

## NEST RECORD CARD PROGRAM

By David B. Peakall

I would like to start by thanking all those members of the Eastern Bird Banding Association who have already contributed to our Nest Record Card Program. Basically, our program is very simple. The observer completes a card for each active nest found and returns the completed cards to us for analysis. Two points should be made; first, records of common species are the most important since a large number of records are needed for analysis, and, second, that records which have more than one visit are much more valuable than those which have only a single visit.

Why a nest record card program? Our basic objective is to provide a central clearing house for the collection and distribution of information on the breeding biology of birds. Any serious researcher, amateur or professional, can use the information collected by the Nest Record Card Program. All we ask is that you give us a brief outline of the proposed work so that we can see if our data is appropriate and also so that we can prevent overlap of investigations. The cost of print-out of the data, normally a few dollars, is the responsibility of the investigator. A brief acknowledgement is requested in any published study.

Our program covers the United States but in some areas records should be sent to regional programs who will subsequently loan us the use of the cards for punching the data onto computer. These areas are:

- Alaska Nest Record Card Scheme - Department Biological Science  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska 99701
- Detroit Audubon Bird Survey - Mrs. Neil T. Kelley  
Detroit Audubon Society  
3681 Forest Hill Drive  
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013
- Florida Nest Record Card Program-Dr. Glen E. Woolfenden  
Department of Zoology  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, Fla. 33620
- Illinois Nest Records Program - Dr. John R. Paul  
Illinois State Museum  
Springfield, Ill. 62706
- Kansas Breeding-bird Survey - Dr. R. F. Johnson  
Museum of Natural History  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Ka. 66044

Maryland Nest Record Program - Mr. Danny Bystrak  
 Maryland Ornithological Society  
 4915 Greenspring Avenue  
 Baltimore, Md. 21209

In other areas, I urge all those banders who find nests to write to Nest Record Card Program, Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850 for cards and instructions.

We are interested also in past records and in the case of large blocks of data, we are prepared to transfer the information if the observer will loan us the original notebooks.

We are running the program for the birders of this country. In that sense, it is your program; it needs the widest support to obtain enough data and unless it is used, our efforts in supplying this service will have been in vain.

--Nest Record Card Program, Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

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#### EBBA PHOTO CONTEST

In 1962, EBBA held a photo contest and as a result we've had ample illustrative material for some time. Now, our files are once more empty, so another contest will be held.

The entry period will be from receipt of this issue until December 31, 1971. All entries received will become property of EBBA and they are not returnable. If published, they will be credited. From all those received, a total of four photos will be selected and this selection is based on quality, artistic merit as well as the amount of trouble you went through, to obtain the photo. Shots of hand-held birds are NOT eligible. You may photograph anything related to birds or bird-banding. From these four photos, all of which will be published as honorable mentions, one will be selected as the picture of the year. The photographer will receive a prize consisting of 3 - 12 Meter/1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " mesh polyester EBBA mist nets OR \$25.00's worth of traps ordered from Walter K. Bigger.

To enter, send us one or more black and white or color photos (prints accepted only) of at least 5"x7" size. Please do not write on the backs, but enclose a note with pertinent comments. Please wrap them carefully so that they are not bend in shipment. (Mail to Editor)

The judges are: Mr. Emil J. Berger (President, EBBA), Mr. Donald S. Heintzelman (Curator of Ornithology, New Jersey State Museum), Dr. Donald M. Cooper (Professor, City College of New York) and Frederick S. Schaeffer (Editor, EBBA). These people are all amateur photographers and bird banders as well. They are not eligible to enter the contest however.

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