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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Western Region Editor

In order to increase representation of shorebird interests from western North America, and, hopefully, to increase the flow of articles from individuals or groups working in this area, Pete Myers has accepted the invitation of the present Editors to become our 'Western Region Editor'. Material from workers in the west may be submitted to him or to Guy Morrison

Colour-marking

Various colour-marking projects will again be active in 1980, and observers are asked to be on the lookout for birds marked both this summer and in previous years. Please make a note of as many details as possible of any colour-marked bird, including species, date, place, colour of any dye and part of bird marked, and colour, number and position of colour-bands and metal band, including whether the bands were located on the upper or lower leg. Where the origin of the bird can be determined, a report may be sent directly to the bander as well as to the U.S. Banding Laboratory, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Maryland 20811, U.S.A. The following are some of the schemes known to be active in 1980 or in recent years. This list is not complete: please let us know if you would like your scheme advertised.

1. Red Knot A sample of Red Knot was marked during spring migration in eastern North America in 1980 with picric acid on the tail and vent area and a single green band. This study is part of a coordinated project to investigate the life cycle of this species being carried out by staff at the Manomet Bird Observatory, Massachusetts, and the Canadian Wildlife Service. Anyone observing a Red Knot marked in this manner is asked to send full details to Brian A. Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.
2. C.W.S. studies in James Bay, Canada The large-scale shorebird banding program run by the Canadian Wildlife Service in James Bay, Canada, will be continued in 1980. All species will be marked with picric acid and yellow or light blue colour bands. Full details of sightings should be sent to Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7.
3. Other projects - active currently and/or in recent years
 - (a) Western Alaska: R.E. Gill, Jr., U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, dye and various bands, mostly Dunlin and Western Sandpipers
 - (b) British Columbia: Gary Kaiser, Canadian Wildlife Service, dye and various bands, mostly Dunlin and Western Sandpipers
 - (c) Surinam, South America: Arie L. Spaans, orange colour bands, mostly Semipalmated Sandpipers
 - (d) New Brunswick, North Dakota: David Lank, Cornell University, dye, tags, mostly Semipalmated Sandpipers
 - (e) Massachusetts: Brian Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, dye, colour-bands, various species
 - (f) Alaska: G. West, University of Alaska, bands, various species
 - (g) California: L. McKibbin, California Dept. of Fish & Game, dye, Common Snipe
 - (h) California: Gary Page, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, dye and bands, various species
 - (i) Michigan: G. Dykehouse, central Michigan University, colour-bands, Spotted Sandpipers.

Sightings originating from these - or any other - projects should be sent to the U.S. Banding Laboratory at the above address.

Shorebird Surveys

The International Shorebird Survey/Maritimes Shorebird Survey scheme has operated since 1974, and analysis and publication of results presenting a coordinated picture of shorebird migration in eastern North America are now in progress. With an enthusiastic network of volunteers now active, we are planning to develop the project in new and specific directions, to provide information on particular species or aspects of shorebird migration where these are of importance for future conservation. Such new initiatives will include concentration on individual species (e.g. Red Knot in 1979), spring surveys, collection of habitat use information, migration of different age groups etc. We are also trying actively to expand the geographical scope of the surveys, particularly in Central and South America, and initiatives were taken in this direction through presentation of results of the surveys at an international conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in November/December 1979. If you are able to assist with the surveys, or know of any other competent birders who might, please contact on of the following:

- 1 For areas in Canada - Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, at the above address
- 2 For areas in the U.S.A., Caribbean and Central and South America - Brian Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.

Shorebird Symposium

We are developing plans for a shorebird symposium as mentioned in the last Bulletin. The meeting would cover a wide range of topics, would probably last about two days, would plan to have published proceedings, and would probably be at a location on the east coast of the U.S. no earlier than the fall of 1981. We should welcome comments and suggestions, which may be directed to any of Drs. Marshall Howe, Ted Miller, Guy Morrison or Pete Myers (addresses inside cover).