

A NEW BAND HOLDER
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A problem arose at Ocean City, Md., during the cooperative banding project in September 1955, which resulted in the development of this new band holder. It was found that checking 30 nets required a large supply of bands on the safety-pin type holder that was being used. It was difficult to keep those bands in order which were removed from the holder while new ones were added. The new band holder pictured here has been used successfully since then.

The holder is based on the idea that bands may be added on one end and taken off the other without removing those left on the holder. It can hold over a full string of the smaller sized bands utilizing the same space in the banding kit or one's pocket as the safety-pin holder.

It is very simply constructed with a thin coat-hanger wire small enough to accept O's. Cut the hook and neck from the hanger. The piece of wire left is made into a double 7" loop with the two long ends of the wire wrapped around the long side of the loop. The end that will be used for adding new bands is wrapped around twice while the end from which the bands will be removed is wrapped only once. This end is made a little longer to distinguish it from the other end.

For the sizes other than O's the copper wire of the string of bands can be overlapped with the holder wire and the bands slip easily from one to the other. This is not possible with O's unless some one finds a coat-hanger that is thinner than the one used in this case. For O's a Glassip drinking straw can be placed over the holder wire and the string of bands inserted through the other end of the straw. The bands pass through the straw, and onto the holder wire. It is hoped that others will also find this holder useful and practical.

