



We all owe Chan Robbins a debt of gratitude and a vote into the Ornithological Hall of Fame for his "Guide to Aging and Sexing Wood Warblers" as contained in the 1964 Workshop Manual and reprinted in the Vol. 27, No. 5 issue of EBBA News. Think of the many hours we have spent in the past thumbing through

Bent, Chapman, Peterson, and Roberts trying to determine if it's possible to sex immature Canada and other warblers.

Now all we have to do is check Chan's "Quick Reference List" and find out that only adult Canada Warblers can be sexed. This list also contains standard reference book page numbers for further detail. Next the "Species Summaries" tells the distinguishing characteristics which determine the age and sex. Last in Chan's guide are tables showing information on wing lengths and body weights.

I used this guide last fall during a week of Operation Recovery and aged and sexed warblers that I would never attempt before. If you haven't used this guide yet, now is the time to look it over before the spring migration starts. Be sure to review the section "How to Use This Summary" as well as the introductory remarks.

Let's hope other experts will be inspired by this excellent presentation to put together guides for other families until we have a complete text. I'm sure all banders join me in saying, "Thank you Chan Robbins!"

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THE FRONT COVER

"Friendly Sandpipers checking the record to make sure their statistics are correct," is the title Betty Knorr gives the photograph on the front cover. Her article, "Operation -- Recovery of Home Stations," is full of material that can both interest and guide banding station operators -- tyros and veterans alike. It starts on page 53.



Having problems? With nets?

. . . or with record keeping?