

COLORED BANDS

The following information, supplied by Mr. C. Russell Mason, should be of interest to our members:

"Since taking over the handling of colored aluminum bands on recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service, we have had steadily increasing calls for additional colors and for sizes which we did not handle at first. On recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service, we originally put in only five colors since we have to get large quantities and we did not want to invest too much money. Now, however, with calls for the larger sizes and for size 0 in particular, we are putting in practically a full line of sizes -- 0, 1, 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 3A, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, and 8, in the following colors -- red, blue, green, yellow, black, white, and silver. We will probably not get out another circular until we get some trap prices brought up to date, so we wonder whether you would insert a notice to the effect that we have all these available in the next issue of Ebba News. The prices for all sizes 0 through 4 will be \$1.50 per C; for sizes 5 and 6 \$2.00 per C; 7 A and 7B \$2.25 per C; size 8 \$2.50 per C. These will be postpaid within the United States. No orders for less than 100 can be handled but such an order may include four colors of twenty-five each."

These bands can be obtained by writing to the Massachusetts Audubon Society, 155 Newbury St., Boston 16, Mass.

CASUALTIES

Beecher S. Bowdish of Demarest, N. J., passes along the following information on a subject which has puzzled many of us at various times:

"Doubtless other banders have had the experience of a bird quietly 'passing out' during a banding operation, though the handling is gentle and experienced.

In answer to a query as to cause of such deaths, sent to Dr. Leonard J. Goss, Veterinarian for the New York Zoological Society, accompanied by the body of a robin which had died in this manner,

Dr. Goss writes:

"Your query regarding why birds occasionally suddenly die in one's hands is difficult to answer. All of us that handle birds have had it happen, so much so that when about to pick up a privately owned bird we always caution the owner that the results may be disastrous. The term "shock" covers a multitude of sins and embodies complex physiological changes. However, in these cases, I feel it is the proper word to use. Very recently we had a pigeon die while we were examining it. This is the first time we have ever had such an experience with a pigeon. I would not normally expect it to occur with a pigeon but it did. Apparently, certain birds are of a nervous temperament that will not permit them to withstand handling."

It has always been my hope that some time examination of a bird which has died under such circumstances will disclose physical reactions showing what constitutes the "shock".

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