



LIFELONG EBBA MEMBER WINS CONSERVATION AWARD

EBBA Member, Raymond J. Middleton, of Norristown, Pa., recently was presented the Golden Deeds award of 1970 by the Exchange Club of W. Norriton, Pennsylvania, a civic organization.

He was cited for his many accomplishments in the field of wildlife and conservation and his community contributions as a West Norriton resident since his infancy, so we read in the Norristown Times Herald.

Ray has been banding while an EBBA member for more than 40 years. He estimated that he banded more than 57,000 birds at the time of his retirement in 1969. Ray is a member of the Audubon Club of Norristown and has a perfect attendance record for over 50 years. In appreciation for his many years service to the organization, the membership underwrote a vacation for Mr. and Mrs. Middleton several years ago and they could go anywhere in the world they chose. Ray resides with his family at 131 N. Whitehall Road in Norristown, Pa.

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The 1971 Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association will be held at Vancouver, B.C., Canada, on 16-17 January, 1971.

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During May through July of each year for a five year period, Ring-billed Gulls (Larus delawarensis) from three Great Lakes colonies will be wing-marked with 1.5 inch-diameter "Saflag" tags. Each colony is represented by a specific color. An attempt is being made to determine the dispersal pattern, migration route, and winter range for each population. Anyone observing such wing-marked Gulls is asked to notify Dr. William E. Southern Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill., 60115. Please report each observation of marked individuals even though the same bird may be sighted on different days. The following information is desired: date, exact location, marker color, and the observer's name. Your assistance in this aspect of the project will be greatly appreciated. Respondents will receive information pertaining to colony locations and the date of marking.

