

Somehow word got around to the Perth Amboy Evening News and they asked to do a feature illustrated article in their weekly magazine section about my banding station - and the New York Sunday News saw and liked that article so they ran another article about my banding station. Never did I dream that one little sign could arouse so much interest!

The banding sign also brought a certain degree of respect, particularly from individuals who had at first regarded me as the eccentric bird watcher that is often joked about by comedians and cartoonists. Still another pleasant aspect has been the occasional arrival of an unusual or out-of-the-ordinary species, brought to me by people who have heard of my banding activities. One of the most recent arrivals was a very affectionate Horned Grebe that had been found stranded along a road, far from any water.

The Screech Owl in the photo was also brought to me when someone found it along the Turnpike where it had been struck by a car. The owl is recovering nicely and will soon be released. In the meantime though, he is the star attraction of my live bird programs which I give regularly for Scouts and other interested groups.

All things considered, I'm sure many banders could definitely further the interest in the banding program as a whole, as well as their own pet projects, simply by putting up an appropriate banding station sign.

Cheesequake, South Amboy, N. J.

PURPLE MARTIN STUDY Mr. J. C. Finlay, 6710 - 102 A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is making a comprehensive study of the Purple Martin, and requests the assistance of EBBA members in this project. Apart from banding data, he needs information on arrival dates in the spring, departure dates in autumn, nesting data, and so forth. Banders who have information on Martins - or have active Martin houses - are urged to get in touch with Mr. Finlay at the above address.

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