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## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

#### COLLECTIONS OF BIRD SKINS AND EGGS

John E. Pemberton is compiling a directory of collections of mounted specimens of birds, bird skins and eggs, for inclusion in the first edition of Birdwatcher's Year Book. Any museum with significant collections should contact Mr. Pemberton at Rostherne, Hall Close, Maids Moreton, Buckingham MK18 1RH.

## WELSH PEREGRINE FALCONS AND THEIR EGGS

Graham Williams, Deputy Regional Officer at the Wales office of the RSPB is collecting data on the past distribution of the Peregrine Falcon in Wales as shown in the literature, unpublished notebooks and data from egg collections. Any museum with egg collections with Welsh taken Peregrine eggs, or with relevant field notebooks should contact Graham Williams, RSPB, 18 High Street, Newtown, Powys SY16 1AA. All information will be acknowledged and treated in strict confidence.

## WATERFOWL GUTS WANTED

Recent research suggests that lead poisoning in waterfowl may be a problem in certain areas of Britain. However, there is no information on the extent or seriousness of the problem in the country as a whole. This is currently being investigated in a research project set up by RSPB, WAGBI and the Wildfowl Trust, whose main objective is to examine a large number of waterfowl guts from different parts of the country. Any museum willing to donate Waterfowl guts (including liver) from specimens are asked to contact Dr. Greg Mudge, Research Dept., The Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. Tel. Cambridge (Glos) 333 ext. 42.