

SCOUTING AND BANDING

I started banding many years ago in 1964 and before that in Europe. I've worked various stations on Long Island, N.Y., in New Jersey and one in Virginia (the annual trip to Kiptopeke). Many of the stations are open to the public and the public relations aspect has sometimes been less than ideal. They tend to be in the way when one is doing serious research and it takes considerable tact to deal with them, particularly when operating in a public area (City/Town/County/State owned land).

Giving impromptu lectures to Scouts, on the other hand, is pure enjoyment for the listener and bander/teacher alike. All are enthusiastic, considerate and polite (qualities not always found in adults!). As a result of this spontaneous enthusiasm and other considerations I joined the Scouting effort last year in June, not only to use their beautiful property but to become active in their programs. It has given rise to considerable personal satisfaction on my part and I exhort other banders to look into this prospect also.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Camp Glen Gray is operated and administrated by Eagle Rock Council, B.S.A. (Montclair, N.J.) and the banding program is authorized by the Council's Camping Committee, chaired by Mr. Jim Hayes. I owe him thanks. Further, I am grateful to Edward O. Helwig, Scout Executive and the other men on the executive staff. I especially thank Jim Bishop, Camp Ranger of the Reservation as my banding subpermittee (9144E); Chris Rose (Eagle Rock Council Member) and Ted Pettit (Conservation Chairman, B.S.A.), both banders, for their technical and enthusiastic support of this venture. Lastly, I thank the many young scouts who through their troops donated several hundreds of pounds of sunflower and other seed mixtures last winter, to the station.

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NEWS FROM THE BANDING LAB.

Ed. Note: In each issue, we'll have a number of news items from the Banding Laboratory. Appropriate items will be quoted directly from letters received from George M. Jonkel, for this express purpose.

"As you know, we have been working on repunching the 1960 through 1966 banding files. Last year we completed size 3 bands and larger. This year we have been working on the smaller bands and have 1, 200, 000 records repunched to date." (6/6/75)

"Besides still having many banding schedules for biological editing, Jay Sheppard also worked with Rosemary O'Loughlin, Supervisory Clerk of CCU, on computerizing the auxiliary marking file for easier access by us and for distribution of information to waterfowl coordinators, and others." (6/6/75)

(More notes appear on other pages in this issue)

need to have this volume reprinted. We thank her for this valiant effort. We also thank Bill Boland, Executive Editor of NYAS and his colleagues for their wisdom and cooperation in this matter.

A copy of this work should be on the bookshelf of every ornithologist, bander and serious birder as a field or library reference, along with other monographs dealing with ageing and sexing birds in the field. We recommend that you get your copy soon, before they become extinct again; this volume is not only important to those who reside in New York State, but all over America, wherever these birds breed, winter, or migrate to.

--F.S. Schaeffer, Editor
Eastern Bird Banding Association

(Ed. Note: The advertisement on the previous page was donated by Frederick S. Schaeffer and Robert J. Pantle)

NEWS FROM THE BANDING LAB. (Cont'd from page 200)

"Graham Cooch, from the Canadian Wildlife Service, came to the Bird Banding Lab and discussed with us the establishment of a revised joint policy for supplying banding data to requestors. With an understanding on data requests, Graham is now going to get all of the Bird Banding Manual revisions to the printer. With these changes, we will also get a new revision of the manual for new banders."
(6/6/75)

"A summary of our information on the Bird Banding Laboratory during the past calendar year shows that we had 131 new Master permits issued, with a total of 1,957. During the year there were also 338 subpermits issued for a total of 1,871 subpermitees."
(7/9/75)

"We had an increase in color marking authorizations this past year with almost 700 new issuances or revisions going into effect.

During 1974 we processed approximately 1 million new bandings.

During June we processed two outside data requests for banding and recovery information. Most outside data requests are being held until the File updates are completed about the middle of September."
(7/9/75)

"Dave Evans, who is doing grad work at North Dakota State University and has been running the Duluth Raptor Banding Station, is working in the Banding Lab on age/sex sheets for birds of prey for the summer. Kathy Klimkiewicz is also back with us for the summer and will be working on age/sex keys. Jay Sheppard is currently on vacation and announced to us that he is getting married in July."
(7/9/75)

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