

WINTER BANDINGS OF BALTIMORE ORIOLES

By Mabel Warburton

Dorothy Foy reports (EBBA NEWS 36(3), August '73) that she banded a Baltimore Oriole on 11-12-72 and suggests this may be the latest winter banding of an oriole in this area.

On January 29, 1955, I captured a Baltimore Oriole at 400 Hillside Avenue, Morrisville, Pa., after having sighted it on a feeder in December and early January. Being a very new bander, this event so unnerved me (what, an oriole in January?) that I carried it up to Dr. Paul Fluck's bird banding station for positive identification. It was aged as "immature" and given band number 55-144750. The oriole was seen again February 2, February 10, March 9, and March 17 on the same feeding tray, so apparently stayed all winter.

My sub-permittee, Edna Donelson, banded two orioles in late winter. Her banding station was about 3/4 of a mile from mine, in an old nursery where many fruit-bearing shrubs and trees were still standing. The two orioles, age and sex uncertain (we simply called them adults) were banded February 23, and February 24, 1959. The coordinates of both of these stations are: 401-0744.

15 South Bell Avenue, Yardley, Pa. 19067.

ATTENTION NEW JERSEY BANDERS:

The New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries is currently working with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in controlling monk parakeet populations in New Jersey.

The Division asks if members of EBBA could report sightings of monk parakeets in New Jersey as well as nest locations. The Bird Banding Laboratory has asked that this species not be banded, however, should you trap any, please notify the Division or the N.J. Department of Agriculture, so the bird can be picked up for use in a live study colony at Rutgers University.

We suggest that you contact EBBA Member Thedora Schubert for further information. Miss Schubert works at the Nongame, Endangered and Exotic Species Project, State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 1809, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Telephone: 609-292-2965.

ERIC CREIGHTON TABB WINS BEST PAPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jamaica, N.Y. 30 March. The Eastern Bird Banding Association awarded Mr. Eric Creighton Tabb's paper "A Study of Wintering Broad-winged Hawks in Southeastern Florida, 1968-1973" the best paper in 1973. This paper appears in EBBA NEWS' Special Supplement, Volume 36, pages 11 thru 29.

Each year, EBBA plans to award this distinction to a paper and its author, based on originality, style, content and the amount of effort this paper is based on. A suitable prize will be awarded in the form of a book or cash, depending on our ability to pay.

Judges who participated in this contest were our President, Dr. Jeff Swinebroad; and, Chris N. Rose, 1st Vice-Pres.; Dr. Robert P. Yunick, Chrmn, Publications Committee; Frederick S. Schaeffer, Editor; and, Harvey Farber, Co-Editor.

We thank Eric for sharing his experiences with us and we hope that many other readers will try to become eligible for this award over the coming years by contributing to EBBA NEWS.

F.S. Schaeffer, Editor

ELEANOR E. DATER

We mourn the passing of Eleanor on March 1, 1974. Eleanor was nationally known as a naturalist and through her studies of blue jays and warblers.

She was President of the Eastern Bird Banding Association from 1960 to 1962 and has been active in the Association for many years.

Mrs. Dater was born in Warsaw, New York and was a graduate of Syracuse University. She was an active bander and belonged to many organizations: Linnean Society of New York, the New York Academy of Sciences, American Ornithological Union, the Wilson Ornithological Society and EBBA. She was the organizer and founder of the North American Council of Bird Banding Associations.

Surviving her are her husband, John; a son, Thomas, and two grandchildren

Memorial gifts to the Hemlock Memorial Fund, care of the Borough of Ramsey (New Jersey) would be appreciated by the family.

