

Barn Owls hunting by daylight in Surinam.—In my "Birds of Surinam" (1968) I stated that the local race of the Barn Owl (*Tyto alba hellmayri*) in Surinam is strictly nocturnal. Since writing this I have twice observed a Barn Owl hunting by daylight.

On 11 June 1967 I saw one at 11:00, in bright sunlight, quartering the open and sandy savanna bordering the runway of the airfield at Zanderij. When the bird came nearby I collected it. It was a male in non-breeding condition and it had only a small lizard (Teiidae) in its gizzard. Its weight was only 387 grams. Eleven other specimens from Surinam averaged 486 g (extremes 410–558 g).

On 9 February 1968 at 10:00, once more in bright sunlight, I watched a Barn Owl hunting along the dam through a newly planted citrus plantation near Paramaribo. Three times it pounced down on the grassy roadside but it missed its prey each time. I am sure that it was chasing lizards which were numerous on the roadside.—F. HAVERSCHMIDT, *Wolfskuilstraat 16, Ommen, Holland, 29 March 1969.*

Food preferences of a hand-raised Blue Jay.—The kind of food that a Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) eats depends largely upon the kind available in a given locality at a particular time of the year (Dyche, Trans. Kansas Acad. Sci., 21:130–137, 1908). Beal (USDA Yearbook 1896:197–206, 1897) examined 292 Blue Jay stomachs and Dyche (op. cit.) examined over 150 stomachs. Both authors agreed that approximately 24 per cent of the total yearly diet consisted of animal food (mostly arthropods) while 76 per cent was plant material (predominantly seeds and accessory structures). Good-

TABLE 1
PLANT PRODUCTS CACHED OR EATEN BY RB 2 IN ADDITION TO REGULAR DIET.

Plant & Plant Products Sampled	Preference	Plant & Plant Products Sampled	Preference
Peas	+++	Coffee (cream)	+
Onions	+	Coffee (sugar)	++
Bean sprouts	++	Tea (any form)	+
All green vegetables	+	Carbonated soft drinks	-
Pineapple*	-	Beer (stale)	+++
Banana	+	Beer (fresh)	+
Blueberries	+++	Other alcoholic beverages	-
Raspberries	++	Candy & granulated sugar	+++
Strawberries	+	Peanuts	+++
Cooked fruits & fruit desserts	+	Almonds	++
Oranges & orange juice	+++	Acorns	-
Grapefruit & juice	+	All other nuts	+
Lemons & juice	+	Popcorn	++
Sweetened fruit juices	++	Potato chips	++
Pickle juice	+++	Tobacco	+++
Coffee (black)	-	Paper**	+
Coffee (cream & sugar)	+++	Houseplants & cut flowers	++

- = not eaten or cached
+ = eaten or cached infrequently when available
++ = eaten or cached regularly when available
+++ = eaten or cached with great frequency when available
* Whole pineapples were mobbed.
** Paper was eaten only when it accompanied a preferred item.