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### Western Bird Banding Association

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## From the President

If I say, "Charlie," I feel certain that everyone in WBBA will know who I mean. For those who may not, I speak of Dr. Charles T. Collins who is the outgoing president of WBBA.

As a two-term president Charlie initiated, planned, and organized. Sometimes he pleaded. Sometimes he prodded. And, time after time, he was successful in raising our level of expectation. Not willing to let things stand there, he worked to see that we were not disappointed.

Only he knows how he is able to find the time to write articles, give lectures and papers for professional organizations, make study trips for work with his specialty, the swifts, organize committees, arrange for meeting places, and the multitude of other things which he does.

Perhaps, best of all, he was a great encouragement to others to work for the betterment of WBBA.

In the last issue I expressed thanks to the out-going and in-coming officers and workers. I wanted to save, for this issue, particular mention of Charlie's contribution and say to him a special, "Thanks, Charlie."

More and more discussion time is being given to

the relationship of the "amateur in ornithology" to the professional ornithologist, in particular how they may complement each other in organizations such as WBBA. As an amateur, this topic interests me greatly.

I am personally aware of the lift it gives an amateur to be in the company of professional ornithologists — to hear them analyze and compare, give judgments and express opinions based on far greater experience and understanding than ones own.

But, I should hope that this professional-amateur relationship could be more than a one-way street. Surely there must be important ways in which an amateur can contribute to this relationship.

I suppose that what I have in mind is the question, "How can we best use the talents of both professional and amateur in WBBA?" I should be very pleased to have correspondence with those of you who have been giving thought to this matter.

Perhaps there can also be discussion of this subject at our Annual Meeting in the spring.

Otis D. Swisher

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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: Harris' Hawk, Scaled Quail, California Quail, Gambel's Quail, Mountain Quail, Common Snipe, Band-tailed Pigeon, key to kingbirds, Eastern Kingbird, Tropical Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Myarchis flycatchers, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Yellow-billed Magpie, Clark's Nutcracker, Verdin, Bushtit, Varied Thrush, gnatcatchers, Orange-crowned Warbler, waterthrushes, Oporornis warblers, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Tanager, Summer Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Cassin's Finch, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, towhees, White-crowned Sparrow.

## Correction Annual Report



One of the things which a compiler of an Annual Report may lose sleep over is the thought that he may have missed someone's bandings and inadvertently left them out of the final report. Just such a grave mistake was made in the 1977 compilation. If it had involved a common species, the slip-up would be easier to understand; but, since it involved the rare Whooping Crane, I am at a loss to understand how I missed it.

The banding of Whooping Cranes is a rarity in itself. But, to have a chance to record 9 juveniles, and the first ones ever banded in Canada, makes the oversight almost inexcusable.

Please correct the Annual Report on page 85, Vol. 3, No. 2, to include 9 Whooping Cranes in Alberta. My apologies to Ernest Kuyt, bander.

Otis D. Swisher, compiler

The next Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association will be held in the beautiful and historic town of Santa Barbara, California, on Saturday 5 May and Sunday 6 May 1979.

The day of paper sessions and workshops will be held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, located at 2559 Puesta del Sol Road. The Museum is in historic Mission Canyon, just over two miles from the Pacific Ocean and near the Old Santa Barbara Mission. The site is characterized by oaks, sycamores, and other southern California streamside vegetation. The ecological setting and the Mediterranean-style architecture of the Museum are conducive to a pleasant and productive meeting. Save these dates and plan to attend.

### Points of Interest

A scenic drive has been laid out around the town and includes such attractions as the Mission Santa Barbara, Botanic Garden, Andree Clark Bird Refuge, Zoological Gardens, Moreton Bay Fig Tree, Historical Society Museum, and El Paseo — the picturesque shopping arcade reminiscent of Old Spain.

### Accommodations

Each participant will have to arrange his or her own lodging. There are a number of reasonably priced motels in Santa Barbara. A full list will be sent out with pre-registration information and a call for papers in early March. Please note that no motel is within easy walking distance of the Museum. If you do not intend to bring or rent a car, you may want to plan to room at the same place as someone who does. With a little cooperation, this should not be a problem.

### Travel Information

Santa Barbara is easily reached by car via U.S. Highway 101, which links Los Angeles and San Francisco and points north. The Santa Barbara Airport is served by United Airlines from Los Angeles and San Francisco. Golden West and Apollo Airlines run air commuter service from a number of cities throughout the state. By rail, Santa Barbara may be reached on Amtrak via Los Angeles, San Francisco, or intervening towns.



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# Auxiliary marking authorizations

Edited by Jon L. Atwood

*This regular feature is designed to promote cooperation and information exchange among banders and other field biologists. Please remember, however, that sightings of marked birds should be reported directly to the Bird-Banding Lab, which will then notify the bander responsible.*

**Western Grebe:** Patagial tags in Lassen Co., CA. Virginia S. Tinling, Div. of Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, Univ. of California, Davis, CA 95616.

**Mississippi Kite:** Radio transmitters in Pima and Pinal Cos., AZ. Richard L. Glinski, P.O. Box 687, Tempe, AZ 85281.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Radio transmitters in ID. Dr. Thomas C. Dunstan, 3500 Morrishill Road, Boise, ID 83700.

**N. Bald Eagle:** Radio transmitters, back and wing markers in MN. Dr. Thomas C. Dunstan, address above.

**Osprey:** Leg jesses in ID and WA. Dr. Donald R. Johnson, 1132 East E. Street, Moscow, ID 83843.

**Prairie Falcon:** Radio transmitters in ID. Dr. Thomas C. Dunstan, address above.

**Prairie Falcon:** Plastic leg bands in eastern WA and northern ID. Dr. Donald R. Johnson, address above.

**Peregrine Falcon:** Plastic leg bands in TX, UT, WY, ID, MT, NV, CO, NM, AZ. William A. Burnham, Peregrine Fund, 1424 N.E. Frontage Road, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

**Sandhill Crane:** Plastic neck collars in UT and WY. Idaho Cooperative Research Unit, Elwood G. Bizeau, Univ. of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843.

**American Avocet and Black-necked Stilt:** Dye and wing streamers in southern CA. Gilbert S. Grant, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

**Killdeer:** Dye in southern CA. Gilbert S. Grant, address above.

**California Gull:** Patagial wing tags in WY. Dr. Kenneth L. Diem, Dept. of Zoology and Physiology, Univ. of Wyoming, Univ. Station, Box 3166, Laramie, WY 82070.

**Roadrunner:** Plastic leg bands in San Diego Co., Ca. Dr. Sandra L. Vehrencamp, 3302 Via Alicante, La Jolla, CA 92037.

**Barn Owl:** Plastic leg bands in Box Elder, Cache, David, Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber Cos., UT. Carl D. Marti, Dept. of Zoology, Weber State College, Ogden, UT 84403.

**Burrowing Owl:** Plastic leg streamers in ID. Dr. Donald R. Johnson, address above.

**Spotted Owl:** Radio transmitters in OR, CA, WA. Dr. E. Charles Meslow, Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Res. Unit, 104 Nash Hall, Oregon State Univ., Corvallis, OR 97331.

**Anna's and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds:** Paint and/or leg streamers in AZ. Dr. William A. Calder, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 87721.

**Gray Flycatcher:** Plastic leg bands in OR. Dr. John A. Wiens, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of N.M., Albuquerque, NM 87131.

**Horned Lark:** Plastic leg streamers in Clear Creek Co., CO. Bruce E. Webb, 3 Chautagua, Boulder, CO 80302.

**Barn and Cliff Swallows:** Dye in Kittitas and Yakima Cos., WA. Carl D. Barrentine, Dept. of Biology, Central Washington Univ., Ellensburg, WA 98926.

**Scrub Jay:** Leg tags attached to USFWS band in Yolo Co., CA. W.C. Royall, Denver Wildlife Research Center, Bldg. 16, Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225.

**Mountain Chickadee:** Plastic leg bands in OR. Dr. John A. Wiens, address above.

**Dipper:** Plastic leg bands in Weber Co., UT. Carl D. Marti, address above.

**House Wren:** Plastic leg bands in vicinity of Provo, UT. Dr. Hal L. Black, Dept. of Zoology and Indian Education, Brigham Young Univ., Provo, UT 84601.

**Winter Wren:** Plastic leg bands in Pierce Co., WA. James T. Shiflett, 1506 Overhulse St., Olympia, WA 98502.

**Mockingbird:** Leg tags attached to USFWS band in Yolo Co., CA. W.C. Royall, address above.

**American Robin:** Leg tags attached to USFWS band in Yolo Co., CA. W. C. Royall, address above.

**Mountain Bluebird:** Plastic leg bands in OR. Dr. John A. Wiens, address above.

**Townsend's Solitaire:** Plastic leg bands in OR. Dr. John A. Wiens, address above.

**Water Pipit:** Leg streamers in Clear Creek Co., CO. Bruce E. Webb, address above.

**Phainopepla:** Plastic leg bands in vicinity of Deep Canyon Desert Research Center, Riverside Co., CA. Glenn E. Walsberg, Dept. of Zoology, Washington State Univ., Pullman, WA 99163.

**Starling:** Leg tags attached to USFWS band in Yolo Co., CA. W.C. Royall, address above.

**Great-tailed Grackle:** Plastic leg bands in southern AZ. Amadeo M. Rea, Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 1390, San Diego, CA 92102.

**House Finch:** Leg tags attached to USFWS band in Yolo Co., CA. W.C. Royall, address above.

**Chipping and Brewer's Sparrows:** Plastic leg bands in OR. Dr. John A. Wiens, address above.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** Plastic leg bands in Island, Snohomish, and King Cos., WA and vicinity of Fairbanks, AK. Dr. Donald S. Farner, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** Leg streamers in Clear Creek Co., Co. Bruce E. Webb, address above.

**Fox Sparrow:** Plastic leg bands in vicinity of Sierra Nevada, Alpine Co., CA. Dr. Robert I. Bowman, Div. of Biology, San Francisco State Univ., San Francisco, CA 94132.

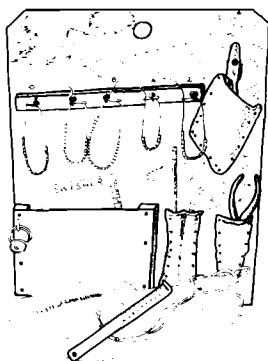
**Song Sparrow:** Plastic leg bands in San Bernardino and Orange Cos., CA. Thomas W. Keeney, Biological Sciences Dept., California State Polytechnic Univ., 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768.

## Miscellaneous

**Golden, Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers; Semipalmated, Baird's and Pectoral Sandpipers; Red and Northern Phalaropes:** Plastic leg bands in AK. Dr. George C. West, Institute of Arctic Biology, Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

**Hawaiian Goose, Duck, Stilt, Crow, Gallinule and Coot; Laysan Duck:** Plastic leg bands, nasal saddles in HI. Ronald L. Walker, Hawaii Div. of Fish & Game, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

**Wrentit, Scrub Jay, Brown and Rufous-sided Towhees, Bewick's Wren, Common Bushtit:** Plastic leg bands in Los Angeles Co., CA. Thomas W. Keeney, address above.



**B.I.R.D. Manual.** The Education Committee of EBBA has compiled the best of old workshop manuals with some new ideas for banders: Ethics, Traps, Nets, Suppliers, Ageing/Sexing Techniques, Identification, and many other aids. It has been prepared for use in a loose leaf notebook and the committee will be adding to the information occasionally with inserts in NABB. The B(anders) I(nformation) R(esource) D(ata) Manual is available from: Tom Mutchler, c/o Hartwood Club, Box 212X, RD 1, Monticello, NY 12701, \$2.50 ppd.

**McCamey Chickadee Trap:** \$9.00 F.O.B. Eugene.

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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