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From the President

Over the years, a number of changes have occurred in the ornithological journals published in North America. Some of these changes affect the opportunities that banders have to publish on their work. Here, I shall explore briefly what I think these developments mean for *North American Bird Bander*.

In the past, banders were able to publish articles of interest to other banders in a variety of ornithological journals. Several journals devoted to banding matters were published by the regional bird-banding associations. In addition, more general ornithological journals often welcomed articles on the details of banders' observations and techniques.

Times have changed, however. Rates of manuscript submission to some of the general ornithological journals have increased substantially. This trend, coupled with escalating printing costs, has led to exceptionally keen competition for space, especially in the major journals. As a result, rejection is common, even for manuscripts considered to be publishable. Furthermore, those papers that are accepted must be reduced to their bare essentials, which in many cases means the omission of details (especially details of methodology) that may be of particular interest to banders.

A second development also has taken place. Some of the regional bird-banding associations now publish journals that are quite broad in scope, rather than restricted to studies about or incorporating banding. Recently, N.E.B.B.A. changed the title of its journal from *Bird-Banding* to *The Journal of Field Ornithology*, reflecting a shift of emphasis and content that had its beginnings some time ago. I.B.B.A.'s present journal, *Inland Bird Banding*, also publishes papers of general ornithological interest. This leaves only one widely-circulated journal that addresses itself specifically to the needs and interests of banders: E.B.B.A.'s and W.B.B.A.'s joint publication, *N.A.B.B.*

I believe these developments present our journal with some singular opportunities and responsibilities. Among the most important, I think, are the following:

1. As a multi-regional journal uniquely devoted to banding matters, *N.A.B.B.* has the opportunity to disseminate widely certain types of information that other national journals may exclude for lack of space, but that nevertheless are of great value to

banders. A case in point is information on the details of techniques for capturing, marking, ageing, and sexing birds. Charlie Collins has repeatedly emphasized the utility of publishing such information in *N.A.B.B.* As Charlie has pointed out, data on methods that work (or don't work!) need not have been gathered for their own sake; they may just as well be the "spin-off" of broader biological studies published elsewhere.

2. I feel that *N.A.B.B.* has a responsibility — today more than ever — to remain a journal that is dedicated specifically to bird-banding concerns. If *N.A.B.B.* were to shift its emphasis to other aspects of ornithology, it might well forfeit its distinctiveness by becoming "one of many." Worse, it would forsake a group of people to whom it owes its existence — that is, banders in the U.S. and Canada who need to share with one another new findings and techniques related to banding.

Perhaps the most important thing that we, as banders, can do to help *N.A.B.B.* in meeting these challenges is to increase our rate of manuscript submission. *N.A.B.B.*'s editors have worked tirelessly on the journal's behalf, and W.B.B.A.'s newly formalized advisory and review board stands ready to help authors to improve their manuscripts. The journal's success depends ultimately, however, upon banders generally — upon their willingness to invest the time and effort required to produce high-quality articles and notes on banding-related topics for *N.A.B.B.*

Martha Balph



Addenda to the 1979 Annual Report

Three non-agency banders totaled over 3,000 birds banded in 1979. In addition to Edgar T. Jones and Fred Hosea, J.C. Finlay also exceeded 3,000 birds banded.

Mr. Finlay points out that all his banding is done on his own time with the help of several volunteers. "We banded 3,015 birds in 1979 and will do more in 1980."

Significant encounters with banded birds

I. Non-passerines

Blue-faced Boobies. 767-53706, 767-53723, 767-53877, 767-55264. Banded as L-U (-53706 and -53877), AHY-U (-53723) or ATY-Y (-55264) by Ralph W. Schreiber on Christmas Island, Pacific Ocean between July and November 1967. Recaptured by hand at same location between March and August 1979. 12 to 15 plus years old; no previous returns.

Red-footed Booby. 837-10613. Banded as AHY-U by Ralph W. Schreiber on Christmas Island, Pacific Ocean on 3 May 1967. Recaptured by hand at same location on 16 August 1979. At least 13 years old; no previous returns.

Great Frigatebird. 837-10672. Banded as L-U by Ralph Schreiber on Christmas Island, Pacific Ocean on 3 May 1967. Recaptured by hand at same location on 26 August 1979. 12 years old; no previous returns.

Great Blue Heron. 667-28071. Banded as L-U by Charles H. Trost at Blackfoot Reservoir, near Soda Springs, ID on 16 June 1977. Recovered at Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico on 15 April 1978.

Snowy Egret. 856-81473. Banded as L-U by Michael D. Rigney at San Mateo, CA on 29 May 1978. Recovered 112 km north of Playa Azul, Michoacan, Mexico in March 1979.

Black-crowned Night-Heron. 1157-66088. Banded as L-U by Charles H. Trost at Minidoka N.W.R., Rupert ID on 9 July 1978. Recovered 10 km north of Santa Cruz, Sinaloa, Mexico on 12 February 1979. (C.H.T. notes that Black-crowned Night-Herons banded by him in Idaho have been recovered in eastern as well as western Mexico. Up to 190 ppm DDE have been recorded in eggs from this population.)

(Black) Brant. 647-65158 and 647-68447. Banded as SY-F by James G. King at Manokinak River, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, AK on 21 July 1967. Retrapped at same location on 14 July 1979. 13 years old; 1 previous return by -65158.

Snow Geese. 977-38556, 977-38668, 977-38696, 977-38720, 977-39400, 977-91330, 977-91340, 977-91348, 977-91483, 977-91491, 977-91499. Banded as HY (6 M, 5 F) at Wrangel Island, U.S.S.R. in July and August of 1975 (-38556 through -38720), 1976 (-39400), or 1977 (-91330 through -91499). Resighted by Lonnie Schultz at Sacramento, N.W.R., Willows, CA in February 1979.

Mallard. 837-86174. Banded as AHY-M by Robert L. Pearson at Benton Lake N.W.R., Black Eagle, MT on 8 August 1968. Recovered at Willow Beach, AZ on 12 February 1979. At least 11½ years old.

(Eurasian) Green-winged Teal. 604-72878 and 604-72907. Banded as HY-F and HY-M by Aleutian Islands N.W.R. on Adak Island, AK on 1 and 7 September 1977. Recovered at Elizovo and Nachiki, U.S.S.R., respectively in October and November 1977.

Greater Scaup. 756-14155. Banded as HY-F by Aleutian Islands N.W.R. at Amchitka Island, AK on 17 September 1977. Caught in fishing gear at Hakodate Bay, Japan on 21 October 1977.

Golden Eagle. 629-00723. Banded as L-U by Joseph R. Murphy, 11 km southwest of Fairfield, UT on 25 May 1977. Found dead beneath a powerline 6 km south of Clover, UT on 21 July 1979.

Peregrine Falcons. 987-39759 and 987-39767. Banded as HY-F by R.E. Ambrose at Yukon River, AK on 15-16 July 1979. Trapped at Padre Island, TX on 6-7 October, 1979.

Dunlin. 831-84775. Banded as AHY-U by Calvin E. Lensink at Yukon Delta, AK on 8 September 1979. Shot in Japan (33°29'N, 133°55'E) on 23 October 1979.

Semipalmated Sandpiper. 880-55151. Banded as L-U by Wayne C. Hanson at Beechey Point, AK on 9 July 1978. Trapped at Sibley Lake, ND on 23 August 1978.

Glaucous-winged Gull. 937-70475. Banded as AHY-U by Kenneth H. Larsen at Cordova, AK on 22 July 1970. Found dead at Ketchikan Creek, AK on 6 March 1979. At least 10 years old.

Glaucous-winged Gull. 1037-51624. Banded as L-U by Calvin E. Lensink at Kodiak, AK on 10 August 1978. Caught in fishing gear at Limantour Beach, CA on 17 November 1978.

California Gull. 645-57198. Banded as L-U by George G. Merrick at Keno, OR on 5 June 1965. Recovered at Klamath Falls, OR in summer of 1977. 12 years old.

Mew Gull. 534-42094. Banded as AHY-U by Leonard J. Peyton at Anchorage, AK on 5 May 1962. Killed by automobile at same location on 12 August 1979. At least **18** years old; no previous returns.

Forster's Tern. 583-52690. Banded as L-U by Richard E. Fitzner at Richland, WA on 7 June 1977. Found dead at Altar, Sonora, Mexico in October 1978.

Caspian Tern. 645-30742. Banded as L-U by L. Richard Mewaldt at San Mateo, CA on 4 June 1971. Recovered (dead in fishing gear) at same location on 12 June 1979. 8 years old; no previous returns.

Mourning Dove. 1153-19605. Banded as AHY-M by Edward C. Channing at Turlock, CA on 12 February 1969. Captured alive in building and released at Napa, CA in April 1979. At least 11 years old.

Barn Owl. 727-00720. Banded as L-U by Carl D. Marti at Kaysville, UT on 26 May 1977. Found dead at Pullman, WA on 25 September 1979.

Broad-tailed Hummingbirds. X14902 and X14958. Banded as AHY-F by William A. Calder III at Gothic, CO on 20 July and 21 August 1972, respectively. Renetted at same location on 8 July and 17 June 1979, respectively. At least **8** years old; 1 previous return by X14902.

II. Passerines

Olive-sided Flycatcher. 78-30740. Banded as AHY-U by P.R.B.O., 5 km northwest of Bolinas, CA on 8 June 1975. Renetted at same location on 18 July 1979. Male, at least 5 years old; several previous returns (see N.A.B.B. 4:142).

Gray Jay. 1163-54109. Banded as AHY-U by Daniel De Jong at Marion, MT on 6 February 1974. Retrapped at same location on 1 October 1979. At least 6½ years old; 2 previous returns.

Scrub Jay. 752-13134. Banded as HY-U by P.R.B.O., 5 km northwest of Bolinas, CA on 24 July 1971. Renetted at same location on 1 March 1979. 8 years old; several previous returns.

Bushtit. 124-10867. Banded as HY-M by P.R.B.O., 5 km northwest of Bolinas, CA on 23 May 1971. Renetted at same location on 28 March 1979. 8 years old; several previous returns (see N.A.B.B. 4:142).

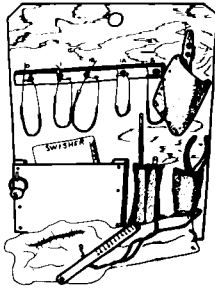
Wrentit. 75-91276. Banded as HY-U by P.R.B.O., 5 km northwest of Bolinas, CA on 14 August 1971. Renetted at same location on 13 January 1979. 7½ years old; several previous returns.

Swainson's Thrush. 108-107279. Banded as HY-U by P.R.B.O., 5 km northwest of Bolinas, CA on 18 July 1971. Renetted at same location on 3 July 1979. Female, 8 years old; several previous returns (see N.A.B.B. 4:142).

Amakihi. 7010-16939. Banded as ASY-M by Charles van Riper at Puu Laau, HI in June 1973. Renetted at same location on 27 February 1979. At least 7½ years old; 6 previous returns.

Wilson's Warbler. 1430-39996. Banded as HY-U by P.R.B.O., 5 km northwest of Bolinas, CA on 18 August 1978. Shot at Desconocido, Sinaloa, Mexico on 23 November 1978.

Western Tanager. 1181-31722. Banded as AHY-M by Donald E. Payne at Summit Spring, Cascades, OR on 25 May 1978. Recovered in Guatemala on 11 November 1978.



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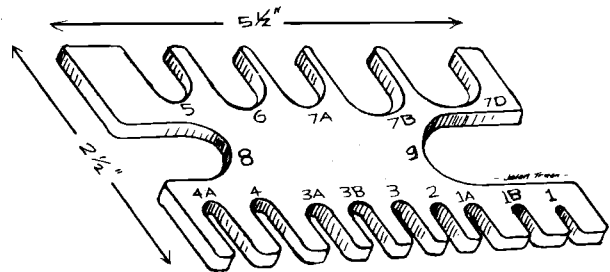
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