

ANNOUNCEMENT

LIT — a Literature Retrieval System Using dBASE II — is a literature cataloguing system for use with personal computers. While the LIT System (\$30.00) can be used for literature on any subject, a prepared Keyworded Data Base is available including all publications (783 items) of the Raptor Research Foundation, Inc. (\$20.00 on disk or hard copy) New Data Bases are being prepared for all raptor references in Auk, Condor, Wilson Bulletin, etc. Also available is the LIT Ornithological Keyword List of nearly 900 Keywords (\$15.00 on disk or hard copy for use with other systems).

The following is a summary of LIT features and computer requirements:

- Very quick and easy start-up, maintenance and expansion in dBASE II on most MS-DOS computers.
- Rapid menu-driven data base creation, data entry and Keyword management.
- Permanent, efficient and cost-effective generation of Keyworded bibliographies selected by author, title, citation, subject (Keywords), geographic location, etc.
- Computer must have dBASE II software, but operator need not know how to use dBASE.
- Computer must have a printer and at least two floppy disk drives (or one floppy and a hard disk) capable of reading 360K discs. RAM size must accommodate dBASE.
- All source code is included for dBASE programmers.
- Thorough documentation, sample data entry sheets, suggested data entry formats, and a sample Keyword List are all included.
- LIT is far more than a computer program; it is also an easy to follow concept for small library/reprint file management.

For more information and a free brochure, write Richard R. Olenдорff, 6009 Viceroy Way, Citrus Heights, California U.S.A. Complete documentation (37 pp.) is available for \$5.00, which will be deducted from the LIT System purchase price at the time of purchase.

Proceedings of the Southeastern United States and Caribbean Osprey Symposium — published by The International Osprey Foundation, Inc., edited by Mark A. Westall. Eleven papers, 132 pages. Copies can be ordered from The International Osprey Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 250, Sanibel, FL 33957 USA. Price: \$16.00 U.S.

The Southwestern Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop will be held on the University of Arizona Campus, Tucson, 22-25 May, 1986. The Symposium will focus on raptors in the southwestern United States and adjacent Mexico. Sessions will cover raptor biology, management and research techniques, impact mitigation, and population status. There will also be a workshop on research and management priorities. For more information, or if you are interested in presenting a paper, contact Brian A. Millsap, Raptor Information Center, Institute for Wildlife Research, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Bird Banding by Elliott McClure, The Boxwood Press, Pacific Grove, California. 341 pp., 5½ x 8½, paper: **\$15.00.** — While this is a general book on bird banding there are several sections concerning raptors. McClure spent a large portion of his active professional life in Southeast Asia and much of the material is drawn from his experiences there. There are 13 distinct sections varying from the geological background of migration routes (the example is from Southeast Asia), nets and snares, banding nestlings, to the art of record keeping. There are 35 index entries for birds of prey (11 of those are for owls). Under the section, "The Bird and its Banding Idiosyncrasies," there is a page and a half devoted to owls and 2 pages to falconiforms. Most of the standard trapping methods used on hawks are discussed (many variations of the Bal-chatri). An interesting method of snaring the buzzard (*Butastur*) is discussed at some length. This book has some valuable tips for raptor banders and it is well worth looking at. — C.M. White.