

NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

As indicated above this continues to be a live subject of discussion among banders. Some of you have written to President Groskin expressing your opinions on the desirability of such an organization. If you have an opinion please write to him so that he may be guided by the thoughts of the membership in his action. The proposal presently being considered is that of appointing representatives from each regional association to explore, negotiate, and formulate the basic principles and requirements of such an organization. As your Editor understands the matter, these representatives would have no power to commit the association to ultimate membership in a national body. So whether for or against, write President Groskin.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Lucinda P. Moore
Mr. Albert Schnitzer
Mr. Richard M. Hinchman

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BANDING SUPPLIES

The Massachusetts Audubon Society, 155 Newbury St., Boston, 16, Mass. is offering a wide variety of traps to banders including some types not being offered by EBBA's own Jeff Gill. If you are interested write to them at the above address for further details. They also sell colored aluminum bands in red, blue, green, yellow, and silver in sizes 1, 1A, 2, 3, and 6. All sizes except #6 sell for \$1.50 per hundred, postpaid; the #6 bands sell for \$2.00 per hundred. No orders will be accepted for less than 100 bands of each size but the hundred may include 25 of each of four colors.

SYMPOSIA

A few additional reports have come in too late to be included in the symposium. Maurice Broun who is, as most of you know, Curator of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, wrote:

"Much impressed with group habit; for example, despite the incursion of new birds, group of Juncos banded in early winter remained intact and repeated to early April. Three early winter birds together in one trap, March 25; but no newcomers at the time. Male migrants predominant to early April; mainly females now."

Jeff Gill also contributes the following:

"In general I would say that after November 20th of an average year, in the general vicinity of N.Y.C., any new Junco appearing in one's trap is a wintering bird. Individual birds trapped before November 20th may either winter or be migrants, with the chance tending to a large catch of migrants in the early flights. Any Junco banded in October or November and then appearing in the traps the following April is probably a winter resident and not a migrant. This bird wintered in a sheltered place just outside of the trapping radius, and as the movement starts in the Spring it has wandered back into the trapping area. The chances that one would catch a Junco in the fall migrating south and then later catch the same bird migrating north are so slight as to be almost impossible. I think as you look over the return records from stations you will note that most of the returns; in fact almost all of them, are for birds that wintered in or on the area to which they returned. A migrating return is almost an impossibility."

Please do not forget the TRAP SYMPOSIUM for September. So far not a single contribution has come in! Judging by the discussion which took place at the dinner during the Annual Meeting in Baltimore there is a great deal of interest in the subject and many novel ideas and improvements which are not generally known. Please send in your contribution even if it consists only of questions you would wish to have answered. Suitable subjects are:

Trap design and fabricating short-cuts
 Trap placement
 Gathering cages and their use
 Special traps for species difficult to take in regular designs
 Drawings of traps
 Record of experience - which types are most suitable for which species

Surely you can think of many others.

Your Editor has formalized his thoughts regarding ways and means of making the idea of symposia more useful and has sent a proposal to representatives of the regional associations and the Fish and Wildlife Service. If the idea is sufficiently well received it will be abstracted for a future issue of the News.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Mrs. Eleanor Dater reports banding 1570 Purple Finches for the season. She has also banded the two young of a Lawrence Warbler. Since the Annual Meeting she is serving as an informal committee on memberships. If you know of a prospective new member why not drop her a note informing her of the name and address of the prospect.

Merrill Wood sends the following:

"A suggestion to banders removing rectrices for research --- to insure accuracy, always count all the rectrices before pulling out the feather you wish to collect. Passerine birds normally have twelve tail feathers."