

"Thank you, Merrill Wood!

"Banders at Island Beach Operation Recovery, fall 1969, were grateful and privileged to have Merrill Wood's new book to use, from September 3rd on.

"It didn't take long to see how nicely the key worked especially after one had 'looked up' some familiar species with the bird in hand.

"As the weeks went by, the book took 'new shape' for each individual bander as notes were pencilled in, some put in loose-leaf notebooks with pages plastic-covered and new pages added for additional species. Book and field research began to clarify certain points."

(This book may be obtained by sending a check for \$3.00 to: Pennsylvania State University, Box 6000, University Park, Pa. 16802. We recommend it most heartily to all banders to whom, as the first compilation of its kind, it should be exceedingly useful. We also recommend that readers re-read the portions of Professor Wood's preface quoted twice in this column. -Ed.)

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REQUEST FOR CATTLE EGRET RECORDS

A survey of the northward movement of the Cattle Egret is being made to determine the distribution and post-breeding movements of this species throughout its range. The following information is requested: name and address of observer, date, time, number, location of observation (state, nearest town, county and if possible, township, range and section), habitat, activities and weather. Cooperators will be sent proper forms and a report of the results, if requested.

Please send records and observations to Alan B. Schroeder, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02840.