

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The response to the questionnaire enclosed in the August issue has been most gratifying, with slightly more than seventy-five out of some 245 members cooperating. Although preliminary tabulations have been made of various data, it is not yet too late to return the form if you wish to do so.

The majority of features of EBBA NEWS are approved, the only exceptions being some reservations concerning the value of listing changes of address and new members. An overwhelming majority of respondents favor omission of the full slate of officers from each issue, suggesting that such a list be printed immediately following the annual meeting. Likewise, the majority favor using one issue every two years to present names and addresses of all members.

The appearance of this issue was held up, in part, by attempts to solve satisfactorily the problem of presenting in each issue the plans for building different types of traps. Since the November issue will contain the Robin symposium, it is not possible to begin the trap design series until the December number, by which time we hope the technical difficulties will have been solved.

The Editor wishes to thank those members who have contributed data on colonial birds banded along the Atlantic coast this past summer as well as the members who have contributed data for the Robin symposium.

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## WHAT OF THE RETURNS?

by Raymond J. Middleton

Since the systematic banding of wild birds began, we have read many articles concerning the returning of birds to their place of banding, and it seems that it would make an interesting study to determine how many individuals return to the same place in subsequent years. The following study is based on thirty years of banding at one location near Norristown, Pennsylvania.