Cover letter

We, the authors of the article entitled "ATTACK OF A WIDE-RANGING NEOTROPICAL OWL (GLAUCIDIUM BRASILIANUM) ON AN ABUNDANT SPECIES OF FRUIT BAT (CAROLLIA PERSPICILLATA) IN THE BRAZILIAN CERRADO" we declare.

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We also emphasize that communications that address predation between groups of vertebrates, such as birds and mammals, are fundamental to understanding interactions and regulations within ecosystems, and understanding aspects of the animals involved, such as behavior and evolutionary history. See Vladimír Remeš et al. (2012) Journal of Avian Biology, 43 (5); Atkins et al. (2019) Journal of Avian Biology, 50 (6); Perrella et al. (2019)

Journal of Avian Biology, 51 (1) and Camargo and Laps (2016) The Wilson Journal of Ornitology. This becomes even more attractive when this predation involves an owl and a bat with a wide neotropical distribution, which denotes the importance of publishing this scientific communication.

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