



Eared Grebe

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## COOTS DISTURB EARED GREBE NESTS

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On July 9, 1977, I watched an unusual example of nest disruption among Eared Grebes. An American Coot hopped onto a vacant grebe nest knocking an egg into the water. The coot preened for 20 minutes and swam off. From my blind I saw other Coots sitting on nests but witnessed no further disturbance of eggs.

Probably other natural hazards such as wind are of more consequence to nest success than resting Coots but certainly where they occur in large numbers, their presence may be a locally significant factor.

## MARKED CRANES

Whooping Cranes in Wood Buffalo National Park and Sandhill Cranes in the Interlake Region of Manitoba were marked with coloured plastic bands this summer. The purpose was to help visual recognition of individual birds in studies of productivity and survival of Whooping Cranes and winter destination of the Sandhill Cranes.

The Sandhill Cranes were marked with orange plastic collars around the neck and above the tibio-tarsus joint. Black letters M and numerals from 01 to 15 are on the bands of Sandhill Cranes marked in Manitoba.

The juvenile Whooping Cranes are marked with plastic leg bands only. Combinations of colours are used to





Whooping Cranes

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identify individual Whooping Cranes born this year; there are no numbers of letters on these bands. In 1977 a red plastic leg band was always used with a combination of green, blue, white and other red bands.

Persons seeing such marked birds should notify the Canadian Wildlife Service, 115 Perimeter Road, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon S0X4, or telephone collect to 306-64087.



Sandhill Cranes

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