



New Rare Bird Alert. Dr. Paul A. Buckley, of Hofstra University, informs us that a new RBA has been set up in the extensive Greater New York/Long Island area. It is similar to the much older RBA in the Boston area where a number can be dialed and

a recording, some 2-3 minutes long, gives full details to rarities in the area it covers. The number of the new New York RBA is 516-485-2170.

To give information is a bit more complicated. If you live in Nassau or Suffolk Counties, call 516-581-4630 (Mrs. Mona Boch), between 7 A.M. and 9 P.M., daily, only. If you live in the five boroughs of New York City, call 212-847-0860 (Mr. Thomas H. Davis, Jr.) Mon.-thru-Fri. 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M. only. If you live in New Jersey call 201-759-8262 (Mr. Richard Kane) Daily, 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.

If you live in the Westchester County area, call 914-698-0188 (Mr. Robert Arbib) 6 P.M. - 10 P.M., Mon.-thru-Fri., and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

When you have a rare bird to report, please call the number listed of the area in which you have seen the bird (if you do not live in any of these areas and you are visiting). Be as brief as possible, give your name, telephone number, species, location, number seen and if it is very rare, some concise field notes.

Once again, the number of the recording is, area code 516, 485-2170. (Recording comes from Hofstra University).

The numbers of the Voice of Audubon in Massachusetts are as follows: Eastern portion: 617-259-8805; Western portion: 413-566-3590.

If there are any other numbers such as these 3, where recordings can be heard in other areas, please advise us and we would be pleased to remind our readers where such services exist.

Letters To The Editor

This is to let you know that a color-marked Laughing Gull was seen near the beach at Fort Amador, Panama Canal Zone (Pacific side) on 11 January, 1971. This bird showed a red head and back. My own interest is in migratory birds in Panama and the tropics in general, and since recoveries or sightings are few enough I am particularly anxious to track this one down.--Horace Loftin (Box 3204, Balboa, Canal Zone).

Although I am no longer a bander and no longer subscribe to EBBA News, I thought you might be interested in this longevity record. On May 29, 1959 a woman in Hamburg, N.Y., discovered a screech owl in their living room (apparently having come down the chimney). I banded and released it near their home. Recently I received a card from the Banding Lab. that the bird had been found dead on August 26, 1970 within one mile from where it had been released.--Mrs. Charles W. Avery (37 Darlich Ave, Hamburg, N.Y. 14075)