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EDITOR'S

OPINION



WHAT A BANDER MIGHT DO

Two articles in the January, 1964 issue of Bird-Banding should be of particular interest to EBBA members. They are "Banding Records Substantiating the Changed Status of Ten Species of Birds since 1900 in the Connecticut Valley" by Elizabeth M. Boyd and Sarah A. Nunneley, and "Analysis of Banding Records of Local Populations of Blue Jays and Redpolls at Granby, Mass." by Sarah A. Nunneley.

Both articles demonstrate what a bander might do with his banding records if he put time and thought into analyzing them, if he familiarized himself with the literature (what others have written along the lines he is thinking) and then set down on paper the results of his efforts.

As Sarah Ann Nunneley points out at the conclusion of her Analysis, "both of these investigations should be extended before definite conclusions can be reached, but they are offered as a stimulus to other banders to make a similar analysis of their data and perhaps in this way to contribute to a better understanding of the behavior of certain species of birds."

We heartily endorse the thought expressed and we sincerely hope EBBA members will read these articles and be encouraged to delve into their own data for similar analyses. It is this type of effort that can bring rewarding meaning into a bander's life as well as add to man's knowledge of birds and their ways.

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