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President's Message

Fall migrations: what an amazing phenomenon! Inevitably there is something yet unknown about your most common species. Is there a differential migration in route and timing between birds of the year and adults? Between male and female? How late in the fall can one determine HY birds by skulling? That is, when do more than 5% of the young obtain skull ossification so that we can no longer have 95% accuracy in ageing AHY, and have to call birds with ossified skulls and adult-like plumages age U? The same question applies to iris color. How late in the fall can age be determined by skulling in the northern HY population as compared with the earlier-hatching Central Atlantic and southern populations of the same species?

Are there regional differences in molt and feather retention patterns of HY birds? Are descriptions of first winter plumages applicable throughout, or do first brood birds of certain species molt completely? What feathers are retained and can be used to detect SY birds in the spring? Now is the time to train your eye to recognize

color differences on the feather edges of HY vs AHY primaries, coverts, and greater secondary coverts.

Consider the warblers. We still need to know more about the dispersal patterns of the young and this information is crucial to their conservation in both North and Central America. We need to band the young on their natal grounds and look for them again in spring. This requires knowledge of all possible plumages: male and female in the juvenile, first winter, adult winter, SY and adult spring.

Certainly many of you already have substantial data on these items. Publish your results so that regional comparisons can be made! Would you be willing to write the Banding Lab and offer help with the keys to ageing and sexing of the species still in the process of being written up?

Yours for meaningful projects,

Hannah Suthers

Honorary Members of EBBA

Walter Bigger, Trout Run, PA has been a Sustaining Member for well over 25 years. He served on council and has worked on various committees. He has helped many new banders with advice and training in Operation Recovery techniques. Walter is probably the best known for his construction and sales of Potter traps.

Mabel Warburton, Yardley, PA has been a Life Member of EBBA for many years. She has served on council and various committees. Her particular interest has been raising monies for our memorial grant fund. Mabel still serves; she was the diminutive white-haired lady at the registration desk at our meetings for the past several years.

The other honorary members of EBBA are:

Dr. Finn Salomonsen, Copenhagen, Denmark (1962)

Stanley Dickerson, Jamesburg, NJ (1976)

Edward M. Johnson, Belleville, NJ (1976)

Grace C. Meleney, White Plains, NY (1979) (deceased 1981)

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LeRoy Stegeman, Syracuse, NY (1979)

Dr. Charles Blake, Hillsborough, NC (1980) (deceased 1981)

Merrill Wood, State College, PA (1980)

Compton Cook — no information available.



Tentative 1983 EBBA Meeting

Location: Wesley Forest, Weikert, PA 17885. Half way between State College and Lewisburg on Rt. 45.

Dates: 15-17 April 1983.

Meeting places are being sought for 1984 & 1985. Suggestions should be sent to: Frederick S. Schaeffer, 84-55 Daniels St. #4F, Jamaica NY 11435