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matter of course, those who feed birds regularly should avoid the use of ground feeding stations and occasionally should clean and thoroughly disinfect elevated platforms, particularly if sick or dead birds are observed in the vicinity. If feed is made available on the ground, the site should be changed regularly to reduce the likelihood of contact with infected feces. The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Wildlife Research Projects Office, 4005 South Main Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (phone 904-376-6481) should be contacted in the event of any unexplained bird mortality. Fresh specimens should be wrapped in aluminum foil and frozen as soon as possible. More specific instructions will be provided after notification. -Stephen A. Nesbitt, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Wildlife Research Projects, 4005 S. Main Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601; Franklin H. White, Department of Veterinary Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

NOTICE: HAWK MIGRATION ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

This notice will serve to introduce the Hawk Migration Association of North America, a newly-formed organization which will strive to increase communication between hawk-watchers, to standardize the recording and processing of hawk-migration data, and to expand and improve the coverage of hawk migration in North America.

For the purpose of the Association's work, North America has been divided into nine regions, each with a regional representative/editor. Before each spring and fall migration season, all participating hawk-watch and hawk-banding stations will receive, free, as many copies of the HMANA Report Form as are needed. After each season, hawk-watchers will return completed forms to their regional representatives, who will write a regional report. All of these regional reports, plus a continent-wide summary, will be published twice annually, and will be sent to each member.

The association is vitally interested not only in lookouts that are manned regularly, but also in those that are covered infrequently. This allows the exploring hawk-watcher leeway for searching out new watches which will help to expand the coverage throughout the South. If you are interested in learning more about the Hawk Migration Association please contact Robert S. Kennedy, Southern Regional Representative HMANA, Museum of Zoology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.