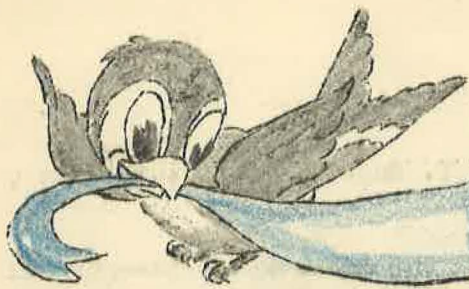


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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In accordance with the recent vote of the membership, EBBA has appointed the following new Councillors: Malcolm J. Lerch, Penn Yan, N.Y. (For Northern N.Y.)  
Carl A.A. Pedersen, Hillcrest Avenue, Montvale, N. J.  
Miss Mabel T. Rogers, 200 Columbia St., Milledgeville, Georgia.  
Harry T. Davis, North Carolina State Museum, Raleigh, N. C.

A review of the present membership by states and Provinces shows that officers and Councillors are fairly evenly distributed geographically as follows:

Ontario, Canada: 7 members; 1 Councillor, Howard H. Krug, Chesley, Ontario.

New York: 60 members; 2 Officers and 3 Councillors. Geoffrey Gill, Secretary, 24 Overlook Drive, Huntington, L.I., N.Y.; George Dock, Jr., Treasurer, 119 Brite Ave., Scarsdale, N.Y.; Mrs. Marie V. Beals, 58-33 85th St., Elmhurst, L.I., N.Y.; John T. Nichols, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.; Malcolm J. Lerch, Penn Yan, N.Y.

Connecticut: 2 members, affiliated with the New York group.

New Jersey: 21 Members; 1 Councillor, Carl A. A. Pedersen, Hillcrest Avenue, Montvale, N. J.

Pennsylvania: 47 Members; 1 Officer and 2 Councillors. Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., President; Horace Groskin, 210 Glenn Road, Ardmore, Pa. (Eastern Pa.); Dr. Harold B. Wood, 3016 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa., (Western Pa.).

Delaware: 1 Member. )

Maryland: 4 Members. )

District of Columbia: 5 Members, making a total of 10 members with 1 Council  
lor to be announced later.

Virginia: 5 Members; 1 Councillor, to be announced later.

North Carolina: 4 Members; 1 Councillor. Harry T. Davis, North Carolina State Museum, Raleigh, N. C.

South Carolina: 3 Members; 1 Officer. R. E. Ware, Clemson, S.C., Vice-Pres.

Georgia: 3 Members; 1 Councillor. Miss Mabel T. Rogers, 200 Columbia St., Milledgeville, Georgia.

Florida: 12 Members; 2 Councillors. Miss Lisa von Borowsky, Chinsegut Hill Sanctuary, Brooksville, Fla. and Thomas F. Davis Jr., 606 Lake Dot Circle, Orlando.

Alabama: 1 Member. Colorado: 1 Member. California: 1 Member. Peru: 1 Member.

This tabulation does not include societies, libraries etc. or more than one member of a family living at a common address; thus the above lists 178 active banding stations in our cooperative unit out of a gross membership of 190.

It is clear from the above that we badly need a greater membership in the South. As this end is gradually accomplished, additional State Councillors will be appointed to coordinate the work of his group more efficiently.

Of course we desire to increase our membership in all regions, and as a means of doing this, a mimeographed stamped post-card is enclosed. Please answer all the questions on the card and address it to your nearest regional Officer or Councillor.

The Secretary has supplied each member of the council with a list of banders in his territory who are not members of the EBBA. Through the information on your post-cards, the Officers or Councillors will be able to enlist some of you in a campaign to bring these banders into the EBBA in one of the three classes of membership.

The Councillor will keep the cards on file as a permanent aid to the integration of the activities of each local group.

It is especially desirable that each of you give serious consideration to the question of a regional meeting. Even if you cannot meet more than once a year, the associations you will form in this way will lead to far greater progress in your various enterprises.

C. Brooke Worth, M.D.  
President, E.B.B.A.

#### FLYING DOWN TO RIO

An Osprey banded by John A. Gillespie of Glenolden, Pa. and assisted by Fred C. Schmid, Jr. on July 16, 1939 in Cape May Co., N.J. was recovered, "probably shot" in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by Mario R. Pereira just 5 months to the day after banding. This bird was banded as a fledgling in the nest. Mr. Gillespie writes, "From numerous recoveries of this species and from observation, I am of the opinion that the fall Osprey migration is under way by Sept. 15. Recoveries indicate that the route to eastern South America is along the Atlantic Coast to southern Florida, through the West Indies to Trinidad, then eastward and northward to the South American coastline. Assuming this is the route taken by this Osprey, then the bird flew some 6,837 miles in 3 months. Quite a flight for a youngster!"

#### TRAP COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Daniel Smiley, Jr., Mohonk Lake, Ulster County, New York, has accepted Chairmanship of this committee. Please send your trap suggestions, with descriptions or diagrams to Mr. Smiley. He will prepare them for publication in EBBA NUS.

## A BANDING EXHIBIT

EASILY MADE      AND      EASY TO MOVE

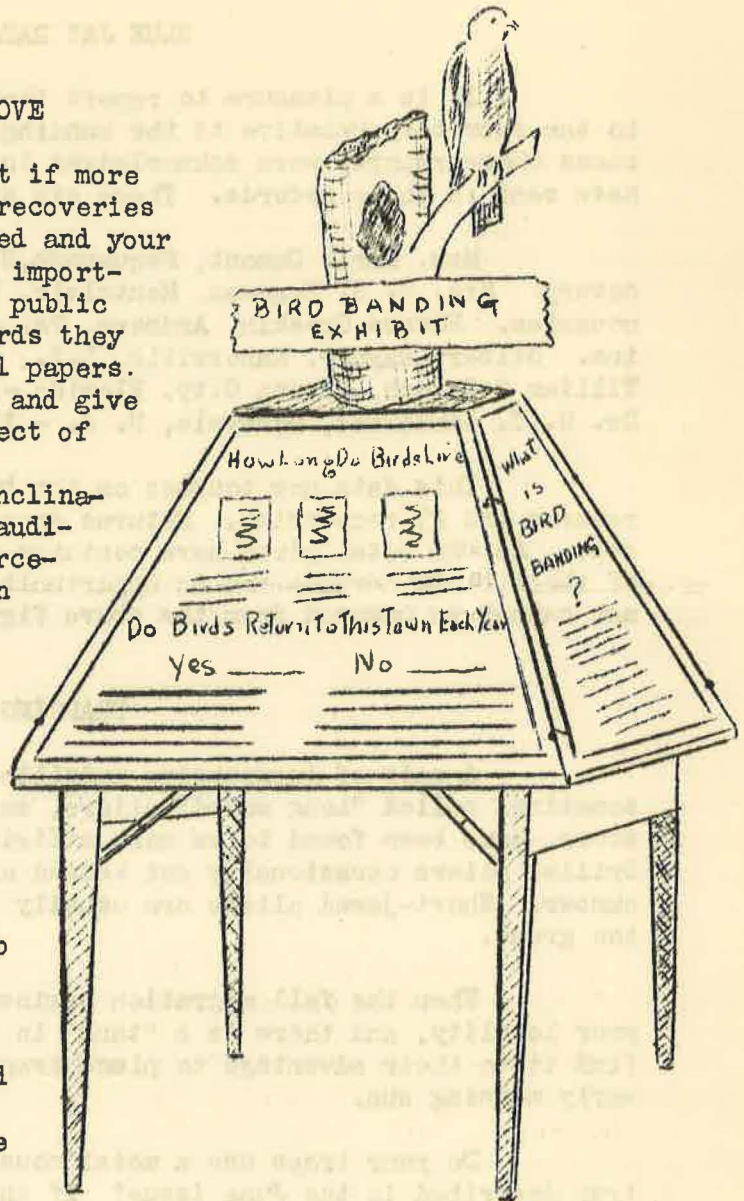
It has been well established that if more people knew about bird banding, more recoveries of the birds YOU band would be reported and your work would take on added interest and importance. One way of telling the general public about banding and to report banded birds they find is through publicity in the local papers. Another way is to go directly to them and give talks before local groups on the subject of your hobby.

If you haven't the time or the inclination to talk about banding before an audience, here is a display which will forcefully put your message across. It can be shown in schools, hobby shows, Rotaries, clubs of all kinds and can, occasionally be placed in a hotel lobby for a few days, each day, telling OUR message in an interesting way.

### HOW TO MAKE IT.

The first requisite is a folding bridge table. If you have one that is slightly shabby for the bridge club it is just the thing. If you haven't such a table, suggest to your better seven-eighths that you will buy her a new one in exchange for one of the old ones.

It will be found that the average such table will measure 30" square. This table acts as a base for the display. The next requirement is 4 pieces of composition board or ply-wood, cut so that the base is 30" wide and the top is 18" wide. These will give you a flat topped 4 sided pyramid about 2 ft. high on the top of the table. These 4 pieces should have their edges trimmed with a stock moulding, such as "door-stop". On 2 pieces keep the moulding flush with the edges. On the 2 opposite pieces place the moulding out the thickness of the moulding, so that when the 4 pieces are put together all edges are smooth. A platform 18" square should be made for the top on which to place the mounted bird and the sign as shown. If you don't possess such a bird, one can be borrowed. Fasten the four sides together with small hooks and eyes and paint the wood either brown or green with the trim in a harmonizing color. For the data on the sides, it is suggested that this be divided into 4 headings: "What is Bird Banding?", "How and By Whom Conducted", "Questions Banding Hopes to Answer", and "How the Public Can Help". This data should be shown through the medium of neatly typed cards and charts. The bander can be depended upon to answer these questions in an interesting way. It has been found helpful to stress the results achieved in his own locality, such as his long distance recoveries and his own return records showing the age of local birds. The display can be brightened up with snapshots or pictures of birds. Don't crowd the panels with data; and stress the reporting to the bander or to Washington, D.C. the finding of any dead birds wearing a band.



## BLUE JAY DATA RECEIVED

It is a pleasure to report that a wealth of data has been sent in to the secretary relative to the banding of Blue Jays. Besides the six stations whose reports were acknowledged in the July issue, six more operators have sent in their records. These six stations are as follows:

Mrs. Marie Dumont, Pequannock, N.J. - 153 banded, 16 returns, 1 recovery. Mrs. C. S. Hegeman, Montclair, N.J. - 170 banded, 2 returns, 2 recoveries. Horace Groskin, Ardmore, Pa. - 53 banded, 3 returns, 2 recoveries. Gilbert Raynor, Manorville, L.I., N.Y. - 54 banded, 8 returns. William McIntosh, Panama City, Florida - 54 banded, 3 returns, 1 recovery. Dr. H. C. Gardenier, Montvale, N. J. - 138 banded, 12 returns, 1 recovery.

This data now touches on the banding of 1,574 Blue Jays with 122 returns and 23 recoveries. Returns apparently average better than 10 percent. As the total given here contains many birds banded in 1940, and many of these birds haven't had an opportunity to return as yet, this return average cannot be deduced from the above figures.

## TRAPPING HINTS

A pair of inexpensive undrilled straight pliers with long jaws, sometimes called "long nosed" pliers, such as can be bought at any dime store, have been found to be more efficient than a special drilled pair. Drilled pliers occasionally get wedged on an open band and mutilate the number. Short-jawed pliers are usually unsatisfactory as the leverage is too great.

When the fall migration begins, a month or two hence depending on your locality, and there is a "tang" in the early morning air, banders will find it to their advantage to place traps so that they get the warmth of the early morning sun.

Do your traps use a metal mouse-trap spring, such as shown in the trap described in the June issue? If the tension becomes slack due to weathering this can be temporarily adjusted by placing a small twig or flat pebble beneath an arm of the spring. For best results such springs should be replaced at least once a year.

It has been reported that long-legged shore birds can be trapped in a barrel sunk level with the ground. Such a barrel has both ends knocked out of it and after being sunk level with the shore the top is covered by brown wrapping paper weakened by several knife slits. It is possible that this paper be sprinkled with debris such as is adjacent in the locality. It is expected that the bird will walk over this pit and fall in. Not having enough room to open its wings to fly out, clamber out or get a running start usually necessary for a take off with many of such species, the bird is caught. The bander should take particular care for his own safety and especially for his eyes in working with a trap of this sort. EBBA has never seen such a contraption work but the idea may have possibilities and we pass the information on for what it is worth. As colored banding of herons is now being undertaken, a way of capturing such birds easily and frequently is much in demand.

REMEMBER.....Send any dead birds you may find to Dr. C. B. Worth for an autopsy. You will find his address on the front of this issue.