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Errata: Please change the Volume Number (right hand bottom) on the front cover of the Jul-Sep 2015 issue (most recent prior issue of *NABB*) from 43 to 40. The *NABB* production coordinator apologizes for this error.

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Lacking sufficient material for a complete issue of *NABB* for Vol 40, No. 4, the *NABB* editorial board authorized publication of a combined issue of Vol. 40, No. 4 with Vol. 41, No. 1 to be referenced as Vol. 41, No. 1 2016 for citation purposes.

Please consider this notice as an appeal for manuscripts and other material for publication in NABB.

Lesser Goldfinch:

New Longevity Record

Starr Ranch Bird Observatory has been operating a (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) MAPS banding station since 1999. The banding station is located on the 1618 hectare wildlife refuge, Audubon Starr Ranch, in southern Orange County, CA. The habitat around the banding station consists of riparian dominated by western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), oak woodland dominated by coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) and coastal sage scrub dominated by California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*). The station consists of 16 twelve-

meter mist nets. Eight nets are run stacked and eight nets are run alone. The MAPS station is located at 33°36'34.30"N 117°33'49.09"W.

On 17 Jul 2009, a Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus [Carduelis] psaltra*) was banded with the number 1980-27191 at the Starr Ranch MAPS banding station. The bird was processed and released as an AHY male. This bird was recaptured five other times at the MAPS banding station (see Table 1). At the last recapture, the band was removed due to the condition of the band being so worn the numbers could hardly be read. The metal of the band had become very thin and was stuck to part of the bird's leg. The old band was safely removed and replaced with a new 0A band on the opposite leg, number 2750-83206. The bird was processed and released, aged as an ASY male. No photos were taken. This represents a new longevity record for this species. The previous record was 5 yr, 8 mo (Lutmerding and Love 2015) and the new age record held by this bird is minimum 7 yr old. The previous record dates back to 1960 and was retrieved from a deceased female.

The Lesser Goldfinch showed a small weight increase from its original banding (see Table 1), but after that the weight has remained fairly constant. The frequency of recapture and lack of fat (see Table 1) indicate this bird is most likely a resident bird.