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HINTS FOR BANDERS - A British field guide for banders, covering much of the ground our F&WS banding manual covered, has just been published. It is the "Bird in the Hand", by Cornwallis & Smith, Field Guide No. 6, published by the British Trust for Ornithology, Oxford, England. The price is 4s. ★★ ★ Don Bleitz, Bleitz Wildlife Foundation, 1001 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles

So. Calif., has nets of all sorts of odd sizes for sale (prices are higher than EBBA prices) ★★ ★ The 10-year index to Bird-Banding 1941-1950 is ready and being sold by NEBBA Treasurer Mrs. J.R. Downs, So. Londonderry, Vt. Price to subscribers is \$3.00 paperbound, \$4.50 hard covers. ★★ ★ Put a dab of nail polish on those knots in the trammels of your new net - or use rubber cement ★★ ★

UPCOMING ARTICLES Eva & Albert Schnitzer banded over 1,000 birds during their O.R. project on Monhegan Island, Maine last year - article in next issue ★★ ★ Robert Lieberman of Meadville, Pa. banded over 100 Bluebirds last year, we've asked him for a piece on it ★★ ★ Lillian Cardinali's compilation of What Returned the Most to Whom will be in next issue ★★ ★

LETTERS FROM BANDERS Mrs. Herman Kuch of Birchrunville, Pa. wants to know how did Mrs. Dater get the Saw-Whet Owl to sit still for its picture - and why were the Screaming Cowbirds being imported? ★★ ★ Paul Slud, American Museum of Natural History, hears that a banded Cape May Warbler had been discovered in Costa Rica, and that this find had been published in EBBA NEWS: can anyone name the issue? ★★ ★ Dick Holmes writes, "I had a terrific summer at Point Barrow, Alaska, again ... research on ecology of the sandpipers coming along fine...had a chance to do some banding, including 8 Snowy Geese, 45 Pomarine Jaegers, etc. ★★ ★ Roy Wilcox, who banded a Lesser White-fronted Goose out on Long Island, writes he had an exceptional year, banded with assistance of Walter Terry) 17,911 birds of 116 species including Flycatchers (first hatched in New York)... at Tiana, for O.R. last Sept. Oct. he banded 4152 birds in 2675 net hours! ★★ ★

OPINIONS The Robin won an informal poll of Britons asked to name their choice of a national bird. Second was the Red Grouse, with the Wren and Flower third and fourth ★★ ★ Orville Crowder, EBBA Councilman, is back from six months travel in six European countries ★★ ★ Our far-travelling co-resident C. Brooke Worth is now in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad ★★ ★ Your editor took his daughter to Hawaii over Christmas - added many new birds to his life list. Of course there is little banding in Hawaii, and most indigenous birds are rare or extinct ★★ ★

NET PEOPLE Bill & India Savell, new banders of Pleasantville, N.J., tried to make a moderately tame Canada Goose their 87th banded species last fall. but they failed - despite the fact he stayed around for six days and even flew right through a brand new Savell net ★★ ★ Arthur Fast of Arlington, Mass. has a fine article on bird banding in the Jan-March issue of Atlantic Naturalist - Arthur is now in Panama for the 4th time - back in March ★★ ★