

Larus argentatus michahellis in Mediterranean waters and *L. a. argentatus* nesting in British and French Atlantic waters, elaborates on the inexplicable peculiarity of the eyes, orange or reddish-orange in the British birds, yellow in birds of the nesting colony at Iles-Glenans in the Bay of Biscay.

For the novice there is a detailed comparative study with diagrams of wing and tail patterns of those gulls and terns most likely to be encountered in the field.

To encourage needed reforms, a lengthy exposition cites many recent cases of blatant disregard for the laws protecting birds, and the equally conspicuous lack of enforcement by the proper authorities.--Wendell Taber.

NOTES AND NEWS

We have been asked to find certain back issues of *Bird-Banding* for the Alexander Library at the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology at Oxford: vol. 3, no. 1 (Jan. 1932), vol. 4, no. 1 (Jan. 1933), and vol. 5, no. 4 (Oct. 1934). This is one of the best ornithological libraries in Great Britain, and it is used intensively. It is hoped that some reader of *Bird-Banding* may be willing to give the library these issues, to complete their set; the issues can be sent to the editor, for forwarding. If anyone has these issues but prefers to sell them, please let the editor know, stating the price, but not forwarding the issues themselves at first.

At the annual meeting of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association (at Barre, Mass., on October 2, 1954) the retirement of Mr. Richard M. Hinchman as Secretary-Treasurer was announced. He had served in that office for more than three years, carrying a heavy load of the business affairs of *Bird-Banding*, and setting a high standard in that office. By chance, it was at that same meeting that the Association voted a message of sympathy to the family of the late Charles B. Floyd, who died in the summer of 1954; Mr. Floyd had served as Treasurer of the Association at least since 1925 down to 1951; his devoted labors thus covered all five volumes of the old *Bulletin of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association* and extended into the twenty-second volume of our present journal.

The inside back cover of this issue lists the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Daniel P. Johnson, who is a Boy Scout executive on Cape Cod, and an active bander. Please direct to him all correspondence about dues, subscriptions, missing issues, back issues, and similar matters.

In this issue we show another Treasurer's report of the Association, feeling that it will be of general interest because the primary activity of the Association is the publication of this journal. It will be noted that the reserve for the publication of indices is now \$1500; this reflects a transfer of \$1136.50 from general funds, by vote taken at the annual meeting. Work is continuing on a ten-year index for the period 1941-50, though it is not yet possible to set a publication date.

NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

INCOME STATEMENT

| | Year Ending Oct. 31 | |
|---|------------------------|------------------|
| | 1953 | 1954 |
| <i>Receipts</i> | | |
| Subscriptions and dues (current year) | \$2012.95 | \$2068.37 |
| Sales of back issues and other items | 85.72 | 119.68 |
| Life membership payments | 125.00 | — |
| Contributions for index | 100.00 | — |
| Other contributions | 229.51 | 300.00 |
| Interest | 1.88 | 11.85 |
| | <u>\$2555.06</u> | <u>\$2499.90</u> |
| <i>Expenses</i> | | |
| Printing of Bird-Banding | \$1463.98 | \$1487.92 |
| Purchases of back issues and other items | 11.00 | 59.88 |
| Other printing and stationery | 95.25 | — |
| Postage and clerical help | 263.23 | 133.91 |
| Expenses of annual meeting | 25.50 | 28.50 |
| Massachusetts Conservation Council (donation) | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Bank charges and miscellaneous | 6.81 | 10.93 |
| | <u>\$1875.77</u> | <u>\$1731.14</u> |
| Transfer to life membership fund | 125.00 | — |
| Transfer to reserve for index | 100.00 | 1136.50 |
| | <u>\$2100.77</u> | <u>\$2867.64</u> |
| Accumulation of income for the year | 454.29 | (367.14) |
| Accumulated income at beginning of year | 433.33 | 887.62 |
| Accumulated income at end of year | <u>\$ 887.62</u> | <u>\$ 519.88</u> |

BALANCE SHEET

| | 10/31/52 | 10/31/53 | 10/31/54 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | | |
| Cash | \$1644.91 | \$2192.58 | \$2877.71 |
| Back issues of magazine | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| | <u>\$1645.91</u> | <u>\$2193.58</u> | <u>\$2878.71</u> |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 508.33 | \$ 368.11 | \$ 328.58 |
| Subscriptions paid in advance | 190.75 | 199.35 | 155.25 |
| Reserve for index | 263.50 | 363.50 | 1500.00 |
| Life membership fund | 250.00 | 375.00 | 375.00 |
| Accumulated income | 433.33 | 887.62 | 519.88 |
| | <u>\$1645.91</u> | <u>\$2193.58</u> | <u>\$2878.71</u> |

Daniel P. Johnson,
Treasurer