

Briefly . . .

Arabian Oryx Calves

Two more calves born to the Arabian oryx herd at Phoenix Zoo, Arizona: on June 7th a male, named Jack after the devoted managing director of the Phoenix Zoo, Jack Tinker, and belonging to the FPS, and a female which belongs to the Arizona Zoological Society. In Los Angeles Zoo another female calf brings their herd up to seven.

New Bat for Britain

A new bat for Britain, a pipistrelle *Pipistrellus nathusii*, was discovered this year by R. E. Stebbings in the loft of the Nature Conservancy's Furzebrook Research Station in Dorset, where five years ago he also found the first colony of long-eared bats *Plecotus austriacus* in Britain.

Wildlife Park in Iran

Iran is creating a fourth wildlife park, 75,000 acres (30,000 hectares) of forest extending from the Caspian Sea to the highest forest in the Elburz Mountains and including the Lecar River drainage. This is a representative area of Caspian forest which is rapidly disappearing.

New Roan Herd

The Transvaal Nature Conservation Division hopes to establish a herd of roan antelope in the Percy Fyfe Nature Reserve with a few animals taken from the last remaining herd on private land. The roan is a rare animal in South Africa, with only about 350 surviving in the wild, all in the Kruger National Park.

Plants in Danger

The latest Red Data Book of endangered species published by IUCN concerns plants—*Angiospermae*. Compiled by Dr Ronald Melville, of Kew, in the usual loose-leaf form, this will be added to continually (there may be 20,000 forms in danger of extinction). It can be supplied from the FPS office £3 post paid.

Request for Leopard Skin Ban

The Attorney General of Kenya, Charles Njonjo, in his capacity as President of the East African Wildlife Society, has requested the US government to ban imports of leopard and cheetah skins, the export of which is banned in Kenya.

British Birds of Prey Ban

The Home Secretary has prohibited the import of all birds of prey into the United Kingdom except under licence; the Order came into force on July 1st 1970. Licences will only be granted for scientific, educational, avicultural and falconry pursuits, which should eliminate the pet trade.

Sable Antelope for Swaziland

A herd of thirteen sable antelope, which long ago disappeared from Swaziland, has been presented to Mlilwane, Swaziland's only game sanctuary, by the South African Wildlife Foundation.