

The President's Message

For some of us, there is little left of the fall banding season but memories of big plans gone awry. For others, there are inspirations for future activities. For a number of banders, there is the satisfaction of a study completed.

My own particular study had negative results. For some years, I have been collecting measurements of Brown Creepers. Last year, Kit Price supplied data from Island Beach, as did Mabel Warburton the year before, to supplement data I had taken for myself. After the statistical machinations were completed, it was plain that my hypothesis about sexing this species was incorrect.

But.... I had used the data I had collected!

Every bander's log is full of facts. Every fact is a part of a fascinating jigsaw puzzle. Every bit of information left buried is a hole in the picture we are all trying to piece together.

When will you tell the rest of us what YOU know, either by publication in EBBA NEWS, or thru presentation of a paper at EBBA's annual meeting?

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COVER PICTURE: John B. Holt, Jr., climbing to an eagle's nest in northern Ohio. For an entertaining story, read John's "Odyssey" in EBBA News 33:222-233(Part I) and 287-292(Part II). Cover photo by Ron Austing.