



Roundtable

... with Louis C. Fink

Gluttony

In July an immature Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*) was brought in to Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, S.C. Upon examination, the bird was seen to be extremely emaciated, but suffered no other injuries.

The bird was fed and a few hours later had regurgitated its food, with a strong foul smell. Further examination revealed a large mass in the abdomen. Unfortunately the bird died before any treatment could be done. When autopsied, the bird was found to be impacted with literally hundreds of grasshoppers.

The bird, found sitting in a field in Cayce West Columbia, was brought in by Angela Carter.—LEX GLOVER, Senior Keeper, Birds, Riverbanks Zoo, Columbia, S.C.

Amateur Turns Pro

An old friend of this columnist is Robert Manns of Atlanta, former Southeast representative for National Audubon, long-time member of CBC, and now president of Georgia Ornithological Society. He has established Robert Manns and Associates, 2099 McKinley Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318, to sell new and used binoculars, telescopes, telephoto-lenses, tripods, and accessories and to provide optical service, including realignment. If you call 404-352-3679 for advice, the cost of your call will be deducted from your purchase.

Bob reports that Georgia now has a statewide hotline for rare birds and wants to hook up with the Carolinas.

Newspaper Gleanings

Sixteen baby Bald Eagles from Alaska have been set free in New York State at the Alcove Reservoir. ... Two Golden Eagles have been released in the Shining Rock Wilderness Area of North Carolina. ... University of Idaho professor Erik Stauber says that no two birds have the same pattern of toe-prints, a fact which can be used to identify individual birds. ... The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service forecast says that populations of some ducks are down this year: Northern Pintail, Mallard, and teal. For example, the Service predicts 3.66 million pintails, down 10% from last year and the lowest in 30 years. ... John Stokes, assistant bird curator at the Memphis Zoo, has performed successful feather transplants on eagles and owls.