

forceps. Water can be offered by holding a spoon or cup up to the beak.

(For further reference, see Koenig, 1968, mentioned in the text and Terres, 1949, Care and feeding of wild birds, Audubon Magazine, May-June 1949).



Author holding bundled owl, opening beak for force feeding. (Photo by: Walter P. Protzman)

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Sparrow Hawk, (Kestrel). This is not the one Mrs. Suthers had but one found under similar conditions. (Photo by the editor).

#### \$250 Grant in Ornithology

In order to stimulate research in the field of ornithology through the use of bird-banding techniques or available banding data, the EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION makes a grant of \$250 to a student, undergraduate or graduate, who uses bird-banding in an ornithological study.

Applications - In order to apply for the award, the student should write requesting consideration and enclose a description of his project in which he explains how he uses bird banding. His description must be signed by the head of his department. Applications will be judged on the quality of the presentation as well as its content. Preference will be shown for projects already in progress.

Qualifications - The college or university must be within the United States. If the applicant is an undergraduate, he must be either a junior or a

senior; major in zoology or biology; earn at least a B average; USE BIRD BANDING AS PART OF HIS RESEARCH.

If the applicant is a graduate student, he must major in ornithology, and his must USE BIRD BANDING AS PART OF HIS THESIS.

Although the Eastern Bird Banding Association would like to publish in its journal a paper written by the award recipient on his project, this is NOT requisite.

Previous descriptions have ranged in length from well under 1000 words including a few supporting tables, to several times that length, including voluminous supporting data. The titles of a few of these were:

- "The Vertical and Temporal Distribution of Birds and Viruses in a Tropical Rain Forest"
- "A Life History Study of the . . . ."
- "Taxonomy and Comparative Ecology of . . . ."
- "Reading Gull Bands by Telescope"

Deadline - The applicant's research description, properly signed by his department head, must be received prior to FEBRUARY 25, 1971.

Address applications and questions to: Mrs. Roger W. Foy, Secretary, Eastern Bird Banding Association, Box 164, Ship Bottom, N.J. 08008.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SHOREBIRDS - Dr. Raymond McNeil

Shorebird Recapture Operation - The objective of this research is to study the migration routes of north American shorebirds in relation to their flight range capabilities. A field staff will undertake a marking programme on the Atlantic Coast (Magdalen Islands and Sable Island) of southbound migrating shorebirds to know the percentage of birds that use an oversea route to the Caribbean and northern South America as compared with those that follow the coast down to Florida before passing to south america.

Shorebirds will be mist-netted and banded with regular bands from July 10 to October 15, 1970. Furthermore, each bird will have its underparts color dyed: YELLOW or GREEN. The same programme will be repeated in 1971 and 1972.

When spotting one of these marked birds, we would appreciate the following: a) Try to catch them, if necessary collect them (if you have a collecting permit), b) Note the band number, and report to us the locality, date, color of dye and species; c) Weigh the bird if possible; d) Report to us any sight record of dyed birds (YELLOW come from Magdalen Islands and GREEN from Sable Island); e) Inform us of any person interested in participating with this programme; f) Do not hesitate to communicate with us. WRITE TO: Dr. Raymond McNeil, Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Montreal, C.P. 6128, Montreal 101, Quebec, Canada.