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Applications for membership in the Western Bird Banding Association should be sent to the Treasurer. All classes of membership receive *North American Bird Bander*, the joint publication of Eastern Bird Banding Association and Western Bird Banding Association. Membership classifications are: Active Member, \$6.00 per year; Associate Member, \$6.00 per year; Sustaining Member, \$12.00 per year; Student Member, \$4.50 per year; Life Member, \$150.00.

From the President

With the final number of our first volume of NABB it would be appropriate to look back and bask in the recent accomplishments of WBBA and EBBA. We have done what many skeptics said could not be done — put two journals together and provided the content of two for the price of one alone. Our joint editors have overcome the several-month-late start they were given and have gotten us very close to our normal publication schedule; for this alone they deserve a special word of thanks! Both WBBA and EBBA memberships seem enthusiastic about the new publication and will hopefully continue to provide our editors with a diversity of interesting and informative information for publication. It's a great start for NABB!

Even with all this to gloat about, I want to look at another aspect which can be improved upon. This is the matter of memberships. About this time of the year we are getting membership renewal forms from many organizations and requests for charitable contributions from many more. By necessity we must sort out where our support is to go; do we really need this or that magazine?

If we stop to think about it, our dues to WBBA and/or EBBA are really dollars spent in support of the organization and not just the purchase price of a magazine. If it were otherwise, many of us could simply read the magazine at the library or borrow the copy of a friend. By subscribing we are spending our dollars in support of the association and this results in a strong association that contributes to the further improvement of banding as an area of ornithology by making the newest and best information available to us.

Thus, rather than considering whether or not we want to buy a magazine when we get our dues notice, we should be recognizing our important role in maintaining a strong and viable banding association. We should also make every attempt to encourage others to join, even those who might already have access to NABB but aren't members. We need the support of all banders and sub-permittees. Let's all do our part to build our associations. This will insure that the strong start of the past year is maintained for years to come.

Charles T. Collins

Bibliography available

A bibliography of the Wrentit (*Chamaea fasciata*) has recently been compiled by W.B.B.A. member Richard Bradley. Copies are available by writing to Mr. Bradley, c/o Dr. Charles T. Collins, Department of Biology, California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840.

W.B.B.A. decals

Attractive, three-color decals — with the W.B.B.A. logo — are now available. In black, white and orange, these decals make an eye-catching addition to luggage, car and camper windows, banding bags, etc.

Send your order, along with one dollar (\$1.00) for each decal, to Shirley S. Spitler, Treasurer, P.O. Box 3128 YPG, Yuma, AZ 85364. Profits will go towards making a stronger W.B.B.A.

All new and renewing Sustaining Members will receive a complimentary decal.

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Back issues of *Western Bird Bander* and its predecessor, *News from the Bird Banders*, are now available at bargain rates.

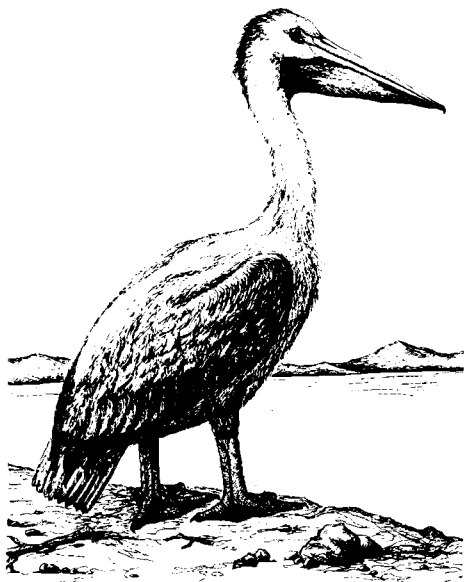
1926 to 1960: A limited supply of incomplete sets of approximately 100 issues each are available to members or libraries at \$15.00 per set (postpaid). These sets include many of the earliest numbers and represent a wonderful cross-section of the activities and interests of W.B.B.A. during its early years. Order a set while they last!

1960 to 1970: Copies are available at \$0.25 per quarterly issue. As our supply of some numbers is already exhausted or very low, please do not send advance payment with your order. We will bill you for the numbers we can supply. Order now: first come — first served!

Order from: Dr. Charles T. Collins, Department of Biology, California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840. Please make checks payable to Western Bird Banding Association.

W.B.B.A.'s 1977 Annual Meeting

**23-24 April 1977
Logan, Utah**



Come join your fellow banders in beautiful northern Utah!

Our first-ever meeting in Utah will be co-hosted by Drs. Keith Dixon, Martha Balph, and James Gessaman of Utah State University.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be an all-day field trip to 65,000-acre Bear River Migratory

Bird Refuge — the oldest federal bird refuge in the United States. It has been called one of the greatest of the migratory bird refuges in the world, mingling as it does birds from both the Pacific and Central Flyways. It is equally famous for its breeding bird colonies, such as the 7,000 pairs of Avocets conservatively estimated to nest there. White Pelicans, which breed at Great Salt Lake, make a daily 100-mile round trip to feed at the refuge.

Papers sessions and business meeting will be held in the morning and afternoon on Saturday, 23 April. The Saturday evening banquet will feature a special program.

Members are invited to present papers and/or displays at the meeting. Please send title of paper, approximate length of presentation, and audio/visual equipment needed to Dr. Keith Dixon, Dept. of Biology, UMC 53, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322 by 15 March.

Details regarding registration, accommodations, and meals will be sent to members at a later date.

See you in Logan!

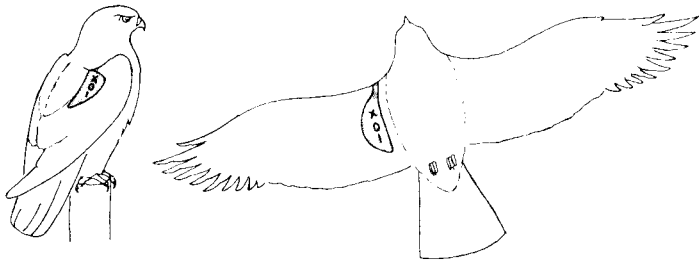
WHO IS . . . ?

Our president, Dr. Charles T. Collins, is an Associate Professor of Biology at California State University, Long Beach. Originally from New Jersey, Charlie arrived in California in 1968 via educational waystations in Massachusetts, Michigan and Florida. Although he has conducted studies of a variety of birds, his main research interest has been in the breeding biology and ecology of swifts. His papers on these fascinating, and at times frustrating, birds have appeared in the pages of *Western Bird Bander*, *EBBA News* and *NABB* as well as a variety of other ornithological journals.

His pursuit of swifts has involved frequent trips to tropical areas of the world where these birds are most abundant and least well studied. This has resulted in his spending extensive periods of time in such exotic places as Trinidad, Venezuela and

India to mention a few. Side trips to observe birds have also been worked in to Australia, Switzerland, England and, most recently, the Galapagos Islands.

When not studying swifts in some far-flung locale, he is usually fully occupied with teaching duties at CSULB and the direction of graduate students, several of whom utilize banding as part of their thesis research. His teaching assignments are principally in the areas of ornithology and field ecology. Charlie has also found time to be involved with a variety of other activities including officerships in the local Audubon Society chapter and membership on two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Recovery Teams (for Light-footed Clapper Rail and California Least Tern). All of which adds up to a busy, at times frantic, but always interesting life style.



Auxiliary marking authorizations

Edited by Jon L. Atwood

Beginning with this issue, two changes will be made in the format of "Auxiliary Marking Authorizations" — inclusion of the general locality where projects are being conducted, and exclusion of the specific colors included in a given authorization. These changes will hopefully enhance the main goal of this feature, that of promoting informational exchange among banders working on the same or similar species, or among those using

similar marking techniques. At the same time, the increasingly complex editorial task of reporting new and amended authorizations will be greatly reduced.

Sightings of marked birds should be reported directly to the Bird-Banding Lab, which will notify the bander responsible.

Snow Goose: Engraved neck collars in vicinity of Bitter Lake NWR, NM. Barnet W. Schranck, Bitter Lake NWR, Box 7, Roswell, NM 88201 and James L. Sands, New Mexico Dept. of Game, Rural Route, Box 10, Placitas, NM 87043.

Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk: Radio transmitters in Utah Co., UT. Dr. Joseph R. Murphy, Dept. of Zoology 167 WIDB, Brigham Young Univ., Provo, UT 84602.

Swainson's Hawk: Patagial tags with symbols in Dona Ana Co., NM. Dr. Ralph J. Raitt, Dept. of Biology, New Mexico State Univ., Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Bald Eagle: Patagial tags in western WA; radio transmitters in WA. Christopher Servheen, 200 Eddy Apt. 3D, Missoula, MT 59801.

Whooping Crane: Plastic leg bands and engraved plastic leg bands in ID. Elwood G. Bizeau, Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Univ. of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843.

Sandhill Crane: Neck collars and/or leg streamers and/or engraved plastic leg bands in ID. Elwood G. Bizeau — address above.

Golden Plover: Plastic leg bands in Honolulu Co., HI. Robert L. Pyle, 714 N. Kalaheo Ave., Kailua, HI 96734.

Anna's Hummingbird: Plastic leg streamers in vicinity of Berkeley, CA. Dr. Ned K. Johnson, Univ. of California, 2593 Life Sciences Bldg., Berkeley, CA 94720.

Acorn Woodpecker: Wing markers and/or plastic leg bands in San Mateo Co. and Santa Clara Co., CA. Ruth Troetschler, 184 Lockhart Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Barn Swallow and Cliff Swallow: Paint and/or dye in WA. Christopher Servheen — address above.

Mountain Chickadee: Plastic leg bands and/or paint in Cache Co. and Rich Co., UT. Dr. Keith L. Dixon, Dept. of Biology, Utah State Univ., Logan, UT 84322.

Common Bushtit: Plastic leg bands, paint, and/or dye in Monterey Co., CA. Dr. John Davis, Hastings Reservation, Star Route Box 80, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

Bewick's Wren: Plastic leg bands in Los Angeles Co., CA. Michael R. San Miguel, 409 Meadow Lane, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Robin: Plastic leg bands in vicinity of Spokane, WA. Thomas H. Rogers, East 10820 Maxwell, Spokane, WA 99206.

Starling, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird: Small metal bars in vicinity of Carlisle, PA. C. John Ralph, Institute of Pacific Island Forestry, 1179 Punch Bowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

Starling: Plastic leg bands in San Mateo Co. and Santa Clara Co., CA. Ruth Troetschler — address above.

Starling: Plastic leg streamers in Monterey Co., CA. W.C. Royall, Denver WRC, Bldg. 16 Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225.

Red-winged Blackbird: Plastic leg streamers in SD. W.C. Royall — address above.

Red-winged Blackbird: Plastic leg bands in Davis Co., UT. Carl D. Marti, Dept. of Zoology, Weber State College, Ogden, UT 84403.

Dark-eyed Junco and Gray-headed Junco: Plastic leg bands in Cache Co., UT. Kimberly Smith, Dept. of Biology, UMC 53, Utah State Univ., Logan, UT 84322.

Rufous-sided Towhee and Brown Towhee: Plastic leg bands in Los Angeles Co., CA. Michael R. San Miguel — address above.

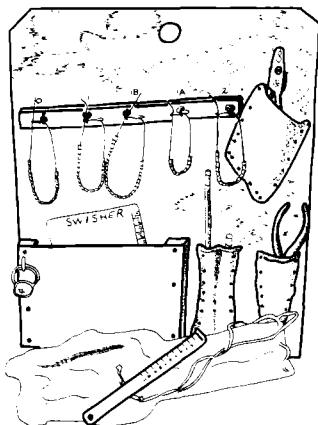
Harris' Sparrow: Plastic leg bands in Manhattan Co. and Riley Co., KS. Dr. Sievert A. Rohwer, Washington State Museum, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

Song Sparrow: Plastic leg bands in the Colorado Desert of CA and adjacent Mexico. Thomas W. Keeney, Biological Sciences Dept., Calif. State Polytechnic Univ., 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768.

McCown's Longspur: Plastic leg bands in vicinity of Weld Co. and Morgan Co., CO. Marshall Howe, Nat'l. Fish and Wildlife Laboratory, Nat'l. Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. 20560.

Miscellaneous

Turkey Vulture, Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, American Kestrel, Prairie Falcon, Great Horned Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Burrowing Owl, Saw-whet Owl: Plastic leg bands in ID. Dr. Charles Trost, Dept. of Biology, Idaho State Univ., Pocatello, ID 83201.



E.B.B.A. and W.B.B.A. present . . .

Wing Measure: 15cm and 30cm Stainless Steel Rule. The 15cm rule is metric/English, rigid, $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, graduated in 10ths and 32nds inch, .5mm, mm, and cm. The 30cm model is spring-tempered, satin-chrome finished, 12.7mm wide, .33mm thick, 30cm long. It is graduated on one edge in mm, one edge .5mm, English on the reverse side. Both rules feature a stainless steel "bend-of-wing" fixture secured at right angles to the end of the rule. The 15 cm rule is 6.30 ppd.; the 30cm rule is 15.50 ppd. within U.S.A. Institutional orders: please remit when ordering only one unit. **Order from:** Chris N. Rose, 98 Lopez Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009.

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|---|---------|------------|--------------|
| Regular Nylon Mist Nets | | | |
| 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 3.85* | 4.20 | 7.30* 7.95 |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 2.75* | 3.00 | 5.00* 5.50 |
| 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | | | 5.70* 6.25 |
| Nylon Tethered-top Mist Nets | | | |
| 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | | 5.95* 6.50 | 7.95* 8.65 |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | | 4.60* 5.00 | 5.70* 6.25 |
| 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 2.6M | | | 7.95* 8.65 |
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| 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | | 7.60* 8.30 | 10.30* 11.25 |
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This trap is precision made and is designed to take birds the size of jays, grosbeaks, and cardinals. It is illustrated in EBBA Workshop Manual #5, 1975, p. 22.

It is sensitive to birds the size of chickadees and a 5 gram weight will trip the door. The main features are the sensitive treadle, a door lock for feeding when not activated, and a large handle for a gloved hand in winter. The back is fastened on with clips for easier access in case the treadle gets worked over by a squirrel.

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| Pliers for band sizes 0, 1, 1B, & 1A | \$7.50 |
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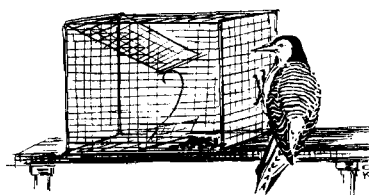
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Thank you