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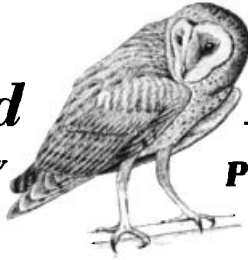
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mit to the Editor of *American Birds*, a map showing the exact center and circumference of the proposed count circle (15-mile diameter) and a brief account of the number and qualifications of the observers taking part. New counts accepted for publication will receive their forms with the regular mailing. Proposed counts that overlap the areas of previously established counts cannot be accepted, counts that cannot be accepted for this or other reasons will be so notified in advance.

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COVERS—To welcome the islands of Hawaii to Regional Report status, our front cover shows the native Laysan Albatross, in a photo by Karl W. Kenyon. The Varied Thrush, on the back cover, by Calvin Larsen, was a species that made an exceptionally wide invasion of eastern regions in winter, 1976–77. Both from Photo Researchers, Inc.

