

## Photo Salon

**A**MERICAN BIRDS has decided to not sponsor the Salon of Photography competition this year. In its place we will feature individual photographers and artists in issues throughout the year. We invite you to submit your photographs or artwork to *American Birds* at your convenience. Since the magazine depends heavily on independent submissions for many of its published illustrations, it is with great anticipation that we look forward to reviewing all submissions. Our photo/art guidelines can be obtained upon request, to assist in the selection of submitted material.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

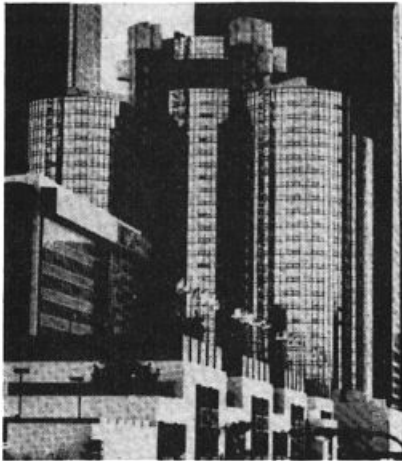
50 Years of Conservation, Education and Research—1984 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. The Sanctuary, situated on the crest of the Appalachian Mountains in eastern Pennsylvania was the first sanctuary in the world for birds of prey. Since 1934, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary has led the world in raptor conservation, education and research.

Prior to the founding of the Sanctuary, Hawk Mountain was the site of the yearly autumnal slaughter of hawks, falcons and eagles as they migrated out of eastern North America to their wintering grounds in the southern United States, the West Indies and South America.

Because of the Sanctuary's unique topography and its high rock promontories, fourteen species of northeastern diurnal birds of prey can be easily viewed at surprisingly close range.

Beginning in mid-August with the southern movement of the Bald Eagle, Hawk Mountain becomes host to thousands of visitors who walk the mile-long trail from the Visitor Center to the famous North Lookout to witness one of the greatest spectacles nature has to offer. From this rocky vantage point, one thousand feet above the Schuylkill River, a 70-mile panorama opens up. Like the prow of a ship, the lookout juts out from the surrounding mountain ridges and visitors often have the opportunity of viewing the migrating hawks from above. An average of 25,000 raptors pass by each fall with Broad-winged Hawks making up the bulk of the flight. They come in mid-September. When the weather conditions are favorable one can see as many as 10,000 Broad-wingeds in a single day. From late summer until the cold winds come in December, hawks and eagles are on the move. The season is drawn to a close with the passing of the majestic Golden Eagles, the largest of North American raptors. Hawks are not the only migrants passing over Hawk Mountain. Throughout the fall thousands of waterfowl, shorebirds and warblers pass over the North Lookout.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, a 2000-acre refuge, has ongoing educational and research programs concerning not only



### PEREGRINES IN THE CITY?

You'd think the big cities would be the last place for peregrine falcons, with all their pollution, human crowding, and building density.

We, for one, do not think peregrines belong there. Instead, it would make more sense to insure the protection of unspoiled areas—for the benefit of all wildlife.

Man shouldn't write-off crucial habitat to development. Then use its loss as an excuse to get peregrines to switch from cliff nesting to structure nesting.

To receive a copy of our editorial about peregrines in the cities, write: The Birds of Prey Society, Box 891, Pacific Palisades, Calif. 90272.

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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E7  
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To help commemorate the occasion of the semi-centennial, wildlife artist Ned Smith was commissioned to portray the drama and magic of Hawk Mountain. Ned, who lives along the Appalachian Mountain ridge system west of Hawk Mountain, has had a long-time interest in the Sanctuary and his "Hawk Mountain Gold" captures his feelings for both the mountain and the Golden Eagles passing by the North Lookout.

"Hawk Mountain Gold", while commissioned, was presented to the Sanctuary by Ned Smith to be used in a major fund-raising program to purchase 200 additional acres of mountain land adjacent to the Sanctuary. A limited edition print has been produced by Sportsman's Specialties and is available either framed or unframed. The original art will be raffled on December 30, 1984 at the Sanctuary Visitor Center. Persons interested in the raffle can obtain tickets through the Sanctuary at RD#2 Kempton, Pennsylvania, 19529.

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THE HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY ASSOCIATION is accepting applications for its eighth annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$500 award, students should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation by 31 October 1984, to James J Brett, Curator, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Rt. 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529. The Association's Board of Directors will make a final decision late in 1984. Only students enrolled in a degree-granting institution are eligible. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to conservation of North American raptor populations.

### NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION RESEARCH GRANT

The E. Alexander Bergstrom Memorial Research Fund of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, Inc., promotes research on birds. Small grants, usually not exceeding \$200, are available to cover expenses but not salaries or overhead charges to institutions. Further details and application forms may be obtained from Susan Roney Drennan, Chairman, NEBBA Research Committee, *American Birds*, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. The deadline for filing completed applications is February 15, 1985.

### 1985 RESEARCH GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Maryland Ornithological Society announces the availability of one-year research grants for ornithological research to be conducted in the State of Maryland. Ornithological research anywhere in the state or ecological research at one of the M.O.S. sanctuaries is acceptable. Grants are for not more than \$250 and will be awarded on a competitive basis. The deadline for receipt of proposals is January 15, 1985. For further information write: Margaret Hubbard Jones, Chairman, M.O.S. Research Committee, Route 1, Box 325, Golts, MD 21637. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by March 1, 1985.

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The XIXth International Ornithological Congress will take place in Ottawa, Ontario, June 22-29, 1986. Professor Klaus Immelmann (West Germany), is President, and Dr. Henri Ouellet (Canada), is Secretary General. The program is being planned by an international Scientific Program Committee chaired by Professor J. Bruce Falls (Canada). The program will include plenary lectures, symposia, contributed papers and posters, and films. Pre- and post-Congress excursions and workshops are planned in ornithologically interesting regions of Canada. Information and requests for application forms should be addressed to: Dr. Henri Ouellet, Secretary General, XIX Congressus Internationalis Ornithologicus, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0M8.

**RAPTOR COLLISIONS** with utility lines: The United States Bureau of Land Management, Sacramento, in cooperation with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, is assembling all available published and unpublished information concerning collisions of raptors with power lines and other utility lines. Actual case histories—no matter how circumstantial or fragmentary—are needed. Please acknowledge that you have such information by writing to Dr. Richard R. Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825; telephone number is 916-484-4541. A form on which to record your information will then be sent by return mail.

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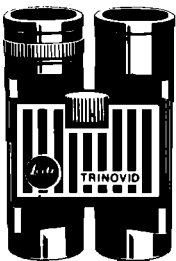
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A NEBRASKA Breeding Bird Atlas Project is being organized. A 5-year data collection period is planned, with 1984-1988 as the projected time frame. Anyone willing to participate in this project or who wants more information is invited to contact the project organizer, Wayne J. Mollhoff, 736 South Third, Albion, NE 68620.

Pelecaniformes) and II (Anseriformes) have been reprinted and also are available. A list of other NCET publications can be obtained upon request.

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November 1981 marked the beginning of concerted efforts to atlas North American breeding birds with a conference in Woodstock, VT. Stimulated by this event and by the ensuing article in *American Birds* (Laughlin *et al.*, *AB* 36:6-19, 1982), Pennsylvanians began organizing an atlas effort in September 1982.

Preliminary field work began during the 1983 breeding season with an initial goal of testing the feasibility of a statewide Pennsylvania atlas. In 1983 only 161 of the state's 5037 blocks were atlased, but the results were encouraging. These initial results indicated that the region's vast, sprawling and diverse community of independent birders could be organized and coordinated successfully. Moreover, the initial effort discovered the state's first breeding Dickcissels since 1936.

The following breeding season (1984) was then declared the first "official" year of a formal 5-year project. Forty regions were identified, and Regional Coordinators were found for most. A 1984 atlas goal of 900 blocks was set. Coverage will include blocks within almost all of Pennsylvania's counties.

In May 1984 the state's Wild Resource Conservation Board allocated funds to the project from Pennsylvania's non-game income tax check-off, further invigorating Pennsylvania's atlas efforts. While these monies go a long way toward insuring the long-term success of the project, continuing volunteer help and encouragement, as well as contributions from Pennsylvania's Audubon societies and bird clubs, remain as vital necessities. All birders in and around Pennsylvania are invited to participate. Please contact: Edward Fingerhood, Project Coordinator, Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas Project, Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th and the Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103.



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