

EBBA ANNUAL BANDING SUMMARY  
EBBA Needs  
Your Cooperation!

This year's Annual Summary of birds banded in EBBA territory is planned to be an expanded version of the reports prepared by Lillian Cardinali and Betty Knorr in past years. Totals of species banded will be compiled separately for each state to show something about the pattern of banding throughout the EBBA region.

While the compilation will be an interesting indication for the year 1968, a more significant and valuable benefit will be the year-to-year comparisons that can be made as future summaries accumulate. Our sister organizations to the west, IBBA and WBBA, have been compiling annual reports for many years, showing totals of each species banded in each state of their respective territories. The WBBA reports show banding trends over several decades and, for example, now document the great increase in banding "unbaitable" species resulting from the introduction and widespread use of mist nets. An EBBA report series by states over this period would have recorded, for instance, the expansion in general banding activity south of Pennsylvania, and given added data on the northward spread of some species.

In giving serious thought to the objectives as well as the work required to compile a state-by-state summary, the Publications Committee queried the Bird Banding Laboratory for its views on this matter. In a reply dated October 30, 1968, it was stated that the BBL is planning to compile by machine and publish an annual summary listing species banded by state, but that it is uncertain when this can be initiated. The reply was written by Larry Hood, Biologist for the BBL and also editor of IBBA's NEWS. He has found this type of summary quite helpful in his work as editor, and "certainly believe it would be to EBBA's advantage to publish a summary until the BBL can begin regularly putting out an annual report." He also said Mr. Baysinger "was of the opinion it would be worthwhile for EBBA to summarize and publish such data, at least until the BBL files can be published each year".

Enclosed with this issue of EBBA News is a Report form comparable to the one used in recent years for this purpose. The value and significance of this project depend upon a good response - YOUR response. It is earnestly asked that you respond as follows:

1. Complete the report form, showing numbers of species banded in each EBBA state (including District of Columbia; EBBA territory is the Atlantic Seaboard states from New York south, including West Virginia, and Quebec and Ontario). Arrange the totals in separate columns for each state. Don't forget to give state name(s) at the top of each column.

2. Although not, strictly speaking, in EBBA territory, banders are encouraged to include totals for the New England States, and these will be added to the EBBA summary if the response warrants it.

3. Banders who reside in EBBA territory but who did not band in EBBA territory in 1968 are strongly urged to send a postcard or return the form, indicating this. Similarly, EBBA members who have banded in non-EBBA states should send totals for these states to IBBA or WBBA as appropriate.

4. Please send the completed report form, by March 1, 1969 so that compiling of the report can be completed promptly, to the Editor - Frank P. Frazier, Jr., P.O. Box 13, Long Valley, N.J. 07853. (Let us know, too, if extra report forms are needed. -Ed.)

Data obtained from your reports will be compiled into a Summary Report planned for publication in the July-August and/or September-October issue of EBBA News. Format of the Report has not yet been definitely designed, and will be the subject of discussions at the Annual Meeting. It is likely to include the following: (1) Totals by species for each EBBA state, and for New England states if possible; (2) Names of banders banding significant highest numbers of species; (3) List of banders submitting reports, with total number of birds and of species banded, and states in which each banded.

All EBBA members (and others) who banded in EBBA territory and New England are urged to complete and submit the report form, or send word if no banding was done. The value and significance of this Annual Summary increase in direct proportion to the number of banders responding. Each individual report received adds measurably to the statistical value of the data. This solicitation will not, of course, achieve complete absolute totals of all birds banded. However, the statistics will be a useful index for year-to-year comparisons and will provide a few extra years of data to preface the eventual BBL Summary Report series. These benefits depend upon a response from as high a percentage as possible of EBBA banders. Please cooperate.

#### FOREIGN RECOVERY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

This column was not included in the last issue of EBBA News for lack of material; but we have since received news of two foreign recoveries which are listed below. If you recognize one of them, please send full banding details to the Editor - and details of banding and of recovery will be published in the next issue.

66-158685 - Evening Grosbeak  
75-29525 - Slate-colored Junco