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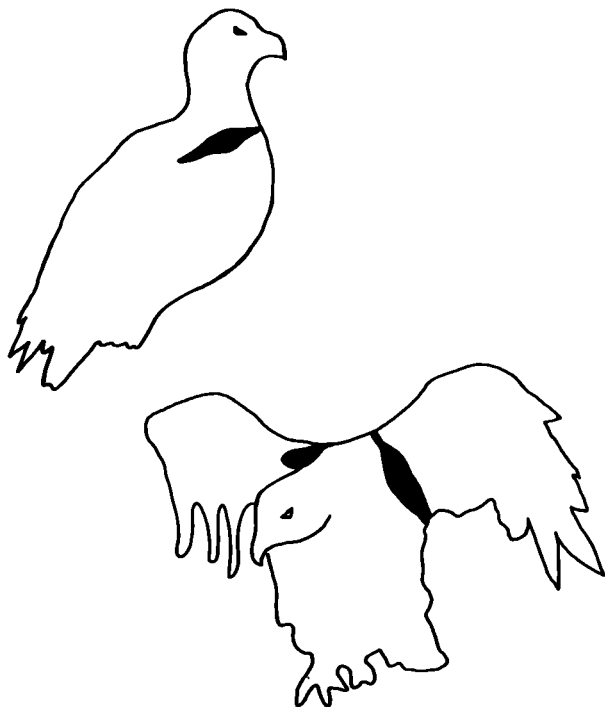
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Color-marked Golden and Bald Eagles

The research personnel at the University of Washington and Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo have released Golden and Bald Eagles wearing colored vinyl markers in the area of American Camp, Washington.

These eagles have been marked in order to determine the movements of the Golden and Bald Eagle populations that winter on San Juan Island. The colored markers are visible from the rear and the sides of a perching bird, and from above and below a flying bird. Marker colors are orange and yellow.

If you should see such a bird, please note location of bird, date of sighting, activity of bird. Please mail this information with your name and address to the Bird Banding Laboratory, with a copy to Eagle Rehabilitation Program, Woodland Park Zoological Gardens, 5500 Phinney Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98103. Tel: (206) 625-4550 or 625-2244.

Information wanted: Albino Red-tailed Hawks

On 8 April 1979, Ken Luepke and I captured an almost-completely albino Red-tailed Hawk in southwestern Marathon County, Wisconsin. This bird had been under observation for at least six years and had been paired with a normal-colored Red-tail during that period.

We recorded the following data on the bird: Adult — at least 6 years old. Incubation patch, but appeared to be inactive. Iris — deep chocolate. Talons pinkish. Bill normal coloration. Legs and feet normal coloration. Small crest of feathers on back of crown — brown-tipped. Others bits of spotting. One dark spot on left rectrix #1, midway.

I would appreciate any information from anyone

who has banded — or recovered — albinistic Red-tails.

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Color-marked shorebirds from Alaska

This summer the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be continuing a study of fall migration routes and strategies of shorebirds from the Yukon Delta and Alaska Peninsula, Alaska.

Large numbers of *Dunlin* and *Western Sandpipers* and lesser numbers of *Rock Sandpipers* and *Black Turnstones* will be color-banded and/or color-dyed. We would appreciate a report of any sighting.

Please note:

Species, age, location, date, and time

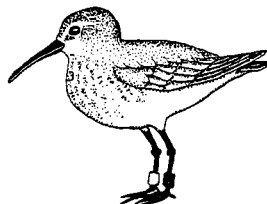
Color bands — color(s), left or right leg, above or below "knee"

Color dyes — color, part(s) of bird dyed

Metal bands — left or right leg, above or below "knee"

Please report sightings to the Bird Banding Laboratory, with a copy to Robert Gill, Jr., c/o U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99503.

All reports will be acknowledged.



Request for Swainson's Hawk Observations in California

The California Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Land Management have undertaken a cooperative study of the Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) in California to document distribution, abundance, habitat requirements, and reproductive success.

Populations have been completely extirpated from some regions of the state and have declined drastically in others.

Send sighting reports (particularly nest locations) to Pete Bloom, Bureau of Land Management, Division of Resources (C-932.3), 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Please include your name, address, and phone number; precise location of where the hawks were observed (ideally a map insert should be provided); and the date. Public input into this survey will greatly increase the effectiveness of the study and assist State and Federal agencies in developing a protection and management program for the species.

Sightings needed Great Gray Owl

Federal and state agencies need sightings of Great Gray Owls to establish programs of protection and management. Any cooperation and assistance would be appreciated.

Please report any sightings to the Wildlife Management Branch, Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Data needed include: Date sighted, time of day, place seen (including miles to nearest landmark, elevation, county, etc.) details of sighting (general habitat description, nest if found, numbers observed), name of observer, address and phone.