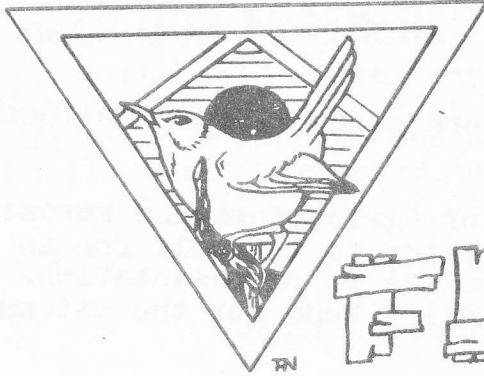


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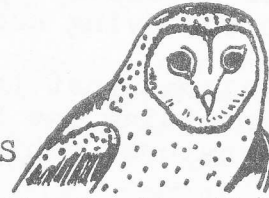


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ENDANGERED SPECIES UPDATE

MICHIGAN'S LIVING RESOURCES



The Michigan's Living Resources program is presently in its third year. This program seeks to provide funds for habitat preservation and management for those species of wildlife that are neither hunted nor fished--the "nongame" wildlife of our state. There has traditionally been little money available for this type of wildlife, since wildlife management funding has been basically dependent upon the amount of money generated by hunting and fishing license fees; this money was therefore logically expended for management of "game" species.

The Living Resources program gives the non-hunter and non-fisherman the opportunity to contribute to management of wildlife in Michigan by offering the sale of various items such as decals and shoulder patches, with the proceeds earmarked for the benefit of nongame wildlife, including endangered species.

Each year a different species is chosen to be the symbol of the program, and the items offered for sale feature that species. In previous years the chosen species were the Kirtland's warbler and the calypso orchid. The current year features the barn owl, which reaches its northernmost range in southern Michigan and is considered to be quite rare in our state.

The items available through this program this year are: cloth arm patch (\$2); two-way pressure-sensitive decal (\$2); color photograph, 16" x 20" (\$20); and, new this year, T-shirts (\$5.). The T-shirts are sold in the following adult sizes: Small (34-36), Medium (38-40), Large (42-48). Also the following children's sizes: Small (6-8), Medium (10-12), and large (14-16). (Extra large in a child's size is considered to be the same as a "small" adult size.)

The Living Resources program is an excellent way for lovers of the outdoors who do not hunt or fish, to contribute to the management of nongame wildlife in our state. Orders for any of the available items should be mailed to: Michigan's Living Resources, Department of Natural Resources, Box 30028, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Checks should be made payable to "State of Michigan." All contributions are tax deductible.

Italy Bans Wolf Killing

Italy's surviving wolves have a more secure future following a country-wide ban on killing them.

A Decree, signed by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Signor Giovanni Macora, gives full protection to the wolf for an indefinite time in the future. The Decree refers to representations from the Italian Organization of the World Wildlife Fund for the extension of temporary bans in force since 1967.

Furthermore, the Minister has also responded to a request for a ban on the control of predators by poisoned baits, which resulted in many other mammals and birds dying because they ate them.

The Decree declares that the imposition of the ban is based on scientific advice on maintaining the balance of nature in the light of the reduction of the wolf's natural habitat by various factors, which threatened its survival.

Curio Shops Checked on ColobusSkins

The International Primate Protection League carried out an investigation of the curio shops of Nairobi regarding the sale of black and white Colobus skins.

Most of the shops were reported to stock these skins to supply the requirements of American and German tourists although it is doubtful if many of the trophies originated in Kenya.

The administrative Manager of Ethiopia's Wildlife Division, Mr. Fikre Morian Demeke, has stated, that in Ethiopia "the Colobus monkey is now fully protected", with both hunting and the possession of skins forbidden.

People caught in possession are fined and the confiscated skins are branded and sold only through Government licensed shops in Addis Ababa. Export is allowed only on the production of an official export license.

However, Mr. Demeke admitted that large scale poaching takes place and that truckloads of up to 20,000 Colobus skins in each are regularly smuggled to Nairobi, Djibouti and other places. This has severely depleted the Ethiopian Colobus monkey populations and exterminated them in some areas.

In November, 1976, the Colobus monkey was added to Appendix II of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species which means that "products" from Colobus cannot be imported in any signatory nation without either (a) an Official Export Certificate from Kenya if any of the monkeys were shot in Kenya or (b) an official re-export permit from Kenya based on proof of legal export from Ethiopia or the country of origin.

However, until Kenya itself rectifies the Convention and re-inforces the trade controls, we would ask our members to advise all their friends and acquaintances NOT to buy Colobus skins as they are certain to be keeping active an illicit market by doing so.

LET'S HELP OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS!

With the onset of the cold winter days and the unavailability of food for our friends of the sky, we must begin to think of providing them with a dependable food supply. As usual, the Detroit Audubon Society will be selling wild bird seed and sunflower seed this year through the following distributors:

Detroit Audubon Office
Richard Quick
John Engstrom

Sue Fortuna
Robert Perskar
Bill Grams

And to accomodate your feed, good quality, through the Audubon Workshop, 2907 MacArthur Blvd., Northbrook, Illinois 60062 and Duncraft, 25 South Main Street, Penacook, New Hampshire 03301 or locally at the Quality Feed Store which is located at Eight Mile Road and the I-94 Expressway in Harper Woods. Remember, the birds that you care for are the flowers in your yard throughout the winter.

NEW HOME FOR D.A.S.

Not only does the Detroit Audubon Society have a new Rare Bird Alert Number and a new office location, but it has also acquired a secretary to utilize that office. Our new office, which is quite spacious and good looking, is located at 303 West Fourth Street in Royal Oak 48067.

Our welcome to Laura Fabbri who will be handling the secretarial duties from 10:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday.

In order for our office to accomodate new memberships efficiently and to provide members with timely mailings, any spare time that you could contribute to be helping with these activities would be greatly appreciated. Call Laura at our new office number in order to volunteer 545-2929.

Many thanks to the volunteer crew who devoted brains and brawn to the moving of the Society's possessions from the old office to the new.

Most importantly for all of the birders in the Society, the NEW RARE BIRD ALERT NUMBER IS 545-2224.

LET'S GET TOGETHER

The Pacific Coast from Puget Sound, Washington to the Scammon Lagoon in the Mexican Waters is the subject of "Pacific Shores" by Norm Wakeman. This Audubon Wildlife Film features some of the most spectacular scenery and interesting shore birds and sea mammals. We also go underwater to view life in the ocean. The film also offers us a view of the great grey whales going about their daily activities.

So please join us at the Rackham Auditorium, Farnsworth and Woodward at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 1976. And remember to browse at our bookstore - Christmas is coming.