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Color-banded Evening Grosbeak

Frank C. Layton, a bander at P.O. Box 2851, Casper, Wyoming 82602, has received a report from a bird feeder in Casper concerning the occurrence of a color-banded male Evening Grosbeak "about a month ago" (October 1984). This bird had a standard aluminum band on the right leg and a yellow and black band on the left leg. Mr. Layton would appreciate receiving information about this bird and the color-banding project concerning it.

ATTENTION BANDERS: In 1982, while working as a ringing assistant at the Falsterbo Bird Observatory in Sweden, I had the opportunity of meeting and ringing with Lars Svensson. A pertinent topic of our discussions was the need for some sort of American counterpart to his *Identification Guide to European Paserines*, (See review on p.22) and indeed, on page 6 he asks, "when do we get an

American guide?". With the encouragement of Lars and many North American banders, and the support of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, I plan to compile such a guide, hoping to be finished by winter 1985-6.

A thorough compilation would necessarily involve the contributions of banders across the continent. If any of you have any unpublished information on identifying, aging, or sexing birds in the hand; or any other general suggestions; I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. The more complete the guide is, the more useful it will be for all of us. All contributions will, of course, be acknowledged.

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