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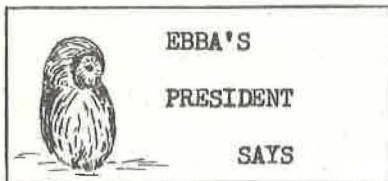
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Who is banding the Most of What? Where? The number and tenor of responses received to the question of retaining the column edited by Mrs. Cardinali, indicates that it is a popular item and undoubtedly here to stay. With a few minor changes it ought to satisfy most of EBBA NEWS' readers.

There are two types of banders, those who are itinerant and band in several locations during the year, and those who do a year-round project on their own property. Both types can and do make valuable contributions to ornithology. Mere numbers of individuals and species gathered from many places have little value. But, if properly broken down geographically, they can tell an interesting story.

Let's assume that John X turns in a figure of 2200 Myrtle Warblers, 600 Red-eyed Vireos, 2000 Catbirds, etc., compiled from three or four locations. This makes him top man on the totem pole in those species. His foreign retraps, returns, and recoveries may run very small except at his home station. How significant are these figures? This bander is probably interested in weights and measurements of birds and/or in adding new species to his banding list.

Now we will look at a couple of year-round banding stations: those of E.C. Clyde, Jr. and Dr. Paul Fluck.

Mr. Clyde bands an enormous number of Myrtle Warblers the first three months of the year at his home in Effingham, S. C. In the first six weeks of 1960 he banded 800 Myrtles. He gets "lots of returns and several foreign retraps". The Cedar Waxwing is another species he bands in large numbers. He has never had a return on Waxwings.

The Washington Crossing station operated by the Flucks tags a considerable number of Red-eyed Vireos. The records include spring and fall adults, summer breeding and immature birds, as well as fall migrant "birds of the year". The return records are high and enviable - EBBA NEWS 22(6): pp. 106-108.

It takes both kinds of banders to cover the ornithological field. Each one does his chosen type of work.

The designation "miscellaneous" presently used doesn't give the reader the information he wants. He is interested in knowing where John X found so many Myrtle Warblers, Catbirds, etc. Breaking down the figures with the exact location noted would satiate his curiosity and give him the information he wants.

Mrs. Cardinali can, I'm sure, find a not too complicated way of listing the figures which will give a more accurate density location of each species. This can only be done if we all cooperate and send her a summary sheet in good legible form.

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1961 EBBA ANNUAL MEETING

Details of the Annual Meeting were published in the last issue of EBBA NEWS - this is a reminder that the Annual Meeting will be held on April 22-23, 1961, at the East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Some incorrect times were given in the last issue: a reception (and early registration) at the East Stroudsburg State College Science Building begins at 7:30 pm. The Council will meet at the Brookview Manor Hotel at 8:00 pm.

Registration on Saturday morning begins at 8:30 am, and the program will begin at 9:00.

Members who have not already made reservations for accommodations are urged to send them right away to Mrs. Minnie Edwards, Brookview Manor, Canadensis, Pa.

As President Dater said, "NO ONE CAN AFFORD TO STAY HOME" !

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MORE NEWS FROM CANARY I. ORNITHOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

Writes Elise Dickerson: "New member Dr. E.A.R. Ennion of Northumberland, England, reports that between Jan. 1st and Feb. 25th he banded 297 birds of 14 species the most interesting of which were 11 Hoopoes, 7 Berthelots Pipits, 2 Pallid Swifts, 12 Linnets and 4 Rock Sparrows. Dr. Ennion also was able to find 30 nests of the Spectacled Warbler - heretofore thought a vanishing species on the Island."

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