

Communications

To the editor—

As the result of my recent re-examination of the specimen, the adult Swainson's Hawk listed by Ralph Browning (*Amer. Bds.* 28:867, 1974) should be deleted as substantiating the winter occurrence of this species in New Mexico. I find that the identification is correct, as first ascertained by D.M. Miles in 1967, but the bird was certainly an escapee from captivity and not wild. Evidence supporting this statement include the several irregularly broken remiges and especially rectrices, excrement stains on the tips of the tail and primaries, and claws worn to the point of dullness. The wear of the claws points to confinement in a concrete-floored enclosure, and is frequent in zoo birds (Tom Smylie, pers. comm.). From what I can ascertain, the bird in question was found dead or dying by the late W.W. Hill, who was apparently unaware that it was an escapee.

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Meetings Scheduled 1975.

National Audubon Society. 68th National Convention. New Orleans, Louisiana. April 17-21. Theme — Ecosystems and Audubon Goals: The Gulf Influence. Registration: National Audubon Convention, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

American Birding Association. May 22-25. Point Pelee, Ontario, Canada. Registrar: J.E. Mason, 265 Markland Drive, Apt. 205, Etobicoke, Ont. M9C 1R5.

Cooper Ornithological Society = Wilson Ornithological Society, joint meeting. Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont., June 11-15. Chairman of Local Committee: Clifford U. Davis, 1620 S. 3rd. Bozeman, Mont. 59715. Program Chairman: Douglas A. James, Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C., 20545.

American Ornithologists' Union. 93rd Stated Meeting. August 25-29. Winnipeg, Manitoba. Chairman of Local Committee: Spencer G. Sealy, Department of Zoology, Duff Robbin Bldg., University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. Program Chairman: Alan H. Brush. Biological Science Group, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. 06268.

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