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Peregrine Falcon Booklet Available

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has released an education kit/booklet titled "Recovering Our Heritage--Peregrine Falcons."

Peregrine falcons (eliminated as a nesting species by widespread pesticide use in the 1950s and 60s) were reintroduced to the Cedar Rapids area in July 1989 when four of the birds were placed in "hack boxes" on the Telecom USA building (chosen because of its similarity in height to the cliffs that falcons naturally inhabit). Six more falcons were later released from that site. "Recovering Our Heritage--Peregrine Falcons" was designed to enhance the education of teachers and students and to help them appreciate the peregrine falcon on its road to recovery in Iowa.

The idea for the kit came from the Peregrine Teacher Resource Packet, *Peregrine Falcon: The Path to Recovery*, published by the Colorado Peregrine Partnership in 1988. The Iowa-based publication contains over fifty pages of articles, activities and illustrations on peregrine falcons. Informational sections, including falcon history, falconry, migration, food chains, DDT and deforestation lessons, lead to activities for students in grades 3-8.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the education kit, contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319-0035.

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Workbook Available from the Ohio Academy of Science

The Ohio Academy of Science is offering copies of its workbook, "Litter Prevention and Recycling," free of charge to interested educators.

Designed to promote student research, the book is a compilation of information from sources such as the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Alcoa Recycling Company, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and several independent researchers. Its content and level of study make it most appropriate for students in the high school grades.

The workbook offers directions for a student research project focusing on litter prevention/recycling and includes addresses of persons and agencies from which further information may be obtained and a listing of several good resource books for student research.

Copies of the workbook may be obtained by contacting Lynn Edward Elfner, Executive Officer, Ohio Academy of Science, 445 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43201.

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