

NOTES AND NEWS

Fall Meeting of NEBBA — On 17-18 September 1977, the Annual Meeting of NEBBA will be held at Squam Lake Science Center in Holderness, New Hampshire. The meeting will include a business meeting, technical papers session, bird field trips, hikes, and canoe trips, a workshop on the use of various kinds of nets used to catch birds, banding demonstration, and an annual banquet. With this announcement of the meeting comes a CALL FOR PAPERS for presentation at the technical papers session. All correspondence on this CALL should be sent to BRIAN A. HARRINGTON, *Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Mass. 02345*.

John P. Merrill is chairperson of the Local Committee. Even though a separate announcement of the meeting, including accommodations, will be sent to members at a later date, inquiries may be sent to JOHN P. MERRILL, *Rt. 1, Box 91, Center Harbor, New Hampshire 03226*.

Animal Behavior Society (Northeastern Region) — Memorial University of Newfoundland will host this meeting in October, with a focus on different aspects of the behavior of marine organisms (invertebrates, fish, birds, and mammals). Registration forms (to be completed by 30 May) and other correspondence should be directed to DR. WILLIAM A. MONTEVECCHI, *Department of Psychology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada A1C 5S7*.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

COLOR-BANDED SEMIPALMATED AND LEAST SANDPIPERS

Last year the Surinam Forest Service color-banded nearly 3,300 Semipalmated and Least sandpipers, resulting in 14 spring and summer sightings and recoveries from the United States and Canada. In 1977, again large numbers of these species will be color-banded along the Surinam coast. As in 1976, birds will be banded above the tarsus ("knee") with a standard aluminum band and TWO ORANGE plastic bands of about the same size as the aluminum band. We again ask birders to look out for these birds and to send reports of observations to ARIE L. SPAANS, *Surinam Forest Service, P. O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America*. Please report species, date and location of observation, the position of the aluminum and color-bands — left or right leg, and, if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above, which below, and which in the middle (some birds have all three bands on one leg) — and number of color-banded birds involved.

BALD EAGLE LITERATURE WANTED

The National Wildlife Federation's Raptor Information Center is creating a computer-based, working (i.e. keyworded) bibliography on the Bald Eagle. An attempt is being made to include all existing literature, both published and unpublished. Information on extant bibliographies and sources of unpublished literature (reports, theses, dissertations, etc.) is especially being sought. If you have pertinent articles that you wish to be included, please send them to: DR. JEFF LINGER, *Director, Raptor Information Center, National Wildlife Federation, 1412-16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036*.

CONTINENTAL COLOR-MARKING PLAN FOR THE PURPLE MARTIN

Although several thousand Purple Martins have been banded, very little is known and understood about their dispersal and migration from the breeding and wintering areas. Even recovery records leave many important questions unanswered— What is the postbreeding dispersal pattern? Where do breeding and hatching year individuals stage and roost prior to and during migration? Where do martins from each state or province winter and do their migration routes differ? How widely do birds from each state or province disperse after the winter?

A concentrated effort to color-mark martins on a continental scale and a coordinated observation effort have been planned by Jerome A. Jackson and M. Kathleen Klimkiewicz and should help answer many of these questions. Each state, group of states, or province will be assigned a two-color plastic leg band