

NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

President Groskin has appointed Beecher Bowdish and Jeff Gill to be members of a committee which will discuss the problems, advantages and disadvantages, of the formation of a North American Bird Banding Association. EBBA is fortunate in having these two members to represent them in this matter.

NEW MEMBERS

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HOMING IN THE EUROPEAN STARLING

Mr. LeRoy C. Stegeman of the College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y., contributes the following:

"On March 30, 1949 twelve starlings were captured in a church steeple in Westfield, N. Y. and brought to Syracuse, N. Y. where they were banded and released. Syracuse is about 180 miles from Westfield as the crow flies. These birds were placed in a burlap bag and carried in the closed trunk of an automobile so there was no possibility of their seeing any of the country through which they passed. On the seventeenth of July 1949 about 82 starlings were caught in the same church steeple from a flock estimated from 400 to 500 birds. One of the 82 was one of the twelve banded and released in Syracuse in March. There may well have been others of the twelve in the balance of the flock. Not all of the twelve returned to Westfield, however, since one of them was found dead in Syracuse on July 1, 1949.

"This is an example of the interesting information that may be gained through banding resident birds during the non-nesting season and releasing them at various distances from the banding station."