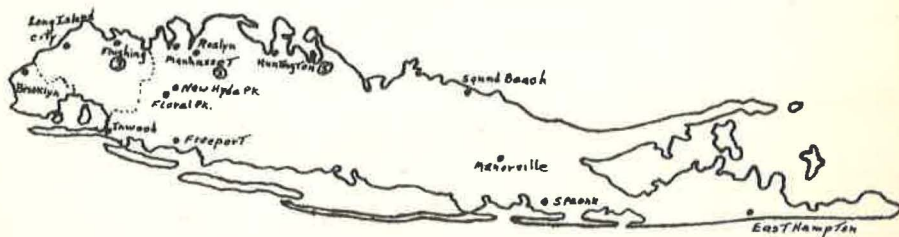


Your Editor wishes to apologize to the members for the lateness of the April issue and of this one. The first was due to a change in printers and its attendant dislocations, which will save the Association about \$6.00 per issue; the second to my absence from home for almost three weeks on a business trip to the West Coast. On this trip I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the northern section of the Western Bird-Banding Association held at the home of Mr. Ronald Reuther in El Cerrito, Cal., near San Francisco. Here I met the veteran bander Emerson L. Stoner and his wife, as well as Mr. Thompson of Berkeley and Mr. Hatch of Los Angeles. At this meeting I extended the greetings of the Eastern Association. Although the Western Association has problems of distance which are different from ours, their other interests are much the same, as would be expected. The discussion centered around traps, records, and just birds. Because of their distance from banding headquarters, they are concerned about the maintenance of emergency supplies of bands on the West Coast, a problem with which we do not have to cope. This was a most enjoyable visit with a fine group of enthusiastic banders.

Although I was in Los Angeles, I was, unfortunately, unable to visit any of the banders in that area, since time did not permit.

Herewith, the second of Mr. Steve Fordham's maps showing the location of EBBA members on Long Island. Accompanying the map is a short paragraph describing the station and activities of several of these. It would be appreciated if our other Long Island members would submit a similar write-up for publication in the next issue of the News.



Long Island Membership
Eastern Bird-Banding Association

The Gill banding station at Huntington L.I. is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Gill, with Mrs. G. doing most of the actual banding, with assists from time to time by their daughter Pat. Licensed to band in 1924, the station has been in daily operation at the present site since 1931. It averages between 800 and 1,000 new birds a year, running as high as 1,200 to 1,400 in lucky years.

In area it is very small, being about 65 by 200 ft. in a suburban area that in recent years has been intensely developed, with loss of woodland and scrubby pastures. Specializing in the banding of garden birds, the station operates about 30 small traps, many for experimental purposes and three house traps. One of these house traps is used as a convalescent home for cripples and helpless youngsters brought to us in the summertime.

It is located on a dead-end street just off State Highway 25-A, 38 miles east of N.Y.C. and a mile east of Huntington business section, about a mile from the shore of L.I. Sound. As far as is known, it is not on any migration route and few banded birds have ever been recovered to the north in New England. Most of the recoveries have been reported from the South.

Geoffrey Gill
24 Overlook Drive
Huntington, L.I., N. Y.

We are bird-lovers, but not banders, and receive a great deal of pleasure in return for our dozen feeding stations. One year we think the birds dropped strawberry seeds near a bird-bath and sometime later we picked 14 beautiful and delicious quarts of large strawberries.

The chickadees are our favorites, and we have had 7 mourning doves roosting in a little elm near the house.

Mrs. Philip Lea Hewer
21 Carley Avenue
Huntington, New York

At present I operate a very small banding station at my home in Freeport, with ground and tree traps scattered about the property. Have been here only two years, during which time my main efforts have been to improve the cover, with much planting of fruit-bearing shrubs, vines, and trees. No specialization yet--don't get enough birds.

Robert Arbib, Jr.
231 West Lena Avenue
Freeport, N. Y.

My station is situated in the heart of Flushing, a city suburb in Queens County. I have the garden planted with berry-bearing shrubs and operate a pipe line from two barrels which collect water from the garage roof. Potter, Brenckle, and a combination Chardonneret and 20-cell Potter circular-shaped traps are used. I have a modified house trap. Week end banding nets about 500 birds at home station. Starlings, song sparrows, and blue jays are far in the lead.

During July and August I go to Mispec, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. I band gulls, etc., on the Islands in the Bay of Fundy. Would welcome any bander who passes through St. John (on trips to Gaspe, Nova Scotia, Upper Canada, etc.) to stop off and visit. Ask in St. John for Mispec and follow through.

William O. Astle
45-64 158th Street
Flushing, L.I., N. Y.

A brief note from Howard Mahnken, Lambertville, N.J., reports that March and April have been his best banding months this year, with about 85 new birds taken. He reports that tree sparrows were rare all winter, that Juncos were very common, and that evening grosbeaks were in his vicinity all season and were still there as of April 22, 1950.

Beecher S. Bodish kindly sent in a newspaper clipping from the Bergen Evening Record reporting on the visit of members of EBBA to his station and to that of Mrs. Carnes during the recent annual meeting.

Supplementing the note in the April issue regarding aluminum colored bands, a letter from C. Russell Mason, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, advises that the price for the colored Size 6 band is \$2.00 per hundred instead of \$1.75 per hundred, while the price of \$1.50 per hundred on the other sizes remains unchanged.

With our present method of printing it is quite feasible to reproduce drawings of traps and other banding equipment. We would appreciate it if some of our members would volunteer to prepare neat drawings of the more recently designed traps since many of our new members are not familiar with them. These drawings should be on plain white bond paper in india ink. Dimensions should be shown, if possible.