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### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association was held on March 29 and 30, 1952 in New York City, with 47 members attending.

With President Horace Groskin presiding, the Scientific Session opened at 10:15 A.M., March 29, in the American Museum of Natural History.

President Groskin opened the meeting by introducing Mr. John F. Nichols of the Museum's staff, who welcomed members of EBBA and spoke of the early days of bird banding in the United States.

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The first subject of the Scientific Session, "Approximations of Life Tables," was presented with lantern slides by Dr. Charles H. Blake, President of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association. Dr. Blake distributed to the members a "Note on Life Table Construction."

Mr. Raymond J. Middleton gave the next paper, "What of the Returns," in which he discussed the question, "Does a bird which has remained at the same place for two separate seasons develop a higher degree of homing instinct for its chosen area than those which were present for only one?" "The records prove," he showed, "this to be a fact and to a degree that is truly amazing." Mr. Middleton then presented tables to illustrate his points. Mr. Middleton also presented slides of Mill Grove - Audubon's First Home in America.

"Studies of the Breeding Behavior of Chimney Swifts," illustrated by slides, was the subject of the paper by Mr. Richard B. Fischer of Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology. These interesting studies were the result of many hours of patient observation. Mr. Fischer described the methods he used and his findings will be published in detail elsewhere.

Dr. Carlton M. Herman of the Patuxent Research Refuge, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, presented a paper on "Goose Parasites, Habitat and Migration," illustrated by slides, and described the new netting method for trapping Geese.

In the first paper of the Afternoon Session, Mr. G. Hapgood Parks showed pictures of "Evening Grosbeaks at the Feeders" and discussed "Age Determination in the Evening Grosbeak." This discussion will be published in detail in one of the ornithological journals.

"Color Banding of Resident Birds," illustrated by Kodachrome slides, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, was presented by Mr. Edwin M. Barry, Chief of Inland Fish Management, Game and Inland Fish Commission. Mr. Barry showed how color banding aided in the observation of individuals of various species.



The Editor of Bird-Banding Journal, Mr. E. Alexander Bergstrom, then presented a paper, "Notes on Slate-Colored Junco," which is to appear in an early issue of Bird Banding. Mr. Bergstrom also stated that he still had available copies of the British Trap Guide which members could purchase from him at a cost of 60¢.

"Banding in Georgia" was the title of the paper presented by Mr. Frederick V. Hebard. Mr. Hebard stated that though he had banded few birds, he had been able to establish hitherto unverified data on the movement of Cardinals.

The Report of the Nominating Committee (Mr. Beecher S. Bowdish, Chairman, Chandler Robbins, William Pepper, Orville W. Crowder, Richard B. Fischer) was then presented by Mr. Bowdish. The Officers and new members of the Council were elected as follows:

President, Raymond J. Middleton  
 First Vice President, Leroy Wilcox  
 Second Vice President, Richard O. Bender  
 Third Vice President, Joseph M. Cadbury  
 Secretary, Frank Frazier  
 Treasurer, Merrill Wood  
 Council Members, Mrs. H. G. McEntee, Maurice  
 Broun, Arthur H. Fast

A change in the By-Laws and Constitution, so that the Editor of EBBA News be appointed by the Council instead of being elected by the membership, was then introduced and passed.

Other resolutions passed by the meeting were:

1. Resolved: that the Association deeply regrets that Mr. Geoffrey Gill feels he must resign, but understands his reasons for doing so; and further Resolved: that the greatest appreciation for his highly valued services during his long years as Editor and Officer be expressed to Mr. Gill, together with sympathy for the accident to him and his family and warmest wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

2. An expression of appreciation and thanks (moved and seconded by many members) for the leadership and untiring service of the retiring President, Mr. Groskin, was passed with acclaim.
3. That the Association extend its appreciation to the Local Committee on Arrangements, Mr. Frank Frazier, Chairman, for its work in planning and arranging the meeting.
4. That the Association extend its thanks to the American Museum of Natural History for acting as host to the Annual Meeting.

After a brief social period, the Association reconvened at the Henry Hudson Hotel for a delicious dinner.

After dinner, Angelo D'Angelo showed his extraordinary motion pictures in color of "Bird Life in Northeastern New Jersey."

On Sunday, March 30th, EBBA members visited the New Jersey banding stations of Mrs. H. G. McEntee, Mrs. John Y. Dater, Mrs. Marie Dumont (where Mr. and Mrs. Dumont provided coffee, cakes and other goodies to add to the box lunches), and Mr. Beecher Bowdish. At each of these banding stations EBBA members saw a wide variety of traps and plantings of trees and shrubs suitable for attracting many different species.

Frank Frazier, Secretary

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#### PLASTIC NECK-BANDS ON CANADA GEESE

Canada geese have been banded with plastic collars during the past winter at the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge located on the outer banks of the North Carolina coast. Collar bands of red, green, yellow, and white, have been used and can