

Banding Association, Vol. II, pp. 78-81) attention was called to the existence of limited nesting-areas, outside of which many nesting species are unlikely to go during the nesting-season, as affecting bird attendance at near-by banding stations and the necessity of considering these areas in interpreting the banding records and observations made at such stations. Above, the existence of restricted wintering areas in the case of some species is also pointed out, with a very limited discussion of the reasons why such areas should be taken into account when interpreting the phenomena at banding stations.

COLORED BANDS

ATTENTION is called to the opportunity now available to secure suitable colored enamels with which to color bird bands and also to have bands colored to order. Mr. A. W. Higgins's advertisement in this issue gives prices for coloring bands and for enamels.

In recommending to him that he should make it possible for banders easily to have this service, we feel that the use of colored bands should not become so general as to endanger their value as an aid in scientific work, which might result if they were used at stations so close together that birds wearing them would visit more than one banding station, thus destroying or impairing their use in permitting sight returns and sight repeats. In certain cases, however, stations close together may use them effectively if the operators use no colors in common.

It is also felt that to a considerable extent their employment should be largely confined to the most active banders and those wishing to investigate specific ornithological problems. It is recommended, therefore, that their use be restricted as a rule to operators planning to use them in helping solve some definite problem, since to use them otherwise is likely to yield results of importance only by accident.

A MYSTERY SOLVED¹

The Canadian National Parks Branch, which keeps a record of all wild-bird banding operations of interest to

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