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BRIEF

Jim Baird, Aaron Bagg, Ian Nisbet and Chandler Robbins have completed a manuscript on the 1958 Operation Recovery season, which is scheduled to be published in the July, 1959, issue of Bird-Banding. The main emphasis is on the correlation of weather conditions with the coastal bandings. Included are brief station summaries to show the location, principal species, number of repeats and returns and rarities, and banders at each station. Extreme dates of operation, maximum number of nets, total net-hours and total bandings will appear in a table. *** Chandler Robbins states that an announcement of the 1959 OR plans will be along in a few weeks - and - that he is also providing information that will help us in ageing and sexing some of the more common species, and in identifying Empidonax flycatchers. All of this will be most welcome. *** The Fish and Wildlife Service is currently engaged in studies of blackbird depredations to corn and other crops in the Eastern States. They ask that banders in the East join forces with them in a cooperative Redwing nestling banding program this season. They would like every bander to band 10 nestlings or more and report on the habitat (shrub border, cattail marsh, salt marsh, upland field, buttonbush swamp, mixed fresh marsh, or other habitat.) *** Your Editor, appointed for another year by the Council, needs articles and bits and pieces on everything that will help or be of interest to banders. And, to liven up the text, he needs pictures. So please take time out to send something. ***

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