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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."

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