

of error exists. The source of the error not only results from perhaps the observer's techniques but also from variations that exist in the tertial plumage; apparently some individuals retain their rusty-tipped tertials longer than others. When used in conjugation with the ossification technique the amount of error apparently becomes less. Fisk (1972) recently pointed out, and correctly so, that ageing of Ovenbirds should not be done solely by the tertial technique. In my estimation, ageing of Ovenbirds by both skull ossification and tertial coloration are the best techniques that are currently known. Both methods are more reliable for ageing Ovenbirds than by the wing length method (see Taylor, 1972).

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A N N O U N C E M E N T

It is with good reason that the 1972 Annual Banding Report form is not included with this issue of EBBA News.

In a letter received from George M. Jonkel, Chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, dated 22 November 1972, we were advised that the BBL will henceforward compile the Annual Banding Summary. This is very good news indeed as Bob Pyle will concede that the compilation of this summary was an arduous task which can be accomplished far easier with a computer.

The BBL will furnish a report covering the 1971 season, soon, to Bob Pyle. It will be interesting to compare the total banding summary (encompassing all banders within the EBBA area, rather than the banding from those banders who are EBBA members) to our 1971 summary. After that, each August, the BBL will furnish us with the data of the previous banding year. Further details of this agreement between the BBL and regional associations will be announced in the next issue of EBBA News.
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