

EBBA BANDING SUMMARY - 1968

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The EBBA Banding Summary for 1968, carried in the last (July-August) issue of EBBA News, shows a remarkable amount and diversity of activity by eastern region banders last year. More than one quarter million birds banded of 281 species were reported by some 222 banders. The 222 include 214 reporting bandings in the eastern region (not 216 as shown in the Summary table, a compiler's error) and eight reporting no bandings. For this first expanded EBBA-wide Summary, the response from this many banders is quite good. In general the individual reports received were prepared accurately and carefully. An appreciative special acknowledgment is due each and every bander who made the effort to prepare a report. Every report is important because the value and significance of the EBBA Summary increases directly in proportion to the number of banders reporting, not the number of bandings reported.

The Banding Office advises that in June 1969 there were 730 active banding permits in the eastern region of the U.S., and 136 permits in eastern Canada. This does not include banders living in other states who may have banded in the east. The 217 U.S. banders included in the Summary probably represent between one-fourth and one-third of the number of permits authorized in the eastern states last year.

It is reasonable to suppose that the more active, large scale banders are more likely to be aware of developments in banding, more likely to be members of EBBA and hence more apt to be interested in submitting a report. Banders at most of the large O.R. stations (with the important exception of Maryland) are well represented in the Summary. The group not contributing to the Summary, including non-members of EBBA who didn't know about it, would tend to include a higher proportion of smaller-scale banders, and more permit holders who did not band last year. These are only tendencies, of course. But it is my impression that the Summary probably represents a much higher percent of the total birds banded in the east than the percent of permit holders who contributed.

With this reasoning, the relative numbers of each species banded and the geographic distribution probably indicate the real pattern for 1968 quite well. Least representative would be the figures for ducks and game birds. The 730 active permitholders include state game departments, university cooperative units, wildlife refuges and many federal and provincial biologists and law enforcement officers. Most of these do not receive EBBA News and did not contribute to the summary. Hence, the game birds are probably under-represented, since very few are banded by non-governmental banders.

The National Wildlife Refuges included in the Summary were queried individually. Although the compiler had time to write only to 18 refuges,

every one of the 18 responded. EBBA greatly appreciates the fine cooperation of the Refuge Managers, and regrets that all could not be contacted this time. Next year we would hope to include them all.

The figures in the Summary will become more meaningful each year as the years of record build up. In 1968, the 258,000 birds banded average out to 1209 birds for each active bander reporting. Median total for the 214 active banders was 688 birds. Twenty-four banders reported less than 100 birds banded. On a state-by-state basis (in which each bander counts separately for each state in which he banded), the eight states reporting 10,000 or more birds each averaged about 1000 birds for each active bander (except Maryland which reported only 12,000 birds for 21 banders). The three major banding states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, together had 47% of the banders reporting, and 49% of the total birds banded.

The 281 species banded include virtually all the passerine species occurring regularly in the region. Of those listed on the report form, only three passerines (Fish Crow, Western Tanager, White-winged Crossbill) and 22 non-passerines were not reported in 1968. Twenty-one additional species not on the form were reported (including the Killdeer which we inadvertently omitted. -Ed.).

Thanks to large-scale mist-netting at O.R. stations, Myrtle Warbler topped the species list in numbers banded with 14,950. Slate-colored Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Catbird and Starling followed in that order. Of the 15 highest species, at least 12, including six finches, come very readily to backyard traps. Only two (Myrtle Warbler and Yellow-throat) of the top 15 are seldom captured in small traps.

Bluejay was the most popular species banded, being reported by 161 banders. Others on the list of ten most frequently reported species were Slate-colored Junco (156), White-throated Sparrow (153), Robin (147), Song Sparrow (146), Cardinal, Catbird, Towhee, Common Grackle, and White-breasted Nuthatch. Some 44 species were reported by only one bander each.

Of the 214 active banders reporting, 180 banded in just one eastern state or province, 26 reported bandings in two states, six in three and two in four.

The distinction of having the lowest regular U.S. permit number and presumably the oldest permit among those reporting was T. Donald Carter of New Jersey with #2029. Others in the 2000's are Ray Middleton (2073), Maurice Broun (2090), Bowdoin Scientific Station (2109), Mabel Gillespie (2524) and Grace Meleney (2718). Highest U.S. permit number reporting was William Post's 9717. The Banding Office reports the highest number issued in 1968 was 9757.

Powdermill Nature Reserve in Pennsylvania took top honors for most

individuals (10,266) and most species (128) reported by a single permit-holder, and had the highest individual totals for 35 species. The larger totals banded at some O.R. stations generally were divided among many different banders.

Individuals reporting over 5000 birds banded were M.A. Byrd (7325), Mabel Warburton (6479), Bob Yunick (6154), Elizabeth Teulings (5662) and S. Mitchell (5211). Most of these, if not all, were active at O.R. stations. High species counts were reported by Russell Rutter (119), Bob Yunick (114), and seven others reporting 100 to 110 species banded. Mr. D.H. Wilkins of New York deserves special accolade as a specialist. He reported only two species banded (Tree Swallow and Bluebird), and was tops in the eastern region for both.

An interesting by-product of the EBBA Summary is the opportunity to identify specialists who are banding large numbers of certain bird families. These people qualify as experts, based on experience at least, to whom others might turn for information and guidance in handling these particular kinds of birds. Some of these specialists are as follows:-

Herons: M. Byrd, Va. (2931 of 8 species); T. Beckett, S.C. (2334 of 9 species including 1960 White Ibis); P. Murton, Ga. (1778 of 5 species including 1441 Cattle Egrets); H. Kale, Fla. (1108 of 9 sp.); J. Miller, N.J. (801 of 9 sp.).

Hawks: W.S. Clark, mostly N.J. & Md. (468 of 8 sp. including 359 Sparrow Hawks); C.J. Robertson, Pa. (430 of 8 sp. including 3 Golden Eagles); J. Reese, Md. (121 of 2 sp. including 119 Ospreys).

Rails: Brigantine NWR, N.J. (153 Clapper Rails); F. Enders, N.Y. (25 of 3 sp.); B. Meanley, Md. (19 of 3 sp.).

Shorebirds: F. Enders, N.Y. (193 of 3 sp.); W. Post, N.C. (151 of 14 sp.); J. Miller, N.J. & Pa. (94 of 8 sp.).

Gulls: H. Krug, Ont. (2464 of 2 sp.); J. Buckalew, N.Y., Md., Va. (1557 of 3 sp.); M. Slate, R.I. (1250 of 2 sp.).

Terns & Skimmers: W. Savell, N.J. (1198 of 5 sp.); L. Wilcox, N.Y. (879 of 3 sp.); D. Howard, Mass. (671 of 2 sp.); M. Byrd, Va. (558 of 6 sp.); T. Beckett, S.C. (544 of 5 sp.).

Owls: J. Reese, Md. (25 of 3 sp. including 23 Barn Owls); H. Kale, Fla. (24 of 2 sp. including 18 Barn Owls); R. Cohen, N.Y. (21 of 3 sp. including 18 Saw-whet Owls).

Swallows: R. Yunick, N.Y. (1223 of 3 sp. including 1076 Banks); D. Wilkins, N.Y. (516 Tree Swallows); Bowdoin Station, N.B. (513 of 4 sp.).

Warblers: S. Mitchell, Va. (2424 of 30 sp. including 1317 Myrtles); F. Schaeffer, N.Y. (1755 of 25 sp. including 1232 Myrtles); E. Dickerson, R.I. (1684 of 28 sp. including 956 Yellowthroats); Powdermill Res., Pa. (1678 of 32 sp.); T. Davis, N.Y. & N.J. (1677 of 20 sp. including 1543 Myrtles); M. Warburton, N.J. & Pa. (1578 of 26 sp.). Others with 30 or more species were M. Byrd, Va.; R. Cohen, N.Y.; and H. Gorman, N.J. & Pa.

Sparrows, excluding Junco, White-throated and Song: Powdermill Res., Pa. (1568 of 12 sp.); P. Murton, Ga. (718 of 3 sp. including 682 Chipping); D. Puleston, N.Y. (612 of 8 sp.).

In compiling the 1968 summary, I am grateful to Larry Hood of the Banding Office and Philip DuMont of the Fish & Wildlife Service for providing essential information, and especially to Frank P. Frazier Jr. for his assistance, encouragement and forbearance as this gradually took shape. Any corrections, suggestions for improvement, or thoughts on whether or not we should even try this again next year, would be most welcome.

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COLOR BANDED OSPREYS During 1968 and 1969, 96 nestling Ospreys in west-Florida Bay, Everglades National Park, were tagged with aluminum lock-on bands, and colored celluloid bands in an effort to determine range and direction of summer dispersal by different age-classes of Ospreys in the Florida Bay population. It is anticipated that this tagging program will continue through several more breeding seasons with either one or two colored bands (red, green, orange, black or white) being placed on each Osprey. Sightings of the color-banded Ospreys, including information on color and location (which leg) of band(s), date, place, etc., may be reported to John C. Ogden, Everglades National Park, Homestead, Florida 33030.

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LIST OF BANDERS REPORTING BIRDS BANDED IN EASTERN REGION - 1968

Eastern Region = Canadian provinces from Ontario eastward; and eastern seaboard states from Maine to Florida.

Ind. = Total individuals banded in eastern region.

Tot. = Total species banded in eastern region.

State = State(s) or province in which birds were banded; underlined state indicates 75% or more of total were banded there.

Ind.	Sp.	Name	State	Ind.	Sp.	Name	State
71	10	Abbott, Jackson M.	Va	192	40	Cloutier, F./F.Miron	Que
179	18	Abeles, E. R.	NJ	4975	99	Cohen, Richard	NY
2665	107	Adams, Bruce	Vt, Conn, NJ	269	36	Coles, E.A.	NY
1946	76	Anderson, E./F. Trevor	NY	2454	69	Collins, G. W.	Pa
4845	101	Anderson, Kathleen	Mass	207	16	Corderman, Gail M.	NY
2502	85	Andrews, Edith	Mass	1017	66	Corkran, D.H.	NJ
91	17	Armistead, Henry	Md	1073	35	Csont, Mrs. Elek D.	NY
667	30	Arnold, Elting	Md	377	2	Cunningham, V.D.	Fla
82	18	Audubon Center, Greenwich	Conn	391	33	Davenport, A.B.	Va
1288	38	Austin, O.L. Jr.	Fla	121	4	Davis, Harry T.	NC
519	57	Barber, Arthur	NJ	3059	86	Davis, T.H., Jr.	NY, NJ
90	19	Beck, Robert	NY	3510	89	Dickerson, S. & E.	RI, NJ
4819	88	Beckett, T. A. III	SC	39	7	Dilling, F.A.	Ont
688	37	Bigger, W.K.	Pa	178	24	Doherty, James J.	NY
25	2	Blackbird Studies	Md	2232	61	Downs, Mrs. James R.	Vt
2185	7	Blackwater, N.	Md	23	7	Dunnell, A.R.	W Va
1919	83	Blake, Charles	NC	1239	50	Enders, F.	NY, NC
924	6	Bombay/Prime Hook NWR	Del	3134	89	Erickson, R./Wolcott, M.	Ont
3734	98	Bordner, D. L.	Pa, NJ	689	59	Farber, Harvey	NY
2659	26	Bowdoin Scientific Sta.	NB, Me	394	36	Fernandez, G.	Mass
73	19	Bower, Mrs. F.L.	NJ	3002	102	Fisk, E.	Mass, NY, Md, Fla
107	29	Boyer, A.M.	NY	563	40	Fiske, Mrs. John	Mass
885	8	Brigantine NWR	Me, Conn, NJ	72	32	Fletcher, A.J.	Md
929	28	Briggs, Dorothy	Mass	3885	74	Fluck, Paul H.	Pa
426	16	Brown, Maurice	Pa	63	11	Frazier, Frank, Sr.	NJ
431	45	Brown, R.D.	NJ	394	6	Frazier, W.	Ga
2099	43	Buckalew, John H.	NY, Md, Va	868	59	Freer, Valerie M.	NY
280	46	Buckley, P.A.	NY, Va	900	3	Fringer, Robert G.	NJ
178	35	Burgher, Bradford	NY	503	21	Frook, Roy F., Jr.	Pa
661	48	Burk, Kathryn B.	Pa	581	40	Fye, W.L.	Pa
40	10	Butts, R. L.	Pa	448	14	Gillespie, M.B.	Mass, Pa
7325	106	Byrd, M.A.	Va	1361	92	Gorman, Mrs. H.C.	NJ, Pa
456	9	Cape Romain NWR	SC	1077	71	Gottschall, C.	NY, Pa
1883	58	Cardinali, L.	Fla	286	15	Griffin, R. G.	Pa
361	7	Carolina Sandhills NWR	SC	324	36	Grisez, Ted J.	Pa
673	8	Carter, T. Donald	NJ	263	33	Haberyan, H. D.	NC
197	21	Chamberlaine, L.	NY	118	9	Hailman, J.P.	Md
661	8	Chincoteague NWR	Va	358	19	Hampe, I.E.	Md
1652	80	Clark, Donald F.	NY	1347	66	Handley, C. O., Sr.	W Va
475	10	Clark, W.S.	NJ, Del, Md, Va	20	5	Handy, Parker D.	Conn

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1715	58	Hawkins, H. B.	Va	624	67	Miller, G.	Va, W Va
458	27	Hendriek, Raymond R.	Pa	4769	119	Miller, John C.	NJ, Pa
931	41	Hill, Fred S., Jr	NC	5211	98	Mitchell, S.	Va
1136	66	Homann, Dr. & Mrs. P.	Fla	249	7	Montezuma NWR	NY
145	20	Hood, Larry L.	Md	574	9	Moosehorn NWR	Me
55	18	Houston, H.A.	Pa	900	74	Morgan, J. W.	Pa, W Va
3087	58	Howard, Deborah D.	Mass	299	24	Morgan, Mrs. R. S.	Pa
752	12	Troquois NWR	NY	92	17	Morris, Boletta J.	NJ
159	25	Jennings, Wilda	W Va	281	22	Muir, Mr. & Mrs. R.	Mass
577	38	Johnson, Gordon W.	Mass	4989	76	Murton, P.G.	Ga
128	9	Jones, R. E.	Del	204	25	Munson, Francelia	NY
363	20	Jones, R. V.	NJ	1697	40	Natchaug, Ornith. Soc.	Conn
2374	53	Kale, Dr. H. W. II	Fla	563	29	Neel, C.A. & M.E.	Me, Pa
320	37	Kane, R.	NY, NJ	816	57	Neumann, Frank	NJ, Pa
614	16	Kates, Howard A. W.	Fla	183	15	Neusel, Adrien	NY
1334	70	Katholi, Mrs. W. A.	W Va	3603	66	N.J. State Health Dept.	NJ
121	2	Kibler, Dr. Lewis F.	NY	25	4	Nichols, E.R.	NY, Fla
798	62	Kiff, Maxine	W Va	545	52	Nicolls, Clare	Pa
894	15	King, A.M.	Fla	287	31	Noonan, W. A.	NC
438	44	Kleen, V.	Md	1180	8	Okefenokee NWR	Ga
6	3	Klimkiewicz, M. K.	Va	464	42	Pantle, R.J.	NY
2503	9	Krug, Howard	Ont	1211	7	Parker River NWR	Mass
859	26	Lakata, George	Va	1811	66	Parks, G.H.	NB, Me, Conn
3638	99	Lapham, Elise S.	RI, Conn	89	2	Parnell, J. F.	NC
871	65	Lawrence, Roger W.	NH	107	20	Patricia, Sr. Jane	NJ
1569	86	Leberman, R.	Pa	1483	68	Patterson, Mrs. R. W.	Me
1637	82	Lerch, M. J.	NY	586	9	Pea Island NWR	NC
459	6	Lesser, F. H.	Fla	3335	29	Pepper, Bob	NJ, Md
57	21	Lincoln, S. R.	NY	3914	101	Peper, Mr. & Mrs. W.	Mass, NJ, Pa
823	70	Lowden, Frank L.	Pa	248	16	Pettit, Ted	NJ
388	35	Lubbert, Erana	Md	259	20	Phelps, S.B., Jr.	NY
44	11	Malek, J. J.	Pa	38	17	Pierson, S.L.	Conn
1474	83	Margerum, R.P.	NJ	1451	69	Post, Wm. Jr.	NC
213	21	Marston, D. L.	Me	1015	41	Potter, R.P.	Me
2636	10	Mattamuskeet NWR	NC	10266	128	Powdermill Nature Res.	Pa
1402	38	Maxfiels, Herbert K.	Mass	121	7	Powell, Nancy C.	Mass
947	63	McCullough, R. G.	NJ	3577	100	Prescott, K. W.	NJ
521	14	McEntee, Elinor	NJ	2085	94	Price, K. G.	NJ
229	23	McGregor, E. B.	NY	109	20	Prytherch, K.M.	NJ
677	46	McIntosh, W., Jr.	SC	349	28	Pudelkiewicz, W.	Conn
97	9	McVaugh, William, Jr.	NC	2857	75	Puleston, Dennis	NY
29	4	Meanley, Brooke	Md	807	10	Pungo NWR	NC
990	51	Meleney, G. C.	Mass, NY	1597	63	Raynor, G.	NY
591	60	Mellencamp, W. R.	Me, Pa	787	54	Reese, Jan	Md
1612	18	Messersmith, D. H.	Md	205	20	Regan, Phyllis L.	Mass
1765	73	Metcalf, Mrs. Glen	Vt	1247	86	Robbins, C. S.	Md
787	53	Middleton, Raymond J.	Pa	430	8	Robertson, C. J.	Pa

Ind.	Sp.	Name	State	Ind.	Sp.	Name	State
996	75	Rosche, Richard C.	NJ				
149	18	Rose, Mr. & Mrs. C.N.	NY, NJ				
707	53	Rossman, V. C.	Pa				
119	21	Rutter, Russell J.	Ont				
601	20	St. Marks NWR	Fla				
281	7	Samuel, D.E.	W Va				
2689	6	Santee NWR	SC				
1638	14	Savannah NWR	SC, Ga	77	3	Abeles, E. R.	Cal
3067	86	Savell, Mr. & Mrs. W.E.	NJ	311	39	Beck, Robert M.	Ala
2856	85	Schaeffer, F. S.	NY	26	1	Blackbird Studies	Ark
518	45	Schmid, J. C.	Conn	51	15	Dickerson, S. & E.	Cal
2560	86	Scott, F. R.	Va	515	55	Ditterline, Ezra E.	Ky
2703	77	Slate, Merrill E.	RI	725	60	Erickson, R./M. Wolcott, Mitch, Minn	
326	24	Smiley, Dan	NY	38	9	Gillespie, M.B.	Cal
195	16	Spencer, Selden	NY	4241	24	Moos, Louis M.	Mont
620	39	Steel, K. J.	Pa	1	1	Murton, P.G.	Tex
102	1	Stickley, Allen R.	Fla	6926	132	Petersen, P. Jr., Ill, Iowa & Wis	
659	63	Stull, Jean H.	Pa	107	17	Reed, Ronald	Ohio
172	23	Swinebroad, Jeff	NJ	2001	1	Rieth, P. L.	La
257	35	Taylor, J. W.	NY	95	8	Roberts, Jack S.	Okla
5662	97	Teulings, Elizabeth	NJ, NC	244	23	Skaggs, M.B.	Ohio
1085	69	Trott, John	Va, W Va	34	1	Slade, G. N.	Minn
67	15	Tyler, W. S.	Pa	130	38	Snow Mabelle	Ind
525	19	Van Riper, D.M.	NY	42	16	Tait, Alice G.	Miss
976	53	Van Velzen, W. T.	Md	3015	44	Thompson, M.C.	Alaska, Kan
170	21	Vossler, Betty	W Va	4	2	Witschy, Mrs. R. J.	Neb
6479	100	Warburton, Mabel	NJ, Pa	83	25	Woodward, Paul	Ill
155	6	Washbourne, J. & E.	NY				
666	50	Webb, Mrs. M. H.	Mass				
1351	72	Weske, J. S.	Me, Md				
4630	91	Wilcox, Leroy	NY				
643	2	Wilkins, D.H.	NY				
107	22	Wolfe, M. G.	NY				
287	54	Wood, D. L.	NJ				
1363	36	Wood, Merrill	Pa				
1243	25	Woodford, J. B.	NJ				
849	56	Woodward, Paul	Md				
644	61	Worth, C. Brooke	NJ				
6154	114	Yunick, R. P.	Mass, NY, NJ				
0	0	Seven banders residing in EBBA territory, and one NWR, reported no birds banded in 1968.					

The following banders submitted reports of birds banded outside the eastern seaboard area. Information on their reports was forwarded to the EBBA or WBBA compiler as appropriate.