

of the Barn Owl in different parts of the world is still missing and is badly needed. This book provides a very detailed data baseline on one of the ± 35 Barn Owl subspecies, but unfortunately it runs short of making a thorough comparison with even the other two best known subspecies (*T. a. guttata* and *T. a. pratincola*). A definitive treatment of the Barn Owl on a world basis has not come out yet, but I think that this book is a good and encouraging step toward that aim. It is on this basis that I do not hesitate to recommend it to all researchers working on this bird.—FABIAN M. JAKSIC.

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BIRD BANDING RESEARCH GRANTS

The Eastern Bird Banding Association and the Western Bird Banding Association are each offering research grants of \$250 in aid of research using bird banding techniques or bird banding data. Applicants should submit a resume of his or her banding or ornithological background, the project plan, and a budget to the Joint Selection Committee Chairman: *Robert C. Leberman, Powdermill Nature Reserve, Star Route South, Rector, Pennsylvania 15677*. No formal application forms are available, and the amount requested should not exceed \$250. Deadline for applications is 15 March 1984.

HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is accepting applications for its fifth annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$500.00 award, students should submit a description of their research program, a curriculum vita, and two letters of recommendation by 30 September 1983, to James J. Brett, Curator, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Route 2, Kempton, Pennsylvania 19529. The Association's Board of Directors will make a final decision late in 1983.

Only students enrolled in a degree-granting institution are eligible. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to conservation of North American raptor populations.

NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS

The North American Bluebird Society provides grants in aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently three annual grants totalling \$3,000.00 are available consisting of varying amounts; generally stipends of \$1,000.00 are awarded.

Student Research Grant.—Available to full-time college or university students for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity nesting species.

Bluebird Research Grant.—Available to student professional or individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on any of the three species of bluebirds from the genus *Sialia*.

General Research Grant.—Available to student, professional, and individual researchers for a suitable research project focused on a North American cavity nesting species.

Further guidelines and application forms are available upon request from *Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 66, Upham, North Dakota 58789*. Completed applications must be received by 31 January 1984; decisions will be announced by 15 March 1984.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The third annual conference of the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association will be held at the Kalamazoo Nature Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan, 22–26 February 1984. Persons interested in presenting papers on animal rehabilitation, aspects of veterinary medicine, fund-raising or public education as related to Wildlife, optimum caging related to holding and release of wildlife, or natural history and life cycles of wildlife species as related to rehabilitation should submit abstract, handouts, and autobiographical sketch to *Patricia Adams, Program Chair, National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference, % Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 North Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007*. Deadline is 15 October 1983. Symposium Proceedings will be published.

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