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EDITOR'S NEW ADDRESS

Your Editor has taken a new position with the Ecology Program of the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. Address all correspondence to him at 1316 Fenwick Lane, Apt. 1202, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SHOREBIRD COLOR-MARKING

In 1979, the Canadian Wildlife Service will be continuing a large-scale program of banding and color-marking shorebirds in James Bay. Since 1974, over 38,500 shorebirds have been captured, resulting in more than 1,700 "bird days" of sightings of dyed birds ranging from eastern Canada to South America. Much valuable information on migration routes and strategies is being obtained and observers are again asked to watch for and report any color-dyed or color-banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species (with age if possible), place, date, color-marks and, if possible, notes on the numbers of other shorebirds present. For color-dyed birds, please record the color and area of the bird that was dyed. For color bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, whether they were above or below the "knee," the colors involved (yellow or light blue), and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g., right lower leg, blue over metal, etc.). All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to: DR. R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7.*

LEAST TERN SIGHTINGS

I have initiated research on the population dynamics and site requirements of Least Terns on the Texas coast to identify possible causes of a recent decline in breeding pairs. Both adult and young terns will be marked with colored patagial tags (streamers) during the 1979, 1980, and 1981 breeding seasons. Tags will be placed on both wings and will bear a single letter and digit for individual recognition of birds. Anyone observing Least Terns, on the Atlantic or Gulf coasts, marked in this manner is requested to record: Date, time, specific location, tag color, alphanumeric symbol, general activity, plumage, association with other birds, observation distance and direction, and name, address, and telephone number of observer. Also, further information is needed concerning concentration areas (feeding, loafing, courting, nesting) used by Least Terns in Texas. Information recorded on such sites should include that requested above, excluding tag description. Please send all information to: BRUCE C. THOMPSON, *Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77843.* Also, report sightings of marked terns to: BIRD BANDING LABORATORY, *Office of Migratory Bird Management, USFWS, Laurel, MD 20811.*

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS INTERNATIONAL SHOREBIRD SURVEYS 1979

A cooperative International Shorebird Survey scheme has been organized by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Manomet Bird Observatory since 1974 to obtain information on shorebird migration and to identify and document areas of major impor-