

In view of the successful experience of the Wilson Society with regard to the participation of the amateur, I would make a recommendation concerning group projects in ornithology. I think that the reason the Wilson Society survived and flourished under the blend of amateur and professional expertise is that both groups realized a common goal of accomplishment. This means that amateurs like professionals were encouraged not only to gather pertinent data relative to their studies, but also could follow through in data analysis, and could develop the conclusions pertaining thereto. If more group projects are forthcoming that involve the mobilization of amateurs to collect ornithological data relating to important avian research problems, then the same amateurs, to really become involved and motivated, should have the opportunity in these projects to participate in the data analysis, data interpretation, and in forming appropriate conclusions. This to me is the real lesson arising from the past experience of The Wilson Ornithological Society and is the overriding dominant principle that spells success to the cooperation between the amateur and professional in producing significant advances in the science of ornithology.

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#### HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The winner of the first annual Hawk Mountain Research Award was James C. Bednarz of Iowa State University for his studies of the "Status and habitat utilization of the Red-shouldered Hawk in Iowa."

The Board of Directors of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association announces its second annual award of \$250 for support of raptor research. The Hawk Mountain Research Award is granted annually to a student engaged in research on raptors (Falconiformes).

To apply, students should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation by 31 October 1978 to: Mr. Alex Nagy, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Route 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529.

A final decision will be made by the Board of Directors in February 1979.

Only students enrolled in a degree granting institution are eligible. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. Projects will be judged competitively on the basis of their potential contribution to improved understanding of raptor biology and their ultimate relevance to conservation of North American hawk populations.