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EBBA ANNUAL BANDING SUMMARY FOR 1971

Enclosed with this issue of EBBA News is a report form for reporting totals of birds banded in 1971, by species and by state. We earnestly ask that all banders holding active permits in the eastern region send in a completed form. An EBBA Summary will be prepared, similar to those published in EBBA News for the past three years.

The value and significance of the Summary increase directly in proportion to the percentage of eastern banders who submit reports. Every report, no matter how small the totals (including reports of no activity) adds measurably to the statistical significance of the summary. The larger the percentage of permitholders responding, the more assurance we have that the totals and patterns revealed are indeed meaningful.

Thus, it is vital that we hear from as many permitholders as possible... banders with large totals, banders with small totals, and banders with no bandings at all in 1971. 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.

Basic instructions are given on the report form. The eastern region includes Canadian provinces from Ontario eastward, the New England states, and the EBBA states from New York to Florida. Banding totals for other states should be sent to the Inland or Western Bird Banding Associations, as appropriate, for their summaries. The Summary covers only banded birds that are released to a fully wild status, and are reported as standard bandings to the Bird Banding Office. Do not include in the report any birds that are collected or are held in captivity for extended periods, or whose release is under circumstances that cast some doubt that the bird returns to a fully wild condition. For further background, see EBBA News, January-February 1969, page 33.

Your cooperation in submitting a report, and in encouraging other banders to report, will be greatly appreciated. R. L. Pyle, 3205 Pickwick Lane, Chevy Chase, Md 20015.

(Note: Additional forms will be available from Dr. Pyle. Ed.)

HAPPY FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY! On January 17, 1972, the NORTHEASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION will have reached their golden milestone. We wish our northeastern neighbors equal success in the coming fifty years as they have enjoyed in the years past. We all realize the immense value and importance of BIRD-BANDING, one of the few excellent ornithological journals based primarily on papers and notes resulting from banding. Ed.