

A very interesting and productive project can be undertaken by Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, FFA or school classes by urging the girls and boys to search for dove nests during the week days. On Saturdays the sponsor should visit the nests with the youngsters and band the nestling doves. If eggs are present, the nest can be re-visited the following Saturday for banding. During the last five years, the state of Texas conducted a very successful banding project by utilizing school children and having local game protectors supervise and conduct the banding. Local bird clubs might well consider this type of project. This Service urges students, biologists, game protectors, sportsmen and others to participate in a nation-wide effort to band large numbers of nestling doves and breeding adults during the next five breeding seasons.

A banding permit must first be secured from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C., and the necessary Size 3-A bands will be furnished by this agency. Some states also require a state banding permit. If you are able to participate, please write me of your plans and at the close of the nesting season send a summary of your accomplishments. You will contribute much needed information to an important investigation of this migratory game bird and we believe you will enjoy the experience. --Peachtree-Seventh Building, Atlanta 5, Georgia

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#### CONCERNING SIZES OF BANDS by Charles H. Blake

A question was asked at the 1955 Annual Meeting of EBBA relative to a new band size, between 2 and 3. This could not be answered off-hand. The present set of sizes comes rather close to being a logarithmic series, except sizes 8 and 9. Such a series is a logical way of determining the sizes. In the range from ) to 7B, 1A and 1B are under size by 6%, and 6 is over size by 4%. All but one of the remaining 9 sizes are within 2%. The most reasonable way to get another size between 2 and 3 would be to reduce the internal diameter of size 2 by 7% to 3.7 mm and give the new size an i.d. of 4.2 mm. If this were done, the range 0 to 4 would all be correct within about 1%. The larger bands could well form a second series in which the present sizes 4, 5, 6, and 8 would still be correct, but 7A, 7B, and 9 would need changing. At present, I do not advocate a new band size but merely make these comments with the recommendation that any changes or additions be made concurrently with a reconsideration of all existing sizes. --Lincoln, Massachusetts

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