

Great Horned Owl



Leader-Post Photo

This picture of a young Great Horned Owl, taken by Larry Shaw, appeared in the Leader-Post in early June, 1962. The caption below the picture reminded parents of adventure-seeking boys, and all of us, that birds of prey are protected; it is illegal to damage or molest them, and they may not be detained as pets or as "falcons" unless one has a special permit for the purpose.

This flightless young Great Horned Owl was rescued from a lawn in Regina and taken to the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History. Since this was the third young owl brought in to the museum from such a location it was public-spirited of the Leader-Post to publish the picture and the above warning.

Since the Saskatchewan Natural History Society was partly responsible for bringing in legislation giving protection to these birds, it is only proper that we should do our share of publicizing this revision of the Game Act (see **Blue Jay**, September, 1960). How many of your neighbors know that hawks and owls are protected? Do a little survey on this, and please let us know the results.