

Experiences with nestlings or branchers are not available. It would be harder to train them for hunting. One just cannot follow an Osprey over its fishing territory; instead it must return to the falconer after a successful hunt. This fundamental difference between hawking fish and hawking game justifies carrying. (It is bad form for a falconer to let his bird carry prey.)

The war interrupted my experiments with the Osprey, and after the war I could not resume them again.

One should explain to the owner of a pond and to fishermen that the damage incurred to fish is slight, when only one bird is involved. The situation would be different in the case of a breeding pair, but Ospreys are not known to breed in West Germany. Besides, Ospreys did not invent the tin can—men did. Men hunt to store food and to hoard; Ospreys hunt only for survival. Many a day their crops are empty. Those who view nature only from the standpoint of usefulness and materialism will never grasp the greatness and beauty of creation. They will consider my experiences, and the trouble I took with an Osprey, useless and senseless as they did not result in “production”!

The observations and experiences with the Osprey are experiences in the beauty of nature. Its splendid fishing flights and its steep plunges, with water splashing high, enrich knowledge of nature and teach us to mind the ecological and biological balance and to restore natural conditions where thoughtless and selfish people have damaged them.

The Osprey belongs to the natural landscape as do the fish, the Goshawk, the rabbit, and the fox. Man needs to regulate, where it is advantageous, with consideration of biological forces and with respect for creation, or he will become *primus inter pares* and nothing more.

HAWK MIGRATION ASSOCIATION

The Hawk Migration Association of North America will hold its 1976 Conference at the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus. The campus is within a ten-minute drive of Hawk Ridge, one of the great hawk migration lookouts. Dates of the conference will be September 2-5. Further details may be obtained from Dr. P.B. Hofslund, Biology Dept. UMD, Duluth, MN 55812.

MALE BLACK SOLITARY EAGLE NEEDED

The Fort Worth Zoo is searching for a male Black Solitary Eagle (*Harpyhaliaetus solitarius*) to be paired with its female Solitary Eagle that nests and lays each spring. If any member of the RRF knows of any Solitary Eagle anywhere in the United States, please contact Ronald Kimble, Supervisor of Birds, Fort Worth Zoo, 2727 Zoological Park Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76110.