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It has been decided, beginning with the January, 1930, issue, that the name of the present *Bulletin* will be changed to one which shall represent the bird-banders of North America. At the present time the title to the new journal has not been selected.

The suggestion has been made that a permanent cover-design of some bird or group of birds be adopted for the new journal, and this will probably be done. In the meantime we shall be glad to have those receiving this *Bulletin* send us their suggestions for a cover emblem.

Professor Stack requests that all members of the Inland Association send him their most interesting items and their study papers.

NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

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REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY  
OF THE  
NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION  
FOR 1928

Boston, January 15, 1929.

THE records for 1928 show an increase in the number of banders, birds banded, returns, and recoveries. Over 14,000 birds of 132 species, with 948 returns, make the total for the past year double the number of returns taken in 1927.

A notable event in our year was the banding of three young Yellow-crowned Night Herons at Ipswich, by Dr. Charles W. Townsend and Mr. S. G. Emilio. This is the first recorded nesting of the species in New England.

Mr. Charles B. Floyd, assisted by a few friends, again made a big record of banding at the John B. Paine Bird Sanctuary, Tern Island, Chatham—5605 Common and Roseate Terns; by

using a battery of small pull-string traps, placed over the eggs or young, he was rewarded by the capture of four Terns banded by him in 1925 and one banded in 1926. Thirty-three recoveries of Mr. Floyd's Terns, banded the past few years, have been made in places ranging from Newfoundland to the Amazon River, on the coast of Brazil, a goodly proportion being from islands in or near the Caribbean Sea.

Wholesale banding of terns also took place at the Penikese Island Sanctuary, Buzzard's Bay, where Dr. Winsor M. Tyler and Mr. Laurence B. Fletcher banded 2423 birds. A thousand terns were banded there last year by Mr. Fletcher and his party, and one of these was recovered on the coast of Brazil, February 1, 1928.

Mr. Oliver L. Austin, Jr., banded over a thousand birds on the coast of Newfoundland, Labrador. Mr. William P. Wharton banded again this year in South Carolina and Massachusetts, taking in all over 1500 birds, and getting 93 returns. At home stations Prof. F. A. Saunders, Mr. Harry E. Woods, and Mr. L. B. Fletcher of Massachusetts, Fr. Eugene Goellner, the Whittles, and Dr. Shea of New Hampshire banded 500 to 700 birds each.

Next to Terns in numbers were the Purple Finches, 2260, with Chipping, Tree, and Song Sparrows, and Juncos all over the thousand mark. In records of returns and recoveries Purple Finches were first, 192, the Whittles taking 87 and Dr. Shea 74; Tree and Song Sparrows followed.

Four species banded in 1928 have been unnoted hitherto in our records.

Since the organization of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association in 1922, 90,000 birds (in round numbers) have been recorded, of 215 species, and 3377 returns and recoveries taken.

As might be expected, there is a steady increase of interest in bird-banding work each year, and a deeper study made of the birds taken in noting plumages, colors of eyes, bill, and feet, weight, habits, etc.

While mentioning the outstanding items in our bird-banding for the year, we wish to give equal credit to all those members who are doing everything possible with the birds and the time at their command. Some of our most interested banders and bird-students do not have an opportunity to band more than a few hundred, or a few dozen birds in a year, but they are doing good work and make careful and valued reports.

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