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for the BBL to assist with the cost of producing the NABB archive. At her request, we submitted a grant proposal, and the rest is history (or, more accurately, the result is online now). Thank you, Mary!!!

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Recent Literature

BANDING HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHIES

In memoriam: Frances Hammerstrom. D. E. Gawlik and R. K. Anderson. 1998. *J. Raptor Res.* 32:i-iv. Everglades Systems Res. Div., South Florida Water Manage. Dist., 3301 Gun Club Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406 (Brief biographical tribute to both Francis and Frederick Hammerstrom, who were among the pioneers of long-term studies of birds, using extensive banding. Although best known for their grouse and raptor projects, they studied a wide variety of birds and were mentors of several prominent researchers.) MKM

BANDING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES

Estimating core ranges: a comparison of techniques using the Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*). K. H. Hodder, R. E. Kenward, S. S. Walls, and R. T. Clarke. 1998. *J. Raptor Res.* 32:82-89. Inst. Terr. Ecol., Furzebrook Res. Stn., Warham, Dorset BH20 5AS, U.K. (Two methods of analyzing movements of radio-tagged buzzards to determine home ranges are compared. Use of a cluster

analysis allows exclusion of excursive, exploratory movements, often over inappropriate habitat, and emphasizes the core area used by the hawks.) MKM

A new trap design for capturing Spotted Owls. C. L. Johnson and R. T. Reynolds. 1998. *J. Raptor Res.* 32:181-182. U.S.D.A. For. Serv., Rocky Mtn. Res. Stn., 240 W. Prospect St., Fort Collins, CO 80526 (Manually operated noose trap baited with a mouse.) MKM

Evaluation of neck-mounted radio transmitters for use with juvenile Ospreys. L. N. Gilson. 1998. *J. Raptor Res.* 32:247-250. Raptor Res. Cent., Dept. Biol., Boise State Univ., 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725 (Reactions by nestlings and retention rates were compared between eight nestlings fitted with modified necklace-style transmitters in 1993 and 16 nestlings equipped with pendant-style transmitters in 1994. Necklace-style mounts were less expensive, easier to construct, and faster to attach to nestlings than back- or tail-mounted transmitters. Rubber band mounts were faster to apply but harder to adjust than nylon-