

The 1961 Annual Meeting will be held on the weekend of April 25-27, probably in Cape May, N.J. Easter is April 2nd in 1962.

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PERMANENT BANDING RECORD SHEETS

In view of the recent articles and discussions on record keeping, and the Banding Office's projected change in the form of schedules, many banders who have not already done so will be considering keeping records in order of band number instead of (or as well as) by species. To make this kind of record keeping easier, your Editors have had forms printed for their own use, and if enough members indicate a desire for them, we will have them printed in quantity. A sample of the form appears below:

FROM		01	SIZE:	DATE ISSUED:	
TO		00			
Band No.	SPECIES	A <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	Date	Place	
01					
02					
03					
04					
05 etc.					

$1''$  ←  $2''$  →  $\frac{1}{4}''$   $\frac{1}{4}''$  ←  $1''$  → ←  $1\frac{1}{2}''$  → ←  $2\frac{1}{2}''$  →

There are 50 numbered lines on each side of the sheet, so that each string of 100 bands will be covered by one record sheet. The right hand column,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, is left without a heading so that banders may adapt this space to whatever their needs might be. The form is printed on  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 inch paper, punched for use in a 3-hole looseleaf notebook.

Banders may consider using a duplicate of their schedules for permanent records, but there are several reasons why this is less than perfect. First, carbon copies always leave something to be desired. Also, if the practice becomes widespread, the Banding Office might view it as a strain on their budget. Most important, bandings must be reported each year, and in most cases a given string of bands is used during two (or more) calendar years - seldom is a string used up on Dec. 31st: this causes a break in the bander's own records if he used carbons of the schedules. Also, the new schedule form contains several columns which are needed for personal records; and it lacks room for remarks, weights, etc.

Members interested in using these forms are urged to write to the Editors, indicating the amount they need. Supplies will be printed as soon as the response warrants it. Prices are \$2.00 for 100, \$1.25 for 50, or \$1.00 for 30; prices include postage.

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