

## News and Comment

### **Annual Meeting: Raptor Research Foundation Inc.**

The Raptor Research Foundation is an organization whose purpose is to stimulate the dissemination of information concerning raptorial birds among interested persons worldwide and to promote a better public understanding and appreciation of the value of birds of prey. Towards this objective, we are holding our annual meeting on 28-30 October 1987 at Boise, Idaho. The meeting will feature a symposium on the migration of raptors in western North America. General paper and poster sessions will follow the symposium.

Co-hosts for this meeting are the Bureau of Land

Management, Boise State University; Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Power Company; Nongame Wildlife and Endangered Species Program, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; The Peregrine Fund, Inc., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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### **Call for Assistance: Prairie-Northwest Territories Shorebird Survey Program**

In 1987, the Canadian Wildlife Service, Western and Northern Region, will be initiating a program to survey major shorebird staging and nesting areas in the prairie provinces and the Northwest Territories. This project is part of the International Shorebird Surveys Program.

Similar surveys in Atlantic Canada have identified a number of significant staging areas in the Bay of Fundy. Many of these sites are now proposed for protection through the Ramsar Convention and the shorebird "Sister Reserves Program" (a hemisphere-wide system of reserves for shorebird protection). However, very little data exists on shorebird use in the prairie provinces or the Northwest Territories.

For this program to accomplish its objectives, the Canadian Wildlife Service will have to rely heavily on the efforts of outside individuals, organizations and

government agencies. Through your participation in this project, determination of potential Sister Reserves in these regions of Canada will be possible. So if you are interested in surveying shorebird staging and/or nesting habitats in the prairie provinces or the Northwest Territories, please contact me at the address or phone number listed below. Everyone who takes part in the program will receive the annual summary of the Canadian survey results (provincial breakdowns are included).

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### **Erratum for *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* 100(3)**

**Proulx, Gilbert, and Bruce M.L. Buckland.** 1986. Productivity and mortality rates of southern Ontario pond- and stream-dwelling Muskrat, *Ondatra zibethicus*, populations. *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 100(3): 378-380.

In Table 1, Page 379, the number of breeding females from creek habitats should read 7 instead of 5.