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Retiring Editor Note

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ecologists working with birds with the objective of establishing monitoring stations during the winter. With this workshop, Peter Pyle and David DeSante started a pilot project to investigate avian survivorship in winter habitats, Monitoreo de Supervivencia Invernal (MoSI). The project started in four protected areas and today has banding stations in seven protected areas. The objective of another important monitoring program is to gain information about Nicaragua's resident forest birds. This banding program is the first project working with its own methods extended from MoSI. The methods include recording such measurements as tarsus length, bill length and width, length of outer tail feathers, and length of the 9th primary. The information will be used to produce a calendar of nesting and chick-rearing seasons to determine precisely the ages of resident birds. Two of the three protected areas involved were already part of MoSI.

RETIRING EDITOR

Those who know me probably will not find "retiring" the most appropriate adjective. But it is an apt description of what I will be doing by the time this issue is in the hands of *NABB* readers.

After shepherding WBBA contributions through 25 issues of *NABB*, I am ready for a change and am happily passing the baton of the WBBA editor to Walt Sakai, who begins his term with Volume 32.

Thanks to authors, reviewers, readers, and fellow editors, this job has been interesting, rewarding, and sometimes even fun. Best wishes to all of you.

Kay Loughman

ANNUAL REPORT ERRORS

To our dismay and intense embarrassment, we have been advised of several errors in the WBBA Annual Report of Birds Banded for 2005. Among them were the reports of the following banders: A06, B08, I03, and P03. We will make corrections to the electronic version of the Annual Report which appears on the WBBA web page. We apologize both to our readers and to the banders whose data was misrepresented in the report.

**Walt Sakai, Compiler
Kay Loughman, Editor**

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 2007

The Western Bird Banding Association (WBBA) offers two \$500 grants each year, one for research and the other for monitoring, for individuals and/or organizations engaged in projects in the New World using marked birds. The research grant should help test a hypothesis, while the monitoring grant is intended to help individuals or institutions establish or continue monitoring programs that investigate changes in bird populations. Students (including undergraduates) and organizational interns are encouraged to apply.

Grant awardees will be asked to submit results of their grant projects for publication in future issues of *North American Bird Bander* as well as present results at future WBBA annual meetings.

Applicants for these grants should submit a project proposal and two letters of reference attesting to the qualifications of the applicant. Proposals must include a description of the research or monitoring program that includes objectives, methods, and a budget detailing how requested funds will be used. Applicants may increase their chances by having smaller project budgets or detailing the use of requested funds for larger projects. The proposal constitutes the application and should be limited to no more than three typed pages, including full contact information. No additional forms are required; no information packets are available from WBBA.

Applicants for these annual grants should submit the information described above by 31 Aug to:

Geoffrey Geupel, WBBA Awards
PRBO Conservation Science
Palomarin Field Station
P.O. Box 1157
Bollinas, CA 94924 USA

Announcements of successful applicants will be made at the WBBA annual meeting in late summer/early fall, and funds will be available from the Treasurer soon after.