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**G**reater White-fronted Geese 1127-02009 and 1127-02018 Both banded in 1980 by Craig Ely (location unknown). Recaptured together by D.S. Gilman at Tule Lake NWR, CA on 8 Oct 1987.

**Green-winged Teal** 564-24765 Banded as HY-F by staff of Aleutian Islands NWR at Adak, Aleutian Islands, on 8 Sept 1981. Shot there 18 Jan 1988. 6.5 years old. [European race].

**Mallard** 1107-07227 Banded as AHY-M by E. Kuyt, Canadian Wildlife Service, in Wood Buffalo National Park AB on 27 Aug 1979. Retrapped near St. Cloud MN on 4 Oct 1987; 1250 mi SE of banding site. At least 9 years old.

... 1427-20270 Banded as HY-F by Jonathan Beall at Fort Lewis WA on 3 Sept 1986. Shot at MerRouge LA on 26 Nov 1986; 1900 mi SE of banding site, traveled in 84 days.

**Canvasback** 1027-13130 Banded as U-M by staff of Oakland Parks and Recreation Dept at Lake Merritt, Oakland CA on 13 Dec 1974. Shot at Staymen Flats WA on 3 Dec 1986. At least 12 years old.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** 1433-59917 Banded as AHY-F by Ted Swem at Chichaloon AK on 17 Sept 1985. Recovered in Randle WA on 29 Mar 1987; 1500 mi SE of banding site.

**Bald Eagle** 599-27717 Banded as adult (unknown sex) by staff of Aleutian Islands NWR at Adak, Aleutian Islands, on 27 Jan 1982. Found injured there 13 Jan 1988. At least 11 years old.

... 629-11957 Banded as L-U by staff of Aleutian Islands NWR at Adak, Aleutian Islands, on 17 July 1982. Found dead there 11 Jan 1988. 5.5 years old.

**Red-shouldered Hawk** 816-17801 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Camp Pendleton CA on 8 May 1976. Found dead on highway at Jamul CA near San Diego, in Feb 1987. 11 years old.

**Swainson's Hawk** 987-14219 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Dorris CA on 12 July 1979. Retrapped there 2 June 1987. 8 years old.

... 987-07361 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Dorris CA on 4 July 1980. Retrapped there 11 Aug 1987. 7 years old.

... 987-63016 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Tule Lake CA on 3 July 1982. Found injured at Diamond Valley NV on 29 Apr 1986; [330 mi SE from banding site, if the Diamond Valley is near the Diamond Mountains NV.]

**Red-tailed Hawk** 877-77590 Banded as L-U by S. Platt at Point of Rocks WY on 24 June 1986. Found dead at Wickett TX on 16 Dec 1986; 800 mi SE of banding site.

... 877-60540 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at San Juan Capistrano CA on 20 May 1979. Found injured there 17 Apr 1987. 8 years old.

... 877-31965 Banded as HY-U by Peter Bloom at Susanville CA on 15 Aug 1976. Found dead at Gridley CA on 6 Dec 1986; @100 mi SW of banding site. 10 years old.

... 877-31969 Banded as HY-U by Peter Bloom at Coleville CA on 18 Sept 1976. Found dead in the San Pedro Martir Mountains, Baja California, Mexico, in Apr 1987; 600 mi SE of banding location. 11 years old.

... 877-16560 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Santa Ana CA on 23 May 1973. Found dead at Bloomington CA on 14 Dec 1986. 13 years old.

... 877-16597 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Camp Pendleton CA on 21 Apr 1974. Found dead there 9 May 1987. 13 years old.

**Ferruginous Hawk** 1387-04409 Banded as L-U by S. Platt at Point of Rocks WY on 13 July 1987. Found alive with both legs broken at Canyon Dam AZ on 1 Oct 1987. [Possibly caught in leg hold trap.]

**Golden Eagle** 629-20815 Banded as SY-M by Peter Bloom at Gorman CA near Bakersfield, on 29 Nov 1986. Found dead at Powder OR on 1 Jun 1987.

... 629-09926 Banded as ATY-M by Al Harmata at Center CO on 5 Feb 1981. Found dead at Kremmling CO on 7 Nov 1987; 170 mi N of banding site. At least 9 years old. [Left leg missing when originally banded.]

**Merlin** 1333-92912 Banded as L-M by Phil Schempf along the East Fork River AK on 9 July 1984. Retrapped along the Sanctuary River AK on 7 July 1987; at least 250 mi SE of banding site.

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**Blue Grouse** 10539 (British Columbia provincial band) Banded and colorbanded as SY-M by Lennart Sopuck at Courtenay BC on 16 July 1976. Resighted and photographed (in color) by Jack Barrie about 1 km from original banding site during courtship display on 22 Apr 1987. 12 years old. [One+ years older than longevity record in Clapp et al. 1982. J. Field Ornithol. 53:81-124. Fred Zwickel states that 10539 is the second 12-year-old Blue Grouse recaptured to his knowledge.]

**Ring-billed Gull** 665-72513 Banded as L-U by George Merrick at Midland OR on 29 June 1969. Caught diseased at Tule Lake NWR, CA on 16 Mar 1987. 18 years old.

**Least Tern** 801-53109 Banded as HY-U by B.C. Thompson near Port Lavaca TX on 27 June 1980. Recaptured as ASY-F on nest by Roger Boyd at Quivira NWR, Stafford KS on 16 June 1987; 650 mi N of banding site. 7 years old, 3 previous recoveries.

... 1331-60748 Banded as ASY-M by Roger Boyd at Quivira NWR, Stafford KS on 15 July 1984. Recaptured on nest by G. Lingle along Platte River, near Kearney NE on 12 June 1987; 250 mi N of banding site. At least 5 years old.

**Inca Dove** 842-51984 Banded as U-U by Bob Tweit at Tucson AZ on 14 Dec 1981. Recaptured 47 times there as of 5 Oct 1987. At least 6 years old. [Most recaptures in 1982 (10 times), 1985 (10 times) and 1987 (17 times)].

**Common Barn-Owl** 816-56639 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Camp Pendleton CA on 10 June 1983. Found diseased at Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, on 29 Nov 1986; 110 mi S of banding site.

... 816-18038 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Susanville CA on 21 June 1977. Shot at Folsom CA in Nov 1984; 120 mi NE of banding site. 7 years old.

**Flammulated Owl** 1373-33611 Banded as AHY-F on nest by Richard Reynolds at Teller CO on 15 July 1981. Retrapped on nest there on 9 July 1987. At least 7 years old. [Longevity record? Species not included in recent summaries (Clapp et al. 1983. J. Field Ornithol. 54:123-137).]

... 1373-33614 Banded as L-U by Richard Reynolds at Teller CO on 15 July 1981. Retrapped on nest as AHY-M there 11 July 1987. 6 years old.

...1373-33635 Banded as AHY-M by Richard Reynolds at Teller CO on 27 June 1983. Retrapped on nest there 9 July 1987. At least 5 years old. [Mean minimum age of 6 owls recaptured in 1987 by Reynolds was 5.0 years].

**Great Horned Owl** 608-18676 Banded as L-U by Peter Bloom at Camp Pendleton CA on 26 Apr 1976. Struck by car at Oceanside CA on 14 June 1987. 11 years old.

**Broad-tailed Hummingbird** x-18025 Banded as AHY-F by Bill Calder at Rocky Mountain Biological Lab., Gothic CO on 21 June 1976. Retrapped there 21 Aug 1987. At least 12 years old. [Extends longevity record set by same bird in 1986, see NABB 12:174].

**Nihoa Millerbird** 1600-19306 Banded as AHY-M by Sheila Conant on Nihoa Island HA on 24 Apr 1983. Mistnetted there 13 May 1987. At least 5 years old.

**Western Bluebird** 1331-76871 Banded as L-M by Elsie Eltzroth at Corvallis OR on 27 June 1984. Found on ground unable to fly there 7 Apr 1987; rehabilitated and released 19 May 1987. [The bird was "placed with" a female incubating eggs who had lost her mate. 76871 remained with the female and successfully reared a second brood.]

... 1341-46973 Banded by Elsie Eltzroth at Corvallis OR on 3 July 1985. Recaptured on nest there 15 Apr 1987. [Hand-reared orphan released in 1985, second year of successful breeding. See NABB 12:175.]

**Mountain Bluebird** 961-61248 Banded as L-U by Ray Woods at Elkton AB in 1986. Found dead in a building in Carson Mesa NM, 50 mi N of Sante Fe. in the fall of 1986; 1100 mi SE of banding site. [Apparently the first bird banded in the Calgary area to be recovered on its wintering ground. Reported by Don Stiles, who also reported a bluebird banded as a nestling at Lethbridge AB in 1986 by Duncan Mackintosh was found dead in Fort Worth TX in Jan 1987; 1350 mi SE of banding site.]

... 1311-27196 Banded as L-U by Alfred Larson at Triangle ID on 20 June 1982. Recaptured as AHY-F in nestbox there 2 May 1987. 5 years old. [Three previous recaptures, all at nestboxes. Recaptures in 1984, 1985, and 1987 were all in the same box. All recaptures were within 1 mi of box where 27196 was banded as a nestling.]

... 1271-86763 Banded as AHY-F by Myrna Pearman at Lacombe AB in May 1983. Recaptured in nestbox there in May 1987. 5 years old. [Oldest of 25 banded bluebirds which returned in 1987.]

**Fox Sparrow** (Band # not given) Banded by Tim Manolis at Sacramento CA during winter 1987. [From photos and selected plucked feathers, Phil Unitt of San

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Diego Museum of Natural History identified this individual as subspecies *zaboria*, which is a rare wintering race in California. It spent the entire winter of 1986–1987 in Sacramento.]

**Rosy Finch** 1341-97414 Banded as AHY-M by Jon Swenson at Livingston MT on 27 Apr 1984. Live-trapped by Kent Jensen at Bozeman MT on 17 Jan 1987; 25 mi from banding site.

**NOTE TO EBBA & IBBA MEMBERS:** You are invited to send your returns directly to Dr. Dunning at the above address. He will select the most interesting returns for publication. Please include species, band number, places and dates of banding and recovery as well as individuals involved, age and sex data for banding and recovery and any other pertinent information.

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## Comments and an Errata for *Identification Guide to North American Passerines*

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I have received many helpful criticisms of and comments about our recently published guide (Pyle, P., Howell, S. N. H., Yunkin, R. P., and DeSante, D. F. 1987. *Identification Guide to North American Passerines*. Slate Creek Press, Bolinas, CA). Many of the comments concern the ornithological content of the guide; these will be synthesized into a second edition which we are planning to publish in three or four years. Most of these initial observations, however, pertain to typographical errors, to unanticipated changes in the figure numbers, and to mistakes made while labeling and laying out the figures during the "one frantic night" we had to do this (see p. ix). The more important of these are listed in the errata below.

At the time we published the guide we were unaware of the Bird Banding Laboratory's (BBL) plans to formulate a standardized list of four-letter codes. Although none of us are going to be completely happy with all of the codes on the recently circulated list (see BBL-MTAB 63 plus addendum), their efforts to produce standardized codes are to be applauded, and I'm sure we will quickly get used to the new set. Therefore, I urge everyone to make the four-letter codes in our guide conform to those of the BBL. A list of changes to make in the guide is given below. I would also like to stress the importance of the "Note to banders" on page 28 of the guide.

I thank Albert E. Conway, Kathy Klimkiewicz, Allan Phillips, Lars Svensson and Kenneth Winkler for extensive comments thus far received, and I will always greatly welcome future comments and criticisms.

### ERRATA

The following corrections should be made in *Identification Guide to North American Passerines*:

**p. 33, table 1:** The wing formulas under Trail's Flycatcher should be "p9–p5 8–13"; and under Least Flycatcher, "p9–p6 < 5.0" should be changed to "p9–p5 ≥ 5.0".

**p. 34:** The labels "HY/SY" and "AHY/ASY" in fig. 26 should be switched.

**p. 37:** In fig. 30, "p9–p5 ≤ 5 mm" should be changed to "p9–p5 > 5 mm".

**p. 46:** Change "GREAT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER" to "GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER".

**p. 71:** The specific name for American Crow should be *brachyrhynchus*.

**p. 73:** The specific name for Chihuahuan Raven should be *cryptoleucus*.

**p. 84:** The generic name for Cactus Wren should be *Campylorhynchus*. The band size should be 1A.

**p. 99–100:** Replace all (7) references to "fig. 80" with "fig. 81".

**p. 101:** The generic name for Wrentit should be *Chamaea*.

**p. 107 (and p. 272):** The specific name of Crissal Thrasher should be changed to *crissale* in accordance with the 35th supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list (A.O.U. 1985. Auk 102:680–686).

**p. 108:** The specific name for Le Conte's Thrasher should be *lecontei*.