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## BRIEF

Seth Low's paper on the use of mist nets, first printed in the July, 1957 issue of BIRD-BANDING, has been reprinted by the British Trust for Ornithology. Anyone who wants a copy should write to E. Alexander Bergstrom, B-B's editor, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 7, Conn. \*\*\* An account of experiments which indicate that birds find their way by the stars is contained in an article by E.G.F.Sauer, "Celestial Navigation by Birds," which appeared in the August 1958 issue of Scientific American \*\*\* The August 1958 issue of THE RING contains three articles by EBBA members: "Day to day operation of a banding station in the USA" by Arthur H. Fast; "A system of record keeping for bird banders," by Elise M. Dickerson, and "Wilson Ornithological Society features banding symposium," by Chandler S. Robbins \*\*\* Mr. D. Glanville, 72 Algernon Road, Lewisham, London, S.E.13, England, writes "Would it be possible for you to put me in touch with a bander, if possible of similar age to myself (I am 21) so that I might correspond and possibly exchange periodicals and books with him. I live in the outer parts of London and do most of my birding in the county of Kent. I have a particular interest in the sub-order of waders and hope to begin trapping this winter on some of the large flocks that visit my area." \*\*\* Dr. C. Brooke Worth writes from South Africa, "I have thus far identified 101 species, of which 83 are 'life-listers'" \*\*\* Elise Dickerson, EBBA treasurer, has a supply of Squeeze-Klip sets. Interested persons may get them from her at \$2.00 plus 32¢ postage. She also has "00" size klips @ 40¢ per 100. \*\*\* Interesting to note in "Conservation News" the profession or business of the 10 non-professional conservationists who received award: biology professor, industrial engineer, farmer, time and motion analyst, bank president, businessman, school principal, businessman and scoutmaster, dentist, housewife. \*\*\* Anyone interested in the cooperative banding project Operation Recovery will find a splendid article on some of the results discovered thus far in Bird-Banding for July 1958. The article is by James Baird, Chandler S. Robbins, Aaron M. Bagg and John V. Dennis. \*\*\* Garrett Detwiler writes that he has received 119 "Pink" sheets and reports on 42 Foreign Retraps so far this year - covering 15 Cowbirds, 6 Purple Grackles, 2 Juncos, 1 Robin and 95 Starlings. The Starlings were picked up from Delaware to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (Canada). \*\*\* Dr. Paul Fluck banded a Crow on TV as part of the Dave Garroway show recently. The first bird to be banded on TV? \*\*\* Dr. Carnes Weeks, on a "bed of pain" in the hospital, saw Dr. Fluck band the Crow on TV and was much cheered. Dr. Weeks has had many returns from ducks he banded in Charleston, S.C. -- recoveries from northeastern Quebec, northeastern Ontario, and many from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. \*\*\* It's not too soon to begin making your plans to attend the EBBA annual meeting at State College, Pa., April 11-12. . . \*\*\* Lipstick rubbed lightly over bands will make the numbers easier to read, suggest Geoffrey Gill \*\*\* Another Geoffrey writes (Chaucer) "The lyfe so short, the craft so long to learn, Th'assay so hard, so sharp the conquering" \*\*\*