

"I have a property of nearly 1000 acres along the bank of one of the larger rivers of New Zealand, the Mataura. Our (myself, my wife and two children) dwelling is only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the south coast of the South Island. . . .

"On my property I run cattle and sheep but as it is partly undeveloped (as we call it in N.Z.) that is, covered in rushes and scrub, it makes a very poor habitat for bird life. I am farming without hired help so am not able to devote as much time as I would like to bird banding. As time has such a bearing on my banding I am particularly interested in any new type of trap -- especially automatic ones. At present I am experimenting with a trap for Lesser Redpolls. It is a semi-automatic trap and I hope to be able to catch them in fairly large numbers. If it is a success I will let you know the details later."

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THE MEMORIAL FUND

Gifts from Mrs. Bennett K. Matlack and Mrs. Gustave Dumont have brought the total of EBBA's new Memorial Fund to \$125.00 (exclusive of monies received from Life Memberships.) The interest from this Fund, which was adopted at the 1963 Annual Meeting, is to be used as an award to stimulate research in the field of ornithology through the use of bird banding techniques. The award is to be made in the memory of all deceased EBBA members. Members wishing to make a contribution to the Memorial Fund should send their gifts to the Treasurer.



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It's always interesting to find an unusual bird in your trap or net. A few of these reported to Lillian Cardinali, editor of Who Banded What? are as follows:

- Thick-billed Murre, by Gilbert Raynor, New York
- Black-throated Gray Warbler, by John Miller, New Jersey
- Virginia's Warbler and Clay-colored Sparrow, by James Richardson, N.J.
- Western Wood Pewee (2) and Sage Thrasher, by Mrs. H.M.Church, Jr., Va.
- Violet-green Swallow, by Dr. Richard D. Benedict, Pa.
- Gray Jay, by Mrs. Robert Patterson, Maine
- Yellow-throated Warbler, by Leroy Wilcox, New York