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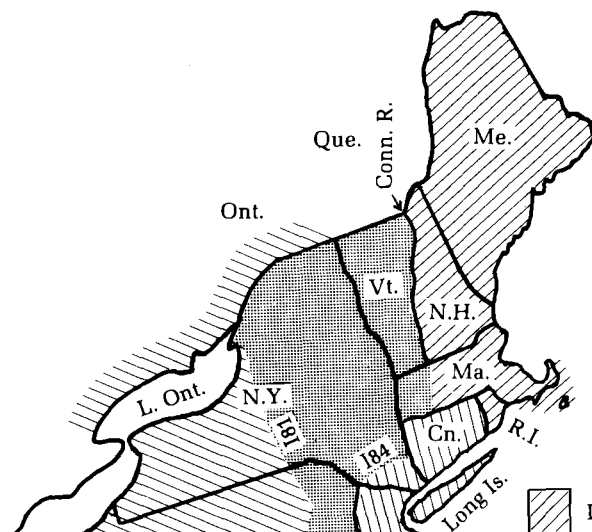
Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

This year all regularly reporting stations were heard from. An addition to our coverage is Manomet Annex. It is on coastal land near the main Manomet Bird Observatory but all records will be kept separate.

Banding activities were largely the same as in former years with two exceptions: at Kingston additional nets and a food patch affected banding totals and at Nantucket the inevitable growth of the famous "Mothball Pines" has finally forced their abandonment as an efficient mist netting location.

This year most agreed that the fall banding was fair to mediocre from August through mid-October. This decline in birds banded seemed related to the general dearth of strong cold fronts during the migration. Block Island showed increases for most species perhaps due to continued operation into November and December. They reported improved weather and more birds after the first week of October.

A few notable trends were evident. Swainson's Thrushes dropped dramatically at Manomet and Mount Desert but increased at Block Island. A remarkably low number of Robins at Manomet was unreflected elsewhere. The Bay-breasted Warbler seemed to be continuing its boom



based on Manomet figures. Data from the other stations were too few to be significant. No eruptive species took the stage. Red-breasted Nuthatches continued in high numbers for a second year.

Region I Summary	Mount Desert Maine	Manomet Massachusetts	Manomet Annex Massachusetts	Nantucket Massachusetts	Kingston Rhode Island	Block Island Rhode Island
Days of Operation	34	74	40	26	60	54
Number of nets used	4	50	10-13			
Birds banded 1976	705	4720	1443	1228	1077	4940
Different species 1976	52	100	76	54	76	95
Total net hours	620	39400	4500	163	891	
Largest daily catch	49	208	61			
Birds/100 n.h. 1976	114	12	32	750	121	85
Birds banded 1975	757	5358		1171	776	4620
Birds/100 n.h. 1975	151	16		490	94	92

Interesting or most common species 1976.

Mount Desert Maine	Manomet Mass.	Manomet Annex Mass.	Nantucket Mass.	Kingston Rhode Island	Block Island Rhode Island
39 Bl.-&-white Warb.	709 Gray Catbird	394 Gray Catbird	783 Yel-Rump Warb.	154 Gray Catbird	1126 Yel-Rump Warb.
35 Bl.-throtd Green	697 B.C. Chickadee	146 Blackpoll	21 Indigo Bunting	132 W.T. Sparrow	445 Gray Catbird
37 Nashville Warb.	503 Yel-rump Warb.	136 B.C. Chickadee		91 Am. Redstart	194 R.C. Kinglet
22 Least Flycatcher	336 Blackpoll	81 W.T. Sparrow		87 Yel-Rump Warb.	189 Hermit Thrush
	311 Am. Redstart	45 Am. Redstart		51 Yellowthroat	192 D.E. Junco
	296 W.T. Sparrow	43 R.E. Vireo		46 Song Sparrow	156 Song Sparrow
	151 Robin			38 D.E. Junco	128 R.E. Vireo
	103 Bay-breasted			32 B.C. Chickadee	128 G.C. Kinglet
	95 Yellowthroat			29 R.C. Kinglet	97 Blackpoll
	85 Song Sparrow			29 Bl.-&-white Warb.	85 R.B. Nuthatch

Somersville, Mount Desert, Maine

Barbara Patterson

The Somersville banding station was in operation on 30 days from 15 August to 25 September and on 4 days in October between the 4th and the 12th. The same net lanes were used as in previous years.

It was a slow to average fall migration with 705 birds of 52 species banded in 620 net hours or 114 birds/100n.h. While there were no outstanding days, the "better" days were 30 and 31 August with 49 and 48 birds netted and 10 September with 49 captured. The number of warblers banded was slightly above the usual average. It was 70% of the total birds caught.

The Black and White Warbler was the only species to reach a ten-year high of 39. The previous high was 29 in 1972. The Black-throated Green Warbler which dropped to a ten year low of 11 last year increased to 35. The Nashville Warbler was up appreciably from 19 in 1975 to 37 in 1976. The 22 Least Flycatchers were the highest since 1970. Swainson's Thrush dropped from 36 in 1975 to 18 in 1976.

Three warblers returned. An American Redstart banded 14 August returned for a second time on 15 August 1976. A Black and White Warbler banded 14 May 1974 returned on 1 September 1976. A second Black and White Warbler banded 23 August 1975 returned 6 September 1976. There were no rarities or foreign retraps.

Manomet Bird Observatory, Massachusetts

Trevor L. Lloyd-Evans, Staff Biologist

This was the lightest fall migration at Manomet Bird Observatory since comparable records were kept (1969-1976). Most shorebird species showed good overall numbers and a high proportion of juveniles on fall migration. The Manomet Bird Observatory scoter migration was also back to average after two rather sub-standard autumns with peaks of all three species at 1,549 per hour on 19 October, 1502 per hour on 20 October and 2,034 per hour on 26 October.

From 1 August to 15 November 1976 we recorded data on 6,797 land birds of 100 species; 4,720 new bandings plus 2,077 repeats, returns and foreign recoveries. Approx-

imately 50 nets were used on 74 days in sites similar to those used in previous years.

New Fall Bandings

Season	No. banded	Net hours	Birds/100 n.h.
1 Aug. - 23 Nov. 1971	10,424	44,906	23.2
1 Aug. - 15 Nov. 1972	6,684	38,153	17.5
1 Aug. - 15 Nov. 1973	5,458	41,301	13.2
1 Aug. - 15 Nov. 1974	6,348	37,533	16.9
1 Aug. - 15 Nov. 1975	5,358	33,656	15.9
1 Aug. - 15 Nov. 1976	4,720	39,400	12.0

While we experienced our fair share of north-west winds this autumn, these seldom coincided with following nights of poor visibility to "hold" the migrants. Numbers of nearly all the usual migrants seemed genuinely low. Major catches followed north-west winds with 175 birds handled (including repeats) on 13 September, 178 on 25 September, 208 (maximum) on 29 September, 182 on 30 September and 172 on 7 October.

The two greatest declines were in the American Robin, with the lowest fall total ever and the Swainson's Thrush showing the largest significant drop of any species. The Robin was down 53% from the mean for the previous five fall migrations and the Swainson's Thrush showed a 56% decrease. Most warblers were lower than usual except the American Redstart with a record high fall total of 311 banded, an 80% increase over 1971-1975. Three other species have shown a major increase over the last two autumn migrations. This may be best explained as a correlation with the severe outbreak of Spruce Budworm in their breeding ranges these last two summers. The following figures are expressed as a percentage increase of fall banding totals (mean) for 1975-1976 over the mean for 1970-1974. They are Veery +141%, Cape May Warbler +156% and Bay-breasted Warbler an astonishing +621%. The theory is also supported by observations in the New Brunswick breeding area this July (Kathleen S. Anderson, pers. comm.). Otherwise, flycatchers, thrushes, vireos, warblers, icterids, finches and sparrows all showed a decrease in numbers per net hour.

Unusual birds were in short supply but we banded a Saw-whet Owl on 29 October, a Yellow-throated Vireo on 2 September, a Warbling Vireo on 4 September, Connecticut Warblers on 14, 15, and 18 September and

Species Totals for 1 August to 15 November 1972 through 1976 (plus birds/n.h. x 1000)

SPECIES	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
1. Gray Catbird	709 (18.0)	578 (17.2)	864 (23.5)	633 (15.3)	809 (21.2)
2. B.C. Chickadee	697 (17.7)	936 (27.8)	226 (6.0)	979 (23.7)	166 (4.4)
3. Y. rumped Warb.	503 (12.8)	816 (24.2)	1400 (37.3)	632 (15.3)	1304 (34.2)
4. Blackpoll	336 (8.5)	271 (8.1)	277 (7.4)	258 (6.2)	463 (12.1)
5. Am. Redstart	311 (7.9)	212 (6.3)	133 (3.5)	90 (2.2)	159 (4.2)
6. W.T. Sparrow	296 (7.5)	389 (11.6)	565 (15.1)	455 (11.0)	532 (13.9)
7. Am. Robin	151 (3.8)	168 (5.0)	266 (7.1)	163 (3.9)	424 (11.1)
8. Bay-br. Warb.	103 (2.6)	122 (3.6)	16 (0.4)	20 (0.5)	28 (0.7)
9. C. Yellowthroat	95 (2.4)	67 (2.0)	117 (3.1)	119 (2.9)	67 (1.8)
10. Song Sparrow	85 (2.2)	101 (3.0)	158 (4.2)	151 (3.7)	258 (6.8)

5 October and finally a Grasshopper Sparrow on 12 October.

I wish to thank all our volunteer and intern banders, particularly Miss Mia A. Hay who helped with much of the initial analysis.

Manomet Annex, Manomet Bird Observatory, Massachusetts

Erma J. Fisk

A comparative study was run on a new property five miles northwest from Manomet Bird Observatory proper. Situated on the same bulge of coastal bluff on Cape Cod Bay, the twenty acre habitat differs in having heavier and more mature woodland. It has more oak, no open spaces and an impenetrable understory grown up after a fire ten years ago. The shrubby vegetation in front has been held down by the shearing force of the Atlantic winds with the exception of a few Red Cedar, Tupelo and Hickory. More than half of the birds were taken in the four to five nets set here. The property has been unoccupied and is heavily grown to fruit or berry-bearing native vegetation. The only clearing is a minimal space immediately about the house. A small distant pond rimmed with bog and tall trees was attractive to birds but inaccessible for netting.

The station was operated from 3 September to 16 October but was closed on account of bad weather on three full days and two half days. Ten to thirteen nets were used with an approximate total of 4500+ net hours. 1443 new birds of 76 species were taken. 191 repeats of one day or more were handled of which 28% were Black-capped Chickadees. 38 birds were recovered, all of which had been banded at Manomet proper or had been banded in a study done on land adjacent to the Annex. There were no foreign recoveries. The biggest day was 25 September with 61 birds of 22 species.

Nantucket, Massachusetts

Edith Andrews

The station operated a total of 26 days from 31 August to 17 November. 1228 new birds were banded of 54 species in 163 net hours.

The fall of 1976 was not especially productive. Migration was late and spotty. Conditions were such as to make the nets inoperable. The first noticeable wave occurred 24 August at the Mothball Pines. The station was ready to operate on 25 August but by then the wind was southwest and the birds had gone. Another wave arrived 30 August and the station operated on 31 August with 69 individuals banded. In 1975 the station operated for five days in August with a total of 368 birds banded.

In September the station operated only seven days at the Mothball Pines. They used to be the number one banding site on the island. The pines have matured to a point where the wind is a factor in net effectiveness. Therefore, operations were moved to the Ice Pond Lot station at Madaket. Here the millet field produced an excellent crop and attracted a greater number of birds than in years past. With the exception of two days at Quaise,

the Madaket Station was used for the remainder of the season.

A total of 783 Myrtle Warblers and 21 Indigo Buntings were banded. This is an unprecedented number of Indigo Buntings for this station.

Kingston, Rhode Island

Douglas L. Kraus

The Kingston station was operated essentially the same as in the past four years. Banding occurred from 5 August to 17 November for a total of sixty days. It was confined mostly to the early morning hours. A total of 1077 birds of 76 species were banded in 891 net hours or 121 birds/100 n.h. For the years 1972 through 1975 the birds/100 n.h. were 98, 89, 64 and 94. The increase in 1976 suggests a heavier migration, but the use of new nets and the planting of a food patch near two of the nets probably had some effect.

The first migrants were noted on 17 August. Migration was light through most of the period interrupted by frequent periods of inclement weather. Heavier movements were noted on 13, 24, and 26 September and on 17 and 29 October.

Most species had a good migration through this station. The Yellow-rumped Warbler was down markedly. The increases in the numbers of sparrows banded was in part due to the food patch. The increase in Blue-winged Warblers banded was due to more net hours in early August when 12 were captured.

The most numerous species banded in 1976 compared with 1975.

Species	1976	1975
1. Gray Catbird	154	108
2. White-throated Sparrow	132	43
3. American Redstart	91	67
4. Yellow-rumped Warbler	87	141
5. C. Yellowthroat	51	32
6. Song Sparrow	46	12
7. Dark-eyed Junco	38	27
8. B.C. Chickadee	32	23
9. R.C. Kinglet	29	32
10. Black & White Warbler	29	14
11. Blue-winged Warbler	24	9

There were 23 returns, of which 14 were from the local chickadee population, and 140 repeats. There were no recoveries or rarities captured this year.

Block Island, Rhode Island

Elise and Helen Lapham

The Block Island station was in operation in much the same manner as last year. Banding was conducted from 21 August to 22 November for a total of 54 days. 4940 birds of 95 species were banded in 1976 compared to 4620 last year. The 1976 birds/100 n.h. was 85.

Most of the common species were up in numbers with the notable exception of the Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Last year we caught 2928 Yellow-rumped Warblers and released 1250 unbanded. This year we caught 1822 and released 696 unbanded. The total birds caught in 1975 was 5870 and in 1976 we caught 5636. Ironically, there were almost no northwest winds through September and early October. There were frequent northwest winds thereafter. Thus, more than half of all birds caught this fall were netted after 5 October. The best period is usually from mid-September to mid-October. Fifteen species contributed about 100 individuals apiece. Eight of these were late migrants such as Hermit Thrushes, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Common Flickers and Red-breasted Nuthatches. The last species enjoyed a record year at our station with 85 banded.

New species for the station included Whip-poor-will, Belted Kingfisher and Eastern Bluebird. Birds rarely banded included a Yellow-throated Vireo, a Pine Warbler and a Kentucky Warbler banded on 29 August. Finally, our long-term banding is paying off in returns and recoveries. Two Common Yellowthroats and a Song

Sparrow returned in their ninth year. A Gray Catbird was recovered on a Dutch ship just south of Cuba.

Interesting comparisons between 1976 and 1975.

Species	1976	1975
Brown Creeper	60	35
Gray Catbird	380	445
G.C. Thrush	58	27
Swainson's Thrush	164	132
Veery	116	57
G.C. Kinglet	236	128
Red-eyed Vireo	246	128
Black & White Warbler	48	19
Tennessee Warbler	22	9
Cape May Warbler	83	55
Blackpoll Warbler	55	97
Am. Redstart	123	64
Northern Oriole	19	2
Field Sparrow	14	3
W.C. Sparrow	43	9
Song Sparrow	103	156

Banders in southern New York, Connecticut eastern Pennsylvania & northern New Jersey (AFR Region III) —

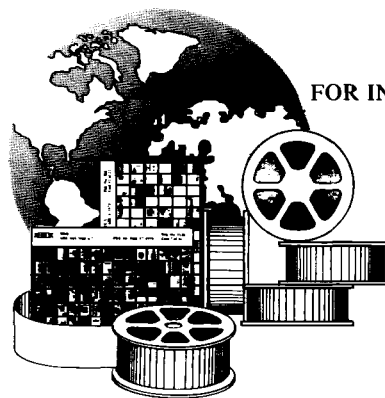
EBBA is studying the feasibility of forming a chapter in this area along the same lines as the Mid-Atlantic Bird Banding Group. The objective is educational, to teach banders about ageing and sexing, field techniques, etc. Also, and perhaps more importantly, the purpose of such a group is to get dialogue started about these techniques and toward forming new techniques, through cooperative projects.

While EBBA is studying the possibilities through a committee consisting of Chris N. Rose, Sr. (Chairperson) and the undersigned, M. James Pion and I are trying to actually set up an informal organization in Area III along these lines. For lack of a better name, we shall refer to it as the Gateway Bird Banding Group (GBBG).

Questionnaires will be sent out only to Master-permittees (@ 60) in this area in July/August. Although this is for EBBA, the answers to the questions will be of equal interest to GBBG. Thus, we ask for your cooperation and goodwill in answering these questionnaires and if the idea of GBBG takes hold, this could become an EBBA Chapter subject to the discussions of EBBA's upcoming Annual Meetings. Any comments from banders in or outside of area III should be mailed or telephoned to the undersigned. Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Golden Eagle Motel, Cape May, NJ
April 1, 1977.**

Meeting called to order at 3 pm by President Ted Beckett.

Attending:

Ted Beckett, Dorothy Bordner, Gladys Cole, Davis Corkran, Roger Foy, Valerie Freer, Elva Hawken, Kathleen Klimkiewicz, William McIntosh, Nadia Mutchler, Robert Pantle, Chris Rose, Fred Schaeffer, Samuel Tipton, John Weske, LeRoy Wilcox and Darwin Wood. Robert Yunick was present as parliamentarian.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 1976 meeting were approved as corrected.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: Dave Corkran — The detailed report was gone over and an up-date adding 182 additional members to our list was presented, making a total of 728 including life members. The fiscal year operation showed a loss of \$829.12 mainly due to a lag in membership renewals and the high expenses for getting the new journal (NABB) under way. The treasurer suggested that each member of EBBA try to recruit one new member for our organization. Report accepted with thanks.

Editor: Mickey Mutchler — The first year of publication for *North American Bird Bander* has been a difficult one, but thought to be a success. Many good articles are coming in and the Editor has instituted several changes and additions to the journal to keep it current with the interests of the membership.

There are a total of 15 exchange journals which are a very costly item. The Editor will decide which ones to continue and which ones to drop. Back issues of the exchange journals have been turned over to the Editor, and will be set up by the Education Committee as a lending library on a pre-paid postage basis.

The Editor received an offer to do an Eastern Bird Banding summary and it was voted to leave it to her discretion as to whether or not it would be published, and if published, whether as an insert or as a regular journal page. There apparently has been some confusion over paid and unpaid ads in NABB. Bill McIntosh moved, with second by John Weske, that no ads be accepted for publication unless they are paid for by someone. Kathy Klimkiewicz made an amendment to the motion to exclude EBBA authorized sales. The amendment was seconded by Roger Foy and the motion as amended, was passed.

Although official stationery is only issued to four officers, there is a need by other officers for it. All EBBA communications to the public should be on official stationery. It was therefore decided that, when the Secretary orders the next printing, officer's names will be left off the letterhead and a larger quantity of stationery will be ordered. This will eliminate the waste of unused

stationery as officers of the organization change and will make letterheads available to all who need official stationery. Report accepted with thanks.

A recess was called at 5 pm. The meeting was re-called to order at 8:15 pm with the addition of Jeff Swinebroad to those attending. Eleanor Radke, editor of WBBA, was introduced and attended the rest of Council meeting as a non-voting participant.

Standing Committees:

Location: Valerie Freer — No invitations for hosting the 1978 meeting have yet been received. Report accepted with thanks.

Finance: Kathy Klimkiewicz — A proposal calling for expenses of \$4200 for NABB, \$360 for officers' expenses, \$840 for committees and \$700 for operating — making a total of \$6,100 was presented. Report accepted with thanks.

Publications: Hannah Suthers — Banders have been seeking help writing papers. A committee of people from different regions will be formed whom banders can phone or write for advice. Report accepted with thanks.

Nominating: Mabel Warburton — Officers of the Association serve two 1-year terms, so no resignations having been received, the following will be eligible to serve their second term:

President: Ted Beckett

First Vice President: Robert J. Pantle

Second Vice President: Valerie M. Freer

Third Vice President: Kathleen Klimkiewicz

Secretary: Elva Hawken

Treasurer: Davis Corkran

Council (expiring in 1980): Hannah Suthers, NJ; Robert Yunick, NY; Jo Kixmiller, NJ; Claire Gottschall, PA.

Report accepted with thanks.

Conservation: Douglas Kibbe — Work initiated on several fronts is still moving forward. A brochure and a series of slides on education and conservation goals of bird banding is being prepared and will eventually be made available as an educational tool. Contact is being established with conservation committees of several ornithological societies in a gesture of support for their activities. Plans are being developed to establish an advisory review service to assist individuals embarking on banding programs involving endangered, rare, "Blue-listed" or other special-status species.

Efforts will be supported to secure and to protect established or potential banding sites as they become known. An investigation into misuse of mist nets by unlicensed individuals will be initiated. Report accepted with thanks.

Auditing: No chairman appointed. An Auditor certified all records.

Memorial Fund: Bertram Murray, Jr. — 14 applications for the grant were received this year. A \$250.00 grant will be awarded to Bette J. Schardien, Dept. of Zoology, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Miss. 39762, to support her work on "An Ecological Study of the Pileated Woodpecker". It was moved by John Weske, seconded by Mickey Mutchler, that three stipulations be given to all recipients of the grant: (1) that a written progress report be sent to EBBA within one year stating the findings of the study; (2) that a copy of any publication resulting from the funded study be forwarded to EBBA; and (3) that an acknowledgement of EBBA's support be included in any such publication. Motion accepted. Report accepted with thanks.

Mist Net: Robert Merritt — A profit of \$666.90 was shown for the year of 1976-77 and a good year to come is anticipated. Supplies of nets are returning to normal. Report accepted with thanks.

Education: Tom Mutchler — Production of the B.I.R.D. Manual was undertaken so that it would be ready for the Conference. This manual is a compilation in a loose leaf form of ideas, pictures, and portions of past workshop manuals presented with the new bander in mind. Report accepted with thanks.

Membership: Claire Gottschall — There are approximately 1700 banders who are non-EBBA members to be contacted if a thorough mail drive for new members is to be attempted. The newly printed brochures are to be sent in this mailing. Report accepted with thanks.

Special Committees:

Ethics: Ronald Keiper — Efforts this year have been mainly devoted to two areas: (1) relationships between members of EBBA and the Banding Office and (2) obligations of the bander. The Committee agrees that more stringent requirements concerning application for obtaining a banding permit should be established. Recommendations such as an "apprenticeship" and a required membership in an organization such as EBBA where banding skills can be learned and constantly updated were put forth. Obligations of each bander were listed as follows: banding is a privilege not a basic right; data collected by the banding process shall be used to the benefit of all — through publication if at all possible; contribute to the improvement of skills in others; maintain good relations with the public; and continue to hold workshops within organizations such as EBBA to aid in the improvement of individual banding programs. Report accepted with thanks.

Historian: Dorothy Foy — A brief resumé of the past year's activities were listed. Report accepted with thanks.

By-laws: Robert Yunick — The following proposals were acted on after hearing comments and recommendations from the committee: (1) Article VIII, Section 1 — Officers: a. Moved by Darwin Wood, seconded by Kathy Klimkiewicz, to reject the proposal to include the Membership Secretary and Historian as officers.

Approved. b. Moved by Bill McIntosh, seconded by Kathy Klimkiewicz, to reject the proposal to increase officers' terms to two years in place of one, and allowing up to four years in office. Approved.

(2) Article IV, Membership and dues, New section 5: Moved by Kathy Klimkiewicz, seconded by Samuel Tipton, to adopt a new section 5, with amendment provided by Jeff Swinebroad, seconded by Chris Rose as follows: Any member whose conduct is deemed a sufficient breach of proper bander conduct, or whose behavior is contrary to the best interests of EBBA shall be dismissed from membership without refund of any portion of unused dues payment. Dismissal shall be determined by Council based on majority vote of all Council members polled, of those assembled at any meeting described in Art. VII, Sect. 1, after Council or its appointed agent has investigated the case in question and reported its findings to Council, including presentation of charges to the accused, and consideration by Council of accused person's reply. Approved.

(3) Article VII — Council, second Paragraph of Section 1: Moved by Bill McIntosh, seconded by Darwin Wood, to reject a proposal for a second Council meeting. Approved.

(4) Article VIII — Officers, New Section 9: Moved by Kathy Klimkiewicz, seconded by Roger Foy, to reject the proposal which delineates the responsibilities of a Membership Secretary as an officer of the Association. Approved.

Old Business: The committee also proposed the following correction to action taken at the 1976 Council meeting: Amend the By-laws to remove Article VIII, Section 8 as approved in 1976 and make it Article IX, Section 12; and make the present Article IX, Section 12 the new Article IX, Section 13. A motion was made by Kathy Klimkiewicz, seconded by Jeff Swinebroad, to accept the amendment. Approved.

New Business: It was suggested that our entire By-laws be reviewed for possible revision and funds of \$250-\$300 be budgeted to provide for legal fees. It was moved by Kathy Klimkiewicz, seconded by Jeff Swinebroad, and approved.

New Business, Member Suggestions: The following revisions of the By-laws were received from an EBBA member and acted upon: (1) Kathy Klimkiewicz moved and Samuel Tipton seconded that the proposed change of Article VI, Section 3 (see By-laws committee report) be approved. Defeated. A second motion to reject the proposal made by Darwin Wood, seconded by Mickey Mutchler, was approved.

(2) John Weske moved and Kathy Klimkiewicz seconded that the proposed change of Article VII, Section 1, Part 1 (see By-laws Comm. report) be rejected. Approved. Roger Foy moved, seconded by Dave Corkran, that the proposed change of Article VII, Sect. 1, Part 2 (see By-laws Comm. report) be rejected. Approved.

(3) Darwin Wood moved, seconded by Bob Pantle, that

the proposed change of Art. VIII, Sect. 1 (see report) be rejected. Approved.

(4) John Weske moved, seconded by Darwin Wood, that the proposed change of Art. VIII, Sect. 4 (see report) be rejected. Approved.

(5) Moved by Bill McIntosh, seconded by Roger Foy, that the proposed change of Art. IX, Sect. 1 (see report) be rejected. Approved.

(6) Moved by John Weske, seconded by Roger Foy that the proposed change in Art. IX, Sect. 1 (see report) be rejected. Approved.

(7) Moved by Micky Mutchler, seconded by Bob Pantle, that the proposed change of Art. IX, Sect. 4 (see report) be rejected. Approved.

(8) Moved by Bill McIntosh, seconded by Dorothy Bordner, that the proposed change of Art. IX, Sec. 7 (see report) be rejected. Approved.

(9) Moved by Kathy Klimkiewicz, seconded by Mickey Mutchler, that the proposed change to the Membership Committee (see report) be rejected. Approved.

The council voted to commend the member who proposed these By-law changes and the Chairman for his comments and recommendations. Report accepted with thanks.

New Business:

The question of raising dues was brought before Council and the following action taken: (a) John Weske, seconded by Kathy Klimkiewicz, to charge \$2 more for all foreign memberships than domestic. Approved. (b) Moved by Darwin Wood, seconded by Bob Pantle, that the new rate for dues is to go into effect on 1 July 1977. Approved.

Anyone who has dual memberships in NABB is entitled to 2 copies of the publication.

A committee consisting of Dave Corkran, Mickey Mutchler, Ruth Rose and Elva Hawken will take charge of having a new membership list printed

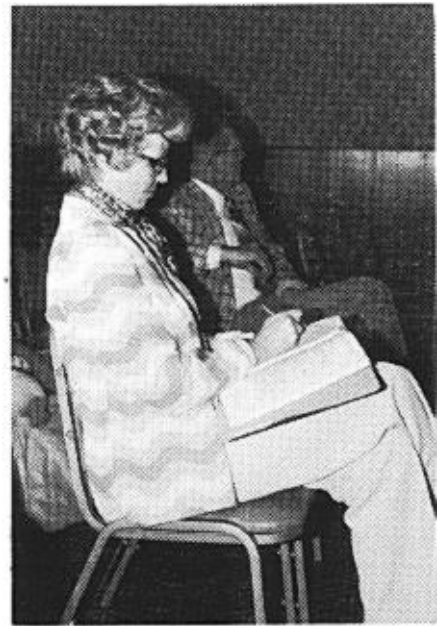
A motion was made by Jeff Swinebroad, seconded by Kathy Klimkiewicz, to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of regionalization of EBBA. The committee will report its findings to the President within two months. Approved.

Kathy Klimkiewicz moved, seconded by Bill McIntosh, to accept in principle a \$2 non-subscribing membership and have Ted contact Charles Collins concerning this matter.

A motion was made by Bill McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Swinebroad, to re-elect Mickey Mutchler editor for EBBA. Approved.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elva Hawken, Secretary.*



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

*Golden Eagle Motel, Cape May, NJ
April 2, 1977*

Meeting was called to order 4:45 pm by President Ted Beckett

Minutes:

Minutes of the 1976 meeting were accepted as printed.

President's Report:

Every Committee Chairman sent in a report this year. Thanks were extended from the President and Secretary. NABB is going very well. The publication speaks for itself.

Treasurer:

Membership of EBBA has grown from 546 in 1976 to 728 in 1977.

Editor:

Mickey Mutchler reported that the publication of NABB is now getting on an even keel, with publication nearer the proper time. She needs small articles to fill out pages. Lengthy recovery lists per se are presently being discouraged, but if incorporated in the body of an article they will be accepted. Eleanor Radke, editor of WBBA, was introduced. She stated that the journal joining was a harmonious one and the publication was gaining stature with ornithological organizations throughout the country. The contents of the journal are continually becoming better.

New Business:

The membership voted to send a message of condolence to the Frank Frazier Sr. family and the Constance Katholi family.

The following changes were made in the By-laws: It was moved to approve Article IV, Sect. 5 as read. Approved.

It was moved to amend the By-laws to remove Art. VIII, Sect. 8 as approved in 1976 and make it Art. IX, Sect. 12 in place of the present Art. IX, Sect. 12; and make the present Art. IX, Sect. 12 the new Art. IX, Sect. 13. Approved.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of nominees for the coming year:

President: Ted Beckett
First Vice President: Robert Pantle
Second Vice President: Valerie M. Freer
Third Vice President: Kathleen Klimkiewicz
Secretary: Elva Hawken
Treasurer: David Corkran
Council (expiring in 1980): Hannah Suthers, NJ; Robert Yunick, NY; Jo Kixmiller, NJ; Claire Gottschall, PA

After an invitation for nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot electing the slate as nominated.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elva Hawken, Secretary*

Conference Statistics

145 persons from 13 states attended the 1977 conference. PA had the largest representation of 37, followed by NJ 31, MD 30, NY 25, Conn 6, VA 4, Mass 3, NC 3, SC 2, and 1 each from VT, W VA, Del. and Ariz.

Those attending were:

PA — Emil J. Berger Jr., Walter, Martha & Clark Bigger, Gene Blatt, Blanche Bordner, Dorothy Bordner, Anne Casselberry, Robert Daniels, Walter & Annabelle Fye, Claire Gottschall, Jesse Grantham, Ronald & Lyn Keiper, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kennedy, Robert Leberman, Harry Mankonen, Wilde Mellencamp, Robert Merritt, Raymond & Betty Middleton, John Miller, Tom & Mickey Mutchler, Anthony Nastase, Martha Neel, Clare Nicolls, Samuel Orr, Mr. & Mrs. William Pepper, Robert Sagar Jared Sparks, Herbert Volker, Richard Waechter, Mabel Warburton.

NJ — Bill Clark, Davis & Ruth Corkran, Mary & Grace Doscher, Roger & Dottie Foy, Joan & Ann Galli, Dot & John Hughes, Rich Kane, Jo Kixmiller, Charles Leck, Glenn Mahler, Duncan McIntosh, Will Merritt, Bertram Murray, Jr., Patti Murray, Pete & Dee Polisse, Katherine Price, Walt Protzman, Ruth & Chris Rose, June Smith, Howard Spendelow, Jr., Hannah Suthers, Charl Warburton, Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Wood.

MD — Danny Bystrak, Gladys Cole, Audrey & Bob Crush, Eddie Davis, Margaret & Morrill Donald, Janet Ganter, Ken Hodgdon, David Holmes, Kathy Klimkiewicz, Dorothea Malec, Mac & Minette McCullough, Sybil McKennon, Dorothy Mendinhall, Fran Pope, Alan & Barbara Ross, Chandler Robbins, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schreiber Sr., Joe & Jerry Schreiber, Jay Sheppard, T. Paul Smith, Jeff Swinebroad. John Tautin, John Weske, John Willets.

NY — Cathie Baumgartner, Barbara Belangerm, Mr. & Mrs. John Bray, Jim Covert, Sadie Dorber, Mary & John Forness, Valerie & David Freer, Kathy Grasselfinger, Elva Hawken, Bob & Rita Pantle, Gilbert Raynor, Archie Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ruppert, Walton Sabin, Fred Schaeffer, Roy Slack, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Wilcox, Robert Yunick.

Conn — David Goodnow, Arne Rosengren, Fred, David and Steven Sibley, Jeffrey Spendelow.

VA — Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Hacker, Jeff & Carolyn Lincer, Mr. & Mrs. Walter P. Smith.

Mass — Edith Andrews, Trevor Lloyd-Evans, Craig Scharf.

NC — Margery Plymire, Samuel & Isabel Tipton.

SC — Ted Beckett, Bill McIntosh,

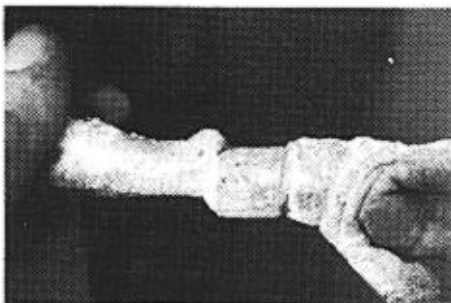
VT — Betty Downs

W. VA — Gigi Aikens

Del — Albert Conway

Ariz. — Eleanor Radke.

These statistics were taken from the registration book.



Turkey Vulture banding problem

I have stopped leg banding Turkey Vultures. The condition that was caused by the band size 7B, described in NABB 1:126, also occurs with the band size 8 as recommended by the BBL.

Ed Henckel, Stanhope, NJ