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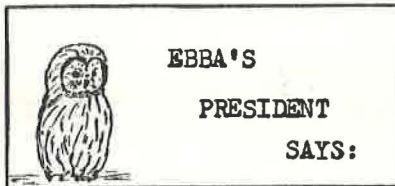
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SAYS:

That is one good way of investing one's money and enjoying it too. There is always a high market for out of print bird books when and if we choose to sell.

Also, we are sure to find listings of volumes of periodicals such as The Auk, The Wilson Bulletin, Bird-Banding and occasionally Ebba News. There is seldom a listing below publication price. Usually the price is a premium one. It is then that you start wondering how far back your own files go and whether there are missing issues to be purchased.

The publication most vital to banders, exclusive of Ebba News, is Bird-Banding, published by Northeastern Bird Banding Association (Nebba). Of course, Bird-Banding can never take the place of our own publication, Ebba News, which keeps us so well informed of members and their banding projects. Ebba has members all over the U.S. and Canada plus many foreign countries.

In a few months, possibly October or November, the ten year index to Bird-Banding will be available. I understand it is a superior job of indexing that none of us can afford to miss.

Catalogue day is always a fun day. Burpee's, Sears, Gift Shop and L. L. Bean all have their appeal, but the most fun of all is the arrival of the second hand book catalogues. In them we find listed out-of-print Bent's Life Histories at fabulous prices. We purr because we bought them for a dollar or two or had them sent to us for free by our congressman.

Anyone doing serious banding and research should have a file of Bird-Banding for at least the last 15 to 20 years or so. If anything worthwhile has ever been published here or abroad about any subject relative to banding, mention of it can usually be found in Bird-Banding. The index will be an indispensable item for research workers.

True, Bird-Banding is, to use modern slang, an egghead publication, but who wants to be a rhombus (a square out of kilter) and remain that way? Possibly you will find issues with very little interest for you but I'll wager the day will come when you will be thankful you have a subscription to Bird-Banding. I'm one of those persons.

About a month ago a bander who has frequently said to me, "I don't know why I continue my subscription to Bird-Banding. I guess I'm afraid I'll miss something," announced "now I'm glad I kept my subscription for I found a reference valuable to a subject I'm working on. I wish the index had been out; it would possibly have given another reference and saved a lot of time."

It costs Ebba members but four dollars a year to receive four issues of Bird-Banding. Mrs. James Downs of South Londonberry, Vermont, is treasurer of Nebba.

NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING

EBBA's Annual Meeting next year will be held in East Stroudsburg, Pa., on April 22-23, 1961. The scientific department of the East Stroudsburg State College will sponsor the meeting. It is not too soon for every member to begin to make plans now to attend. Any member who has not attended an annual meeting of EBBA has only to ask one of those who have -- he or she will soon learn how interesting, informative and pleasurable these meetings are.

REDPOLLS Frederick V. Hebard writes, "I note in Mrs. McEntee's article (EBBA NEWS Vol. 23 No. 3) that the Redpoll was 'last seen about the 20th of April' and the 'last banding around April 12.' It would be valuable to obtain the exact last banding dates. The surprising thing here was that the birds were not last seen at the feeders as long as the snow was present, but remained until the weather became warm.... Dick Sexton gave me a last date of on or about April 10. My recollection is the weather became warm on April 8. This all coincides with Lack's statement in the current Auk that it is warm weather which stimulates the start of migration. The reason I write is because banders can help tremendously scientifically by correlating their weather information with their banding records."