

for information and take the time to acknowledge these wherever possible. Dr. Nisbet is still looking for data, Ken Prescott has made a request for Scarlet Tanager data, Fred Schaeffer has made a few requests for information, and so have others. (In this issue also. -Ed.)

Lastly, don't forget Bob Pyle - he even sends you a form to fill out for EBBA's Annual Banding Summary - what could be simpler?

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EBBA ANNUAL BANDING SUMMARY FOR 1969
By Robert L. Pyle

Enclosed with this issue of EBBA News is a Report form for reporting totals of birds banded in 1969, by species and by state. We earnestly ask that all banders holding active permits in the eastern region respond by sending in a completed form. An EBBA Summary will be prepared, similar to the 1968 Summary published in the July-August and September-October 1969 issues of EBBA News.

The most important factor in determining the significance and value of the Summary is the percentage of actual bandings that are represented in the Summary. Thus, it is vital that we hear from as many permit-holders as possible...banders with large totals, banders with small totals, and banders with no bandings at all in '69. Each and every report, no matter how small the totals, adds measurably to the statistical significance of the Summary. The larger the percentage of permit-holders responding, the more assurance we have that the totals and patterns revealed are indeed meaningful. Banders can help increase the value of the Summary by sending in their reports, by encouraging friends and acquaintances to respond, and by bringing this to the attention of non-members of EBBA who may not have heard of it. (Extra report forms are available from the Editor.)

This is definitely not a numbers contest emphasizing competition for high individual totals. Instead, it is intended as an overview of the

extent to which the various species are banded, or not banded. Not only will it be an indication of banding activity in 1969, but interesting comparisons can be drawn with last year's Summary, and later with future ones as additional years accumulate. For further background, see page 33 of EBBA News for January-February 1969.

Basic instructions are given on the report form. Please complete the form, showing numbers of species banded in each state or province in the eastern region. The eastern region is defined to include the Canadian provinces from Ontario eastward, the New England states, and the EBBA states (eastern seaboard plus West Virginia and D.C.). Totals for other states may be submitted for general interest if desired, but the Summary will cover only the eastern region. Banding totals for other states should be sent to the Inland or Western Bird Banding Associations, as appropriate, for their Summaries.

Banders residing in the eastern region who did not band in the region in 1969 are strongly urged to return the form, or send a postcard, indicating this.

Overall state totals given at the end of the Report form should be checked carefully against the sum of the individual species totals. A number of discrepancies showed up in this last year and in such cases, the compiler has no choice but to accept the individual species totals, and their sum, rather than the reported overall state total.

Lacking any practical and meaningful way to summarize return records, we are again this year not asking for return totals by species. Banders with significant numbers of returns are strongly urged to summarize them in an individual contribution to EBBA News.

Your cooperation in submitting a report, and in encouraging other banders to report, will be greatly appreciated.

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