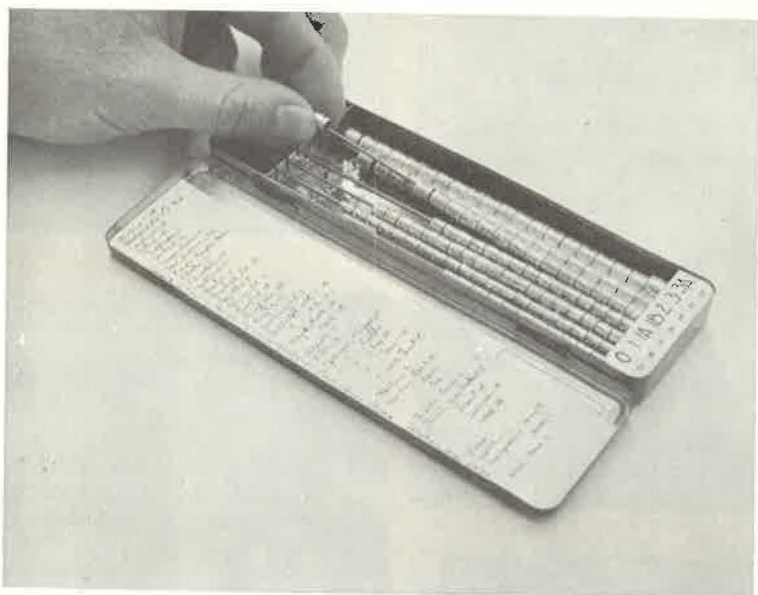


A CONVENIENT BIRD BAND DISPENSER

By Emil J. Berger, Jr.

I got tired of rummaging around in my kit for the right size bird band. After a discussion with Walt Tyler, the dispenser shown in the picture evolved.



It is made from a steel pencil-box with a hinged lid. A block of wood into which 1/16 inch diameter brass rods have been inserted is glued in the lower end. The rods are cut short enough so a finger can be placed between the ends of the rods and the end of the pencil-box to spring the desired rod high enough to permit removal of a band. The free ends of the rods rest in grooves filed in a piece of thin sheet metal bent at right angles and soldered to the pencil-box. These grooves

are large enough to allow the rods to be sprung out, yet small enough to keep the bands from coming off the ends of the rods accidentally.

Beneath the band size number on the label is a small number indicating how many of a given size band are required to fill its rod, a handy thing to know when removing the bands from the wires on which they are supplied by the banding office.

The inside surface of the lid is a perfect place for a card listing proper band sizes.

I find this box a great timesaver when banding; not only is prolonged search for the right band unnecessary, but you only need one hand to band, leaving the other hand free for holding the bird.

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NOT PARTICULARLY MIGRATORY?

By Roy A. Dietert

Here are some notes on our banding station activities which may be of interest. They are about birds which I had supposed were not particularly noted for being migratory.

Goldfinch One bird banded 4/2/61 was recovered by Dr. Robert L. Pyle, Washington, D.C. on 2/15/62 and 4/11/62. One bird banded 4/8/61 was recovered by Margeret Riedel, Bethesda, Maryland on 3/9/62/

Blue Jay The hiatus of Blue Jays, which began on 11/3/61 at this station, ended on 4/27/62. From this date until 5/23/62 we banded 211. We also had 11 returns during this period. One Blue Jay banded 5/23/61 was recovered 12/3/61 at approximately Clarendon County, South Carolina.

Red-bellied Woodpecker A male was banded at this station on 5/10/62 -- netted. We noted in the July-August 1961 issue of EBBA NEWS that Mrs. Bower of Basking Ridge wondered if hers was the first in New Jersey. We also wonder.

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