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Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*)—There are 2 previous records of this species from the Tortugas. A third was observed by us on 2 April 1967 on Bush Key. It allowed close approach and seemed oblivious to the activity of the tern colony, much of its activities being confined to an area close to concentrations of Brown Noddy (*Anous stolidus*) nests.

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The Bird Banding Laboratory is re-editing, bringing up to date, and expanding Merrill Wood's book, *A Birdbander's Guide to Determination of Age and Sex of Selected Species*. This will be Volume II of the Bird-banding Manual. Component parts will be issued as they are completed, beginning with the Fringillidae. Anyone with more recent information, emendations to, or criticisms of, material previously published by Wood is requested to send them to Erma J. (Mrs. Bradley) Fisk, 17101 SW 284th St., Homestead, Fla. 33030.

The nation-wide Breeding Bird Survey will be run during May and June, and those as far south as Florida preferably in May. Ideally each route should be run by the same observer on about the same date each year, but occasional changes of personnel are unavoidable. Our minimal goal, however, should be the coverage of every Florida route. Those who covered one or more routes in 1972 will soon be approached about the 1973 Survey. A prompt reply will greatly facilitate planning, especially if your reply must be negative, as it may take time to find a replacement. I feel this to be a meritorious project and encourage all qualified observers who can do so to take part in it. If interested, please contact Mr. Chandler S. Robbins or Mr. Danny Bystrak, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Md. 20810. — Ed.