

always in pairs and travelling at a fairly high speed without a wingbeat and all taking the same direction of travel. What a sight it was! Since that day we have seen a pair of golden eagles in the area several times, and with my binoculars I've had a real 'bird's eye' view. Such impressive birds they are! I've told several naturalists and serious 'birders' about the eagles I saw and everyone is very interested. In fact it is a rare sighting as so little is known about the migration of eagles, at least in the mountains. It was something I may never see again.

RACCOON DOGS TO GO. In late September the federal Environment Department announced that an agreement had been reached with the owners of Supi Farms Limited of Madoc, Ont. to dispose of its raccoon dog breeding herd, ending what many naturalists regarded as a serious threat to farmers and wildlife.

In late September of 1980, 140 raccoon dogs were imported into Canada from Finland as breeding stock for a fur farm established first near Cookstown, then at Madoc, Ont. The raccoon dog is not native to Canada, and is considered a pest in agricultural areas of Europe. It has no natural enemies in North America and scientists fear that if any escape from the fur farm they could cause irreparable harm to Canada's indigenous wildlife community, perhaps supplanting existing species of fox and raccoon. In October 1981 the federal government passed a regulation prohibiting any further importation of raccoon dogs. All provinces and the United States have also prohibited their entry.

The agreement between the parties calls for Environment Canada to pay \$115, 000 to the fur farm owners to cover the purchase costs of blue and silver fox breeding stock, which are both native Canadian species, and the costs of alterations to convert the facility to a fox farm prior to the next breeding season.

CALL FOR BIRD FEEDER AND HOUSE DESIGNS. A new book, tentatively titled The Audubon Society Handbook for Attracting Birds, will include innovative homemade designs for bird feeders, houses and baths. The author, Stephen W. Kress, is looking for improvements to standard models of feeders and houses, and original designs for any homemade bird attracting creations. Novel approaches to repelling squirrels, cats and nuisance birds are also welcome. In addition to the handbook, some of the submitted material may be selected for articles in the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's new magazine, The Living Bird Quarterly. The designers of selected plans will be acknowledged in the book and articles. More detailed plans with measurements (and photographs if available) should be sent to: Dr. Stephen W. Kress, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.



INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS COMES TO CANADA IN 1986. It is now official that Canada will be hosting the 19th International Ornithological Congress. Presented by Henri Ouellet on behalf of the National Museum of Natural Sciences and the Canadian ornithological community, Canada's invitation was accepted at the 18th IOC meeting held in Moscow in August 1982. This is the first time that such a Congress will be held in Canada and only the second in North America (Cornell 1962). The 19th International Ornithological Congress will be held in Ottawa June 22 - 29, 1986. This is a great honour and an important commitment for our country. The event is expected to be a catalyst in the formation and strengthening of the embryonic Society of Canadian Ornithologists. Committees are currently being formed to begin planning for the conference. For more information contact Henri Ouellet, % National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.