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The new AOU Check-List has made a number of changes in the common names for birds. Since EBBA NEWS and all ornithological journals will follow the new Check-List, we shall have to become used to these new names. Below are listed a few of the major changes in the names of

birds found in our area:

<u>Old Name</u>	<u>New Name</u>
European Cormorant	Great Cormorant
Baldpate	American Widgeon
Duck Hawk	Peregrine Falcon
Northern Flicker	Yellow-shafted Flicker
Alder Flycatcher	Traill's Flycatcher
Olive-backed Thrush	Swainson's Thrush
Bicknell's Thrush	Grey-cheeked Thrush
Blue-headed Vireo	Solitary Vireo
Bronzed Grackle	Common Grackle
Eastern Cowbird	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-eyed Towhee	Rufous-sided Towhee

The February issue of THE RING carries a most interesting article on Operation Recovery by EBBA member John V. Dennis. All EBBA members are urged to support this international ornithological journal, now in its fifth year of publication. The cost is a mere \$2.50 per year *** Don Eleitz has a good hint for speeding up the setting of mist nets (from the January 1958 issue of "News from the Bird-Banders," publication of the Western Bird Banding Association. "When taking the nets down I tie a white pipe cleaner around the top loop and then arrange the balance of the loops in order and tie them together with the remainder of the same pipe cleaner, the net is then folded up and placed in a paper bag" *** An Index to EBBA NEWS is being prepared by Mrs. John C. Schmid of Greenwich, Conn. ***

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