



“The Peregrine Falcon At Reelfoot Lake”

By Murrell Butler

Limited Edition Print of 2,500

A tree-nesting “Duck Hawk” populated the Mississippi and Ohio River areas in times past. A remnant nesting population was first documented during the 1930’s at Tennessee’s Reelfoot Lake by the late Albert F. Ganier. During the 1940’s a new nest site was discovered on the west side of the lake by Dr. Walter R. Spofford, then Professor of Anatomy at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Spofford and a few carefully selected observers made yearly nesting observations until the early 1950’s.

Mr. Thomas S. Butler was privileged to have been among those who spent many days recording the events of each year’s breeding season beneath the enormous cypress tree that served as the falcons’ nest site. During the late 1970’s a happy circumstance led Tom to meet Murrell Butler, a distant cousin from Louisiana. Murrell was an accomplished wildlife artist and became enthralled by the tales of a Peregrine Falcon that once nested in the snag of the mammoth cypress tree. A subsequent trip to the nest site (the cypress still stands!), the relocation of old photographs and consultation with friends and fellow falconers culminated in this magnificent painting by Murrell Butler.

“The Peregrine Falcon at Reelfoot Lake” portrays the last known North American tree nest of the Peregrine. Available in a 16” by 20” limited edition print of 2500, the introductory price is \$65.00 for prints #1 - #500. The introductory price includes postage within the fifty states and a \$10.00 donation to The Raptor Research Foundation, Inc. The price will advance to \$125.00 per print for #2001 - 2500, according to the following schedule: #1 - 500, \$65.00; #501 - 1000, \$75.00; #1001 - 1500, \$85.00; #1501 - 2000, \$95.00; #2001 - 2500, \$125.00; Arkansas residents will need to add state, city and/or county sales tax). Prints may be ordered directly from Mr. Thomas S. Butler, Butler Galleries, 28 Fairmont Street, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632, USA. Payment may be made by check, money order, VISA or MASTERCARD.