



Our civilization requires a vast amount of land and the destruction of its wildlife habitats. On a recent trip I was much impressed with the fact that more and more land is rapidly being changed to be covered with homes, factories, wide highways, and airports. This land used to be the home of birds. While this environmental change

is needed to support our population, wise management can save parts of it to our advantage as well as to the advantage of the birds. A contribution now, even a small one, may be just what is needed to keep a good supply of birds coming your way for banding and study. Send a contribution to one of the several conservation organizations, such as: (1) The World Wildlife Fund, Inc., 709 Wire Building, Washington, D.C.; (2) The Nature Conservancy, 2039 K St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.; (3) The National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.; or (4) The National Audubon Society, 1130 Fifth Avenue, New York 28, N.Y.

To me the annual meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association is a family reunion. The more I attend, the more I wish to get there the next time. Besides seeing and talking with friends again, I get to meet new ones and I always go home "all fired up" to be a better bander. I hope I'll be seeing you at our meeting on April 20th.

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COVER PICTURE

Dr. Carnes Weeks sends this picture from Nogales, Arizona. He writes: "Luckily I saw the whole episode. The Mourning Dove had just been caught in the lowest shelf when along came a Sharp-shinned Hawk, made his stoop on the Dove and was caught as you can see 'one floor above' which must have made him mighty angry! . . . You will wonder why the bottom shelf string is broken -- the night before a steer had walked through the net. Joys of living on a ranch! They have ruined a dozen nets."

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These members are looking forward to the EBBA meeting, so look yourself to the next pages for details of program and accommodations and all the other plans being made to make this the finest EBBA meeting ever.

