

IDENTIFICATION OF FLIES

Dr. Jos. Bequaert, at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge 38, Mass., has consented to identify bird flies sent to him. He wrote, "I prefer to have them preserved in 75 to 80% alcohol. Flies sent in dry are also acceptable, but it is advisable to place them with soft paper or cotton in the small box before shipping." This information was sent to Harold B. Wood after identifying an *Ornithomyia fringellina* from a Wood Thrush, which Dr. Bequaert said is one of over 100 kinds of birds recorded as hosts for this little fly. Dr. Bequaert is a recognized authority on Hippoboscidae and will welcome perfect specimens.

ANNUAL MEETING

EBBA wishes to extend a cordial invitation to all banders, whether members of this or other banding organizations, or of none at all, to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on March 31, 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland. Plan to attend and bring your friends. Many of you could also present worthwhile papers. If you believe you have material for a paper send the title, an estimate of the time required for presentation, comment as to whether it will be illustrated with slides or movies, an abstract if you have it ready, and your name to the Secretary.

ANOTHER ACTIVE LADY BANDER

Mrs. Margaret A. Fitzgerald writes: "After reading the excellent banding report of Mrs. M. Brantley Peacock of Fairfax, Virginia, it has inspired me to send you my banding records. I am a new bander also. Since March 6, 1950 to September 6, 1950 (6 mos.) I have banded 729 birds. Here is the list:

- 140 Evening Grosbeaks
- 143 Tree Sparrows
- 54 Song Sparrows
- 25 White Throated Sparrows
- 6 White Crowned Sparrows
- 1 Chipping Sparrow
- 5 Juncos
- 116 Pine Siskins
- 38 Purple Finches
- 37 Gold Finches