

HAWK TRUST CONFERENCE

The scientific committee of the Hawk Trust organized the Conference on Birds of Prey at the offices of the Zoological Society of London on November 4, 1978.

The theme of the conference was behavioural ecology. Principal speakers were N. Picozzi, D. N. Weir, A. R. Hardy, D. C. Houston, and N. Fox; and the subjects covered included sex-ratios in hen Harriers in Orkney, predation by Peregrines, territory usage by Tawny Owls, the role of Vultures, and a general paper on hunting strategies.

In the afternoon a session of short communications dealt with a variety of topics. Particular interest was shown in studies on the reestablishment of the Goshawk in Britain and an interim report on his work on the Kestrel by James Kirkwood, the Hawk Trust research fellow.

In his summing-up of the conference, Professor V. C. Wynne-Edwards paid tribute to the high quality of the research and presentation and suggested that this represented a landmark in raptor studies.

The proceedings will be published in due course and can be obtained from the Hawk Trust, P.O. Box No. 1, Hungerford, Berks., England.