

BRIEF BIBLIOGRAPHY ON AGING AND SEXING FOR BIRD BANDERS
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This preliminary bibliography of references helpful to banders is not a complete list of available references, species by species. Rather, it is a selected list with emphasis on various methods that have been used on a few species and that may be applicable to other species.

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NACOBBA

An informal meeting of the North American Council of Bird Banding Associations was held on June 10, 1961 between sessions of the Wilson Ornithological Society meeting at the Britannia Hotel, Huntsville, Ontario. Two major topics were discussed but no formal action was taken since not all of the associations were represented.

Dr. A. James Woodford opened the discussion of a newsletter report to banders giving a brief background of the idea. It was the feeling that this should be a periodic report although not necessarily annual; once every two years was suggested. All active banders would receive this report, even if not members of one of the banding associations, in an effort to tease them into joining one. Topics in the report would include the following:

1. Progress of the banding manual and other NACOBBA news and actions.
2. Activities of the various associations.
3. News of cooperative projects among members.
4. New techniques in use by banders.
5. How to join a bird banding association and the geographic boundaries of the main emphasis of each association. (Although it would be emphasized that there were no geographical restrictions on membership; and that those living in other regions are welcomed.)

Any material submitted for the report would be edited and condensed if necessary.

Alex Bergstrom reported on the progress of the banding manual. The extra work necessary to restore records destroyed by the fire in the banding office held up progress. Six sections of the manual have now been