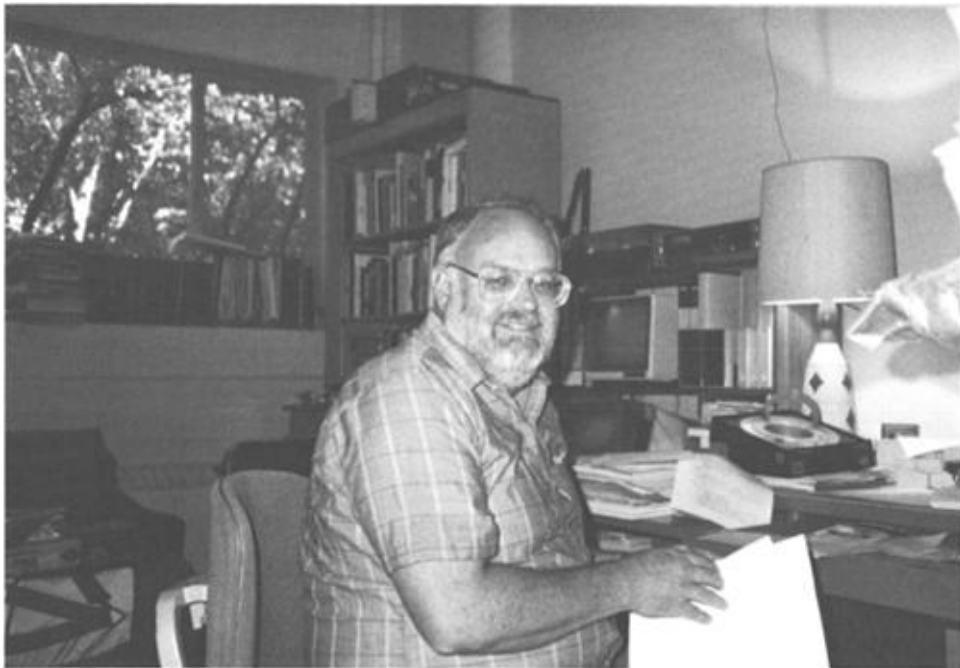


IN MEMORIAM: JAMES R. KOPLIN

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James R. Koplin, a long-standing member of The Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., died on 18 May 1987. Jim Koplin was born in Monte Vista, Colorado on 9 June 1934 and obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees in Wildlife Technology from the University of Montana, Missoula, in 1959 and 1962, respectively. He received his Ph.D. in Zoology from Colorado State University, Fort Collins in 1967. Jim was an Assistant Professor of Biology at the State University of New York at Albany from 1965 to 1967. During the summers of 1966 through 1968, he also served as a Visiting Professor of Zoology at the University of Montana Biological Station at Flathead Lake. In 1967 Jim joined the faculty of the Department of Wildlife Management at Humboldt State University, where he taught and conducted research for the following 20 years. During this time he also served as Director of Graduate Studies of the School of Natural Resources (1970-1974) and Chairman of the Department of Wildlife Management (1974-75 and 1976-77).

Jim Koplin's early research contributions included important papers on competitive exclusion in voles and nu-

merous articles on woodpecker predation. More recently, he made significant contributions to our understanding of the behavioral ecology, nesting biology, energetics, and habitat use of raptors. Those of us who knew and worked with Jim over the years, greatly appreciated his leadership and biological intuition. We also loved him for his company, his wit, and once a year, for his lousy graphics.

Perhaps the most significant contribution Jim Koplin made to the fields of raptor biology and wildlife ecology was in training young professionals. In his 20-plus years as an educator, literally thousands of young scientists took his courses in wildlife ecology, management and population dynamics. As a result of his long-term commitment to training young ecologists, Jim Koplin's contributions will be felt for many years to come. Jim is survived by his wife Phyllis, his mother, one son, two daughters, four brothers, one sister, and seven grandchildren.

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