



Western Regional News

Western Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

Plan now to attend the 1986 WBBA Annual Meeting at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum on the weekend of October 10-12, perhaps the height of fall migration in southern California. There will be banding demonstrations, workshops and papers on Saturday and field trips on Sunday.

To present a 10-15 minute paper on your banding projects, submit the title and a 200 word abstract to the program chairman, Dr. David F. DeSante, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970 by August 15, 1986.

Santa Barbara in October should be delightful and Dave is planning an excellent program, so reserve the dates on your calendar. A registration form with a more detailed schedule and information on housing will be mailed out later.

With the 1986 meeting planned, it is time to look forward to 1987. If you have suggestions for a time or place for a meeting in 1987, write me or any other officer. WBBA exists to serve you, the members, and we are eager for input on what you want.

Finally on the subject of meetings, regional banders meetings can be very rewarding as Steve Russell proved here in Tucson in November when 38 people came to a banders' meeting at Catalina, SP from as far as Window Rock, AZ and Gallup, NM. If you are interested in having one in your area, contact Steve for details of this meeting.

Dr. Robert C. Tweit

Golden Eagle Publishing Request

As part of a study of contaminant levels in Golden Eagles in the range of the California Condor, the Condor Research Center is placing patagial markers on Golden Eagles. Seventy Golden Eagles were tagged in 1985, and the project will expand in 1986. The patagial tag is white with a black alphanumeric, numeric, or alphabet code. The tag can be viewed from above or below. Observations should be sent to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Maryland 20708, and to Peter H. Bloom, Condor Research Center, 2291-A Portola Road, Ventura, California 93003.

Color Marked Trumpeter Swans

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is requesting your help in locating Trumpeter Swans wearing green plastic collars. Since 1980, 55 Trumpeters have been collared on the refuge. The plastic collars are a bright green with two white numbers followed by two white letters. Some of the collars also contain a spacer strip of a different color. These spacers are approximately one inch wide and are attached vertically to the collars. Each spacer has its own unique symbol engraved into the plastic. Also, each Trumpeter Swan has a #9C USFWS metal band on one leg.

This collaring effort will provide the refuge with information on the migration routes and wintering areas of Malheur's Trumpeters. If you have the opportunity to observe any collared swans, the following information would be appreciated:

1. Date and time of observation.
2. Location of observation.
3. Color of collar; numbers and letters on collar, if legible.
4. If spacer is observed on collar, please note color and describe any symbol observed on spacer.
5. Behavior of bird (size of group, feeding, etc.).
6. Observer's name, address, and phone number

Please report sighting to:
Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 113
Burns, Oregon 97720
Phone: (503) 493-2323