

YOUR WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS  
(The Workshop will be held during the EBBA  
Annual Meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 28, 1962)

Your Workshop Committee has been greatly encouraged by the enthusiastic comments from many of you. Now seems to be the time to report on our ideas and ask for your help so that everyone will come away from the April meeting with the feeling that they have learned something which will make their banding more enjoyable and productive.

Plans are being made to run several class sessions at the same time so that the more popular ones can be repeated to give as many as possible a chance to attend, and also to allow for a choice of classes among members. Listed below are some of the sessions under consideration. Please choose the five you would like most to attend and list them in the order of your preference.

1. RECORD KEEPING: Bring your own records and have the advantages and disadvantages explained. Hints re Gov. forms. Do's and don't's.
2. NET INSTRUCTION: Care and repair. Sites. Hints about removing birds. Tools for clearing lanes and removing birds. (Do you have any pet tools?) Special nets.
3. DISSECTION AND PRESERVATION: Aging and sexing by internal examination of banding station and other casualties. Freezing, salting, shipping, legal aspects.
4. PROJECT PLANNING: How to get the most out of banding efforts. How to learn what has been already published. Outlining your project. Suggestions from others. Statistical help. Preparation of manuscripts. Where to publish them.
5. PHOTOGRAPHY: To confirm identification. Camera, film, rings, telephoto lenses. Holding bird. Background.
6. AGING AND SEXING FALL WARBLERS: Demonstration through museum study skins. Which species can and which cannot be aged or sexed reliably. Errors in reference books. (This is the kind of material which will appear in the Workshop Manual.)
7. AGING AND SEXING - Flycatchers, Mimids, Thrushes and Vireos: Same as Number 6.
8. RECORDING CALLS AND SONGS: Equipment. How to. Uses for recorded songs and calls.

9. EXAMINING LIVE BIRDS: What measurements to take. How to take them. Fat determination. How to weigh birds. Equipment. How to apply color bands. Removing bands.

Aside from the classes, we are planning a large exhibit of traps, triggers, photos, banding equipment and gimmicks, books, etc. In short, anything banders find useful in plying their trade. Here we again would like your help. Remember, something which seems easy and simple to you may be a problem to other banders, so please help by sharing with them.

In the meantime, while all you readers are thinking up ways to help the Workshop, your committee will be hard at work too. We plan to put out a Workshop Manual, consisting of abstracts of the various sessions, blue-prints of traps, the neatest gimmicks -- so please send some in. Some of the best sample work sheets, names of dealers and references will also be included. Please note this will not be a substitute for the regular banding manual, but we hope to put in material which will help you now and some of which may later be modified for inclusion in the banding manual. Our Workshop Manual will be given out when you come to the EBBA Meeting so be sure to come and get one.

To sum up the ways in which you can help us: Please send a list of the five sessions you want most to attend, listed in your order of preference, to David Bridge, 8A Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Next, check your gear, traps, photos, etc., and send a list of those you would like to exhibit along with blue-prints for traps to Mrs. Willis Geis, 66 Hendrie Ave., Riverside, Conn.

The Committee: Mr. Bridge and Mrs. Geis (above)  
Chandler S. Robbins, Wildlife  
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NOTE ON WAX OF CEDAR WAXWINGS G. Hapgood Parks of Hartford, Conn., writes: "This past summer a pair of Cedar Waxwings supplied me with a partial answer to a question which has always eluded me, namely, at what age does the red "wax" appear on this species' wing secondaries?"

"This pair nested successfully just above the roof of our cabin in Milbridge, Maine. Four young were captured by means of a hairnet on the tip of a fishing rod the day they left the nest. One of these youngsters already wore the red "wax", three tiny but distinct bits on each wing. This observation was made on August 18. The other three young showed no red wax at all."