

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

SHOREBIRD COLOR-MARKING

In 1976 the Canadian Wildlife Service will again be carrying out extensive banding and color-marking of shorebirds in James Bay. Last year a highly successful program resulted in over 70 reports of color-marked birds in eastern North America and South America from among ca 4,000 banded birds in southern James Bay. Much valuable information on migration routes is being obtained and observers are again asked to look out for and report any color-dyed or color-banded shorebirds that they see. Reports should include details of species, place, date, color-marks and, if possible, notes on the numbers of other shorebirds present. For color-dyed birds, please record the color and area of the bird that was dyed. For color bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, the colors involved, and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g., right leg, blue over metal etc.). All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to Dr. R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 2712 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H3*.

INTERNATIONAL SHOREBIRD SURVEYS

Cooperative International Shorebird Survey was started in 1975 to obtain information on shorebird migration and to identify and document areas of major importance. This scheme has been highly successful, with much very valuable information on shorebird distribution and migration coming from contributors throughout eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands, and Central and South America. In 1976 we are anxious to continue and extend the scheme in as many areas as possible. Any observer who may be able to participate in regular survey counts of shorebirds during spring and autumn migration periods, as well as during the winter in shorebird wintering areas, are asked to contact one of the undersigned. Occasional counts from observers visiting shorebird areas on an irregular basis would also be most welcome.

For areas in Canada: DR. R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H3*.

For areas in the U.S.A., Caribbean Islands, Central and South America: BRIAN A. HARRINGTON, *Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Mass. 02345, U.S.A.*

COLOR-MARKED SEMIPALMATED AND LEAST SANDPIPERS

In 1976 and 1977 the Surinam Forest Service plans to color-band large numbers of Semipalmated and Least sandpipers along the Surinam coast, north-eastern South America. The objective of this study is to obtain more information about the origin of the birds visiting Surinam and about their migration routes to and from this country. All birds will be banded *above* the tarsus ("knee") with one standard aluminum Fish and Wildlife Service band and two *orange* color-bands of about the same size as the aluminum band.

Should you see any of these birds, please write to ARIE L. SPAANS, *Surinam Forest Service, P.O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America*, mentioning species, location and date of observation, the position of the aluminum and color-bands (left or right, and, if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above and which below, and number of color-banded birds involved).