



From long-time EBBA member Dr. H. Elliott McClure we have recently received his "Annual Progress Report 1968" of the Migratory Animal Pathological Survey based in Bangkok, Thailand. Over 340 pages, it summarizes Asian bird banding and related studies and discusses ectoparasites found and identified. Some 150,000 birds of 798 (!) species were banded in this region in 1968; the five-year total for this project is 820,000 birds banded of 1,060 species. It is a most impressive work.

☞ Together with the drawing that appears at the left, Dorothy Bordner sent a note - "We banded 1745 birds at Island Beach this year... the last day there we got a prize, a Black-throated Gray Warbler!" Only the second in 14 years there.

Dorothy Briggs writes, "I banded a Song Sparrow, HY-U, on Oct. 20...in postjuvenile molt almost complete except for the flight feathers. I have never seen one like this so late in the season... Color was very dull, and the markings were obscured."

The Summer 1969 (No. 53) newsletter of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology contains a lead article about EBBA member Mrs. Bradley Fisk who recently became a member of their Administrative Board. Many EBBA members know Mrs. Fisk as a most energetic bander, birder and tireless correspondent.

Richard Peiffer of Carlisle, Pa. writes that he and Herb Hays banded three Long-eared Owls and three Ravens this year (two Long-ears and no Ravens were reported on the 1968 Summary); Ravens are a special project of Mr. Peiffer's and he would like to know if other banders are working on them.

Banding in her backyard at Shipbottom, N.J., on the shore just south of Island Beach, Mrs. Roger W. Foy caught two foreign re-traps (see p. 282) and, among others, a Kentucky Warbler, a Green Heron, and a Laughing Gull...all in nets.

Once again in the last issue of the year we want to express our gratitude to our faithful regular contributors and artists - Mabel Gillespie, Ralph Bell, Bob Yunick, Fred Schaeffer, Dorothy Bordner, Carol Rudy, Connie Katholi and Mary Schmid - and to all who have helped make EBBA News what it is through their articles, papers, and efforts of all sorts.

Deadline for the next issue is Jan. 2, 1970 - and O.R. station leaders, don't forget that Dec. 25 deadline for reports!

— To all our readers, a very Merry Christmas - and a New Year full of good banding and good fortune.

