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White-crowned Sparrow Cooperative Project

Present and future

A note from the field

By mid-June schedules of data for the 1975-76 season have come to me on Hart Mountain from most active cooperators. We look forward to the rest as soon as possible — or a note to the effect that none are forthcoming this year. I suggest additional installments of data be mailed to me at the ABL at San Jose, although I'll be at Hart Mountain most of the time through September.

Yes, as we announced at the Annual Meeting in Fort Collins in early June, we ask cooperators — old and new — to collect data in the same pattern in the forthcoming 1976-77 season. Drop me a card or note if you need more schedules (CSUSJ ABL 71-1), need a packet of instructions and schedules, or have specific questions. During the coming season, I have asked President Collins to have the project evaluated.

I have also asked President Charles Collins to have an ad hoc group look into the use of White-

crowned Sparrows in a Biomonitoring Program such as urged by the President's (U.S.) Council on Environmental Quality. This would have exciting potential in light of the remote possibility that W.B.B.A. could muster the muscle and resources to undertake such a program. I urge those interested to re-read (?) my paper (my, what ego!) on "Winter philopatry in White-crowned Sparrows" in the Jan-Mar 1976 number of our new *North American Bird Bander*. Here, by reading 'between the lines' and by extension (e.g. realization of the necessity for machine records and quality and quantity control), you may derive some ideas. We (Mewaldt, James R. King, and President Collins) will welcome your input.

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Worksheets for western birds

Ageing/sexing worksheets for western birds are mailed with NABB only to Western Bird Banding Association members. They are, however, available to anyone interested. For each worksheet desired, send 25 cents (or \$1.00 for any five worksheets) to Mrs. Donald F. Radke, P.O. Box 446, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.

The following species sheets have been issued: Scaled Quail, California Quail, Gambel's Quail, Mountain Quail, Common Snipe, key to kingbirds, Eastern Kingbird, Tropical Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Myarchis flycatchers, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Verdin, Bushtit, gnatcatchers, Orange-crowned Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, *Oporornis* warblers, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Tanager, Summer Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Cassin's Finch, Common Redpoll, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, towhees.

(Editor's note: These worksheets are not bound into NABB for two reasons: (1) They are easier to use in the loose-leaf format. They can be slipped into a clear plastic jacket to be taken into the field — protected against wind, rain, and other hazards. (2) The worksheets are, at this time, tentative. Everything possible is done to insure their ac-

curacy, but it is difficult to be certain that everyone having significant data has been contacted. By issuing the worksheets as we have, they go out into the field where, hopefully, we can get critical feedback. Then, if need be, corrected sheets can be issued.)

There is a need for additional worksheets. Members are urged to submit data to the worksheet editor, Dr. Charles T. Collins, Department of Biology, California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840, who can help with the final format write-up. Data need not be original; field testing to prove its reliability is all that is required.

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