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Western Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

One of the most pressing tasks for Western Bird Banding Association is recruiting new members. WBBA would slowly disappear without new members and dues would escalate. Howard Cogswell, Membership Chairman, performs an invaluable function by telling new banding permittees in the western states about WBBA. The rest of us need to help also. Many of us know people, interested in banding, who might join if encouraged. Since the function of WBBA is to help all of us become better banders, joining benefits both the individual and the organization. Let's encourage all non-members to join.

WBBA is operating on a deficit budget this year, due to an accelerated publishing schedule for NABB. *We will welcome donations.* Purchases of John Dunning's monograph on bird weights will also help our treasury and will add a valuable resource to your library. Where else can you get that much useful information for \$3.75? Another way to help our treasury is to purchase a WBBA T-shirt from Charlie Collins. Wear it. It's a great conversation starter.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 1985 WBBA meeting next June in Estes Park, Colorado. The meeting, preceding the joint Cooper-Wilson meeting, will offer you an interesting and enjoyable time in a spectacular setting adjoining Rocky Mountain National Park.

Dr. Robert Tweit

Raptor Research Foundation Conference—November 1985 Announcement and First Call for Papers

The 1985 Raptor Research Foundation (RRF) International Meeting and Symposium on the Management of Birds of Prey will be held at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California, November 2-20, 1985. Highlights of the meeting will include: 1) the Second RRF Conference on Raptor Conservation Techniques—Twelve Years of Progress, 1973-1985; 2) a Western Hemisphere Meeting of the World Working Group on Birds of Prey (ICBP); 3) the Second International Vulture Symposium; 4) a Western North America Osprey Symposium; 5) a Workshop on North American Candidate Endangered Raptors; 6) an International Symposium on Raptor Reintroduction; and 7) a Symposium on Raptor Rehabilitation, Captive Breeding, and Public Education. For more information or if you are interested in presenting a paper, please contact Dr. Richard R. Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, or Nancy Venizelos, San Francisco Zoological Society, Sloat Blvd. at the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco, California 94132.