Brood Size, Fledgling Success, Other Related Parameters and Reproductive Strategies. Each chapter is only 4-5 pages long including the literature cited. Here Don has tried to sift through the literature and present enough to give the reader a good idea of the topic. For example, his chapter 3 contains 62 references. Some of the shorter chapters, such as Sexual Dimorphism, has only 14 references. The book treats both hawks and owls with emphasis mainly on North American forms. The concept of the booklet, as I see it, is to provide those interested in raptors, but not necessarily knowledgeable of them, a handy and ready reference. I have also found it very useful to give me a quick review of the "meat" of the subject. To be sure, there are many good references not included but on balance the booklet serves a useful purpose and for the nominal price, I heartedly recommend it.

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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

An *ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY* on raptors in Alaska and adjacent portions of western Canada (Yukon Territories and western British Columbia) is being prepared for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Alaska Biological Research. References, reprints, or unpublished articles dealing with any aspects of raptor ecology in these geographic areas (e.g. distribution, food habits, productivity) would be appreciated.

At the same time the USFWS is developing a *MAILING LIST* of knowledgeable sources and parties interested in raptors in these areas. If you are interested in being put on this mailing list or have reference material for the bibliography, please write to:

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