

been washed flat. It is well out in Pamlico Sound, north of Ocracoke, and it was not observed. Other shoals that have built higher there (Howard Lumps) or in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras may have taken care of the Royal Tern colonies.

"July 5, 1952, Isham B. Rogers, Superintendent of Schools of Onslow County, reported 'several hundred' Black Skimmer nests on a bare sand (dredge dump) area of one and one-half acres to the west of Bardens Inlet, near Cape Lookout."

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MORE ABOUT ORIOLES

The BULLETIN OF THE MAINE AUDUBON SOCIETY, vol. 9, no. 1, January 1953, edited by Dr. Alfred O. Gross of Bowdoin College, is now at hand and provides another banding record for an oriole this winter.

On December 4, 1952, an immature Orchard Oriole appeared at the feeding station of a Mrs. Raymond in Westbrook, Maine. It was examined by Dr. Gross, as well as banded on December 13 by Mrs. Irma Werner with band number 49-185137. On January 13, 1953, it was still present. Concerning this species in Maine, Dr. Gross (Pp. 22-23) says there are "few records of the Orchard Oriole for Maine and no authentic records of their nesting". His examination of the plumage of this bird suggests that it must have been the result of a very late nesting, with the strong possibility that it occurred in the State limits.

Two Baltimore Orioles were observed but not banded within the same State this winter, a young bird at Bangor, December 20, 1952 (T.P. Coolidge) and another at Yarmouth, December 21, 1952 (Roy Spear), the latter bird being present January 7, 1953. (Ibid., p. 23)—J.R.C.

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CONCERNING PROPER BAND SIZES

Father Edward Stochr, St. Conrad Friary, Annapolis, Maryland, R.F.D. 4, Box 748, says, in a letter to the Editor, "It seems that some of the recommended sizes (of bands) are too large for the bird involved. For example: # 2 is too large for Wood Thrushes, I've been using 1A.

- # 1A is too large for the other thrushes (Olive-b., Veery, Gray-ch., and Hermit)-while # 1B seems more proper.
1A is too large for the tanagers-so I've used # 1B.
and # 1A is too small for Mockingbirds; # 2 is a better fit.

"Have you any comments concerning this matter? It would be interesting to know what other banders think along these lines."

Your Editor agrees with Father Stoehr that a number of the recommended band sizes are not the best that could be used. In their list of band sizes, the Editor and his wife have, from time to time, made changes in the sizes of the bands to be used on various species. Since many other banders have probably had similar experiences, the Editor requests that members drop him a line concerning the changes in band size which they make. Through this type of cooperative effort, the Fish and Wildlife Service will better be able to recommend, in future publications, bands which are more suitable for certain species. Try to get this data in by April 15 at the latest.

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BLUE JAY SYMPOSIUM

The results of the questionnaire circulated to members last Summer interestingly enough gave first place to the Robin as a topic for a species symposium, although the announcement that the November issue would be devoted to that species went out before the results from the questionnaire were in. Next in order of preference as a symposium topic was the Blue Jay, so it has been decided to devote the May or June issue to that species. The latter issue will mark the final issue of the current term of the Editor, so whether or not he be renamed for another term, the Blue Jay material will have been completed before the end of the current term. Use the Robin symposium as a guide to the type of material desired (Nov.-Dec. 1952). Please send the material no later than April 1 to:

Mrs. Albert E. Conway
Route 4
Easton, Pennsylvania

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Don't forget! Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., March 21-22, 1953.