

molest the boxes and predation seems more frequent at lower sites.

If you start now you can have a large collection of cartons by March. Here is an opportunity for people with no carpentry skill to run a productive line of Bluebird houses, at a cost of practically nothing.

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RETURNS OF TRANSIENTS: It is well known that nearly all station re-  
 A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION turns pertain either to species which breed  
 near the banding station or to species which  
 winter there. With the exception of large birds such as hawks and water-  
 fowl, returns of species which occur at the banding station only on spring  
 or fall migration are extremely rare. I know of only one published record  
 of such a return of a transient species in North America: Kathleen S. An-  
 derson and Herbert K. Maxfield (Bird-Banding, 38: 218-233) recaptured two  
 Blackpoll Warblers in September 1963 in Raynham, Mass., which they had  
 banded at the same place in September, 1962.

I have recently asked a number of banders whether they have any com-  
 parable records: the only two others which have reported to me also refer  
 to Blackpoll Warblers in Massachusetts. However, I have not yet searched  
 thoroughly for other published records, and other banders probably have  
 unpublished records.

I should like to request all EBBA members to check their banding re-  
 cords, and to send me any records they have of returns of species (other  
 than hawks and waterfowl) which are known only as transients in the area  
 of the banding station. All records received will be published in a list  
 in a later issue of EBBA News, with full acknowledgments to the banders.  
 The information required is the date and year of banding, the date and  
 year of recapture, and the nearest place where the species regularly  
 breeds or winters. Negative records from banding stations which have  
 handled large numbers of transients in two or more years will also be of  
 great value in defining exactly how rare this phenomenon is.

Please send all records to: Ian C.T. Nisbet, c/o Massachusetts  
 Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, Mass. 01773.