

at the time of the banding or later, I made observations on the color, the molt, the age, or the sex. The percentages are so large as to be uncomfortable. The information at hand runs from 4 to 10 items per banded bird. I make no claim to have been exhaustive in my study of the birds that have gone through my hands. I, for one, take no account of weights and not too much account of plumage color, being more interested in the color of soft parts. It is also to be recognized that birds like warblers will yield very much less information per bird, in general, than will chickadees or towhees, or similar more readily trapped birds. But, even in such cases, the total amount of information is not unimpressive.

How, then, are we to pull together this information? Mr. Bender, the Secretary of the Eastern Association, has suggested that we set up a widely representative advisory committee whose functions shall not be compulsory but permissive, and it shall have two main purposes: (1) to assist in bringing together banders who have handled the same species so that their data can be pooled, looking toward accounts of particular species, and (2) to assist banders in the analysis of their information, not necessarily by actually doing the statistical work, but by bringing them into contact with persons competent to do such work and who will do it on a basis of mutual understanding of the problems the bander faces and the problems the statistician faces. I would urge that both Mr. Bergstrom's and Mr. Bender's proposals have great merit, that they can certainly do no harm and are almost equally certain to, in the end, result in an immense amount of good for bird-banding and for ornithology in general.—Charles H. Blake.

NOTES AND NEWS

Great Britain recently banded its millionth bird since the start of its program in 1909, according to Dr. A. Landsborough Thomson, chairman of the Ringing Committee of the British Trust for Ornithology (as quoted in *The New York Times* from *The London News Chronicle*).

The Massachusetts Audubon Society (155 Newbury St., Boston 16, Mass.) has made a further addition to the sizes and colors of aluminum color bands which it has for sale as a service to banders, and a revised circular of these bands and some banding traps is enclosed with this issue.

Errata: Dr. C. G. B. ten Kate has drawn the attention of the editors to two errors in Review No. 9, *Bird-Banding*, 22(3): 129 (July, 1951). The Mallard noted was banded with a *Moscow band* at *Ilmen Lake* in NW Russia and was shot on the *southeast coast of the Ijsselmeer*. The second Pintail noted was banded with a *Moscow band* in *Astrakhan* on 10 August.

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