

Mississippi Kites are being marked with colored leg bands and patagial tags in western Kansas and Oklahoma, and north-central Texas. Each kite carries a Fish and Wildlife band and from one to three additional color bands in combinations of red, blue, green, yellow and silver. Kites captured as adults also wear a pair of plastic patagial streamers on the dorsal surface of the wings. Streamer colors are red, dark blue, light blue, orange, yellow, and green; and about one inch of each streamer extends beyond the ends of the secondary feathers. Persons observing the marked kites are requested to send as much information about the kite and its situation as possible to, Chief, Bird Banding office, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Maryland, 20811. Please send a copy plus any additional information to the bander, James W. Parker, Biology Department, State University College, Fredonia, New York, 14063.

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.

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