

Mr. Richard O. Bender, Secretary of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association and Editor of Ebba News
"Species Symposia"

A PROPOSAL FOR A NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

During the meeting of the council Mr. Blake, President of the Northeastern Bird Banding Association will present a proposal for the formation of a national bird banding organization. This proposal will not eliminate the regional associations. According to our by-laws such a matter must be passed upon by the council but your Editor is sure that members of the council will appreciate opinions from the membership which will assist them in their consideration of the proposal. Accordingly, it is suggested that the members give this matter some thought so that they may express their opinions.

TRAP DISPLAY

As usual there will be a display of traps at the Scientific Session. If you have a new design trap or improvement on an old one bring it along to show the members.

JUNCO SYMPOSIUM

It now appears that the long delayed Junco Symposium will not appear until the May issue. Space was not available in this issue and it is anticipated that a report on the annual meeting will make up substantially all of the April issue. This gives those that have not yet sent in their information another opportunity to do so.

GROUND DOVE DATA WANTED

The undersigned would appreciate any data from members giving their recoveries, approximate number banded in summer and in winter and returns in these respective seasons. A short note will be prepared later regarding the winter occurrence of this species in North Louisiana and at Vicksburg and Rosedale, Miss. If data supplied has any bearing on this movement it will be used and credited to the bander. Your cooperation will be most helpful. Sincerely, Ben B. Coffey, Jr. - 672 N. Belvedere, Memphis 7, Tenn.

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A WANDERING CATBIRD

Mr. Vernon C. Rossman of Coatesville, Pa. sends in the following record:

"On May 14, 1948 I banded an adult Catbird at Coatesville, Pa. and on July 6, 1949 it was trapped and released by William Pepper, Philadelphia. The story ends on May 6, 1950 when a cat caught and killed the bird on Smiths Island in Maryland. This is at the extreme southern tip of Chesapeake Bay."

WHO BANDED THIS BIRD

A sparrow-sized bird with an orange-colored band with No. 74-47NEB and an aluminum band (number lost) was picked up at North Park, Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh) on August 10, 1949 by Mrs. H. S. Johnson. The bird may have been an escaped cage-bird.

BANDING NESTLINGS

Dr. Paul H. Fluck of Lambertville, N. J. on perusing the published summary of banding activities for last year was moved to comment on the small numbers of very common species which had been banded. He mentioned Red-eyed Vireos, Marsh Wrens, Seaside and Sharp-tailed Sparrows as examples, and suggested that it would be relatively easy to band these species as nestlings.

Dr. Fluck's letter was sent to Mr. Seth Low of the Bird Banding office for comment. It is thought that Mr. Low's reactions would be of interest to all our members so they are quoted below:

"Our purposes in publishing the totals of each species is certainly to stimulate more interest in the species which need more attention. The purpose of banding, however, is too frequently lost sight of. It is to get results; not to band as many species and individuals as possible. By results is meant returns, especially retraps in subsequent years.

"The taboo on banding nestlings is reasonable and justified, but it is not a hard and fast rule with no exceptions. There is no question