

Work in Progress

Shorebirds netted on Magdelen Is., and Sable I., N.S. have been dye-marked with streamers attached in a migration study conducted by the University of Montreal. Magdelen Is. birds will be dyed (underparts) yellow, Sable I., birds dyed red. The last six digits of the regular bands will be written on the streamer. Observers are asked to report locality, date, and band number of sighted birds, and mist-netters additionally the weight of any dyed birds recaptured, to Dr. Raymond McNeil, Dept. of Biol. Sciences, University of Montreal, C.P. 6128, Montreal 101, Quebec.

The Point Reyes Bird Observatory has color-banded over 2,000 Western Gull chicks and large numbers of Brandt's and Pelagic cormorants on S. Farallon I. The color code for the young of 1971 is left leg: yellow. Observers are asked to report all sightings or recoveries to P.R.B.O., Mesa Rd., Bolinas, Calif. 94924.

Young Brown Pelicans were banded on their breeding grounds in Baja California during 1970 and 1971. Colors and locations were: white—Bahia Paballon, lavender—San Pedro Martir, orange—San Lorenzo Norte, pink—Piojo, char-treuse—Puerto Refugio, and dark green—San Luis. Streamers of the same colors are attached to the birds' banded legs. Observers are asked to report date, color(s) seen, numbers of birds of each color, location, approximate flock size, number of adults and juveniles in flock, as well as of any marked dead birds found. Reports to Dr. D. W. Anderson, U.S. Bureau of S.F. & W. P.O. Box 6, Davis, Calif. 95616.

Sanderlings will be banded this autumn at Long Point, Ontario. Birds will be dye-marked on the breast and abdomen in combinations of two of the following colors: red, orange, pink, purple, yellow, green, blue, brown, black, and no color. The leg with aluminum band separates adults from immatures. Report all observations of these birds to Long Point Bird Observatory, 269 Beta Street, Toronto 14, Ontario.

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A number of interesting and provocative communications have been received, and as space permits they will be published in the columns headed "Communications", or "Controversy". American Birds is still not as large as we want it to be. We would like to have space in each issue for such features as The Site Guide, Book Reviews, short papers, and Communications. The key is an increased circulation. If the reader likes the new look and content of American Birds, he should tell his friends. If he doesn't, he should tell the editor.

As observer lists grow longer (it was over 1650 plus a number of cited organizations in the June, 1971 issue) the problem arises as to when to put a limit on the space devoted to observer initials and lists of names. C. Stuart Houston, editor for the Northern Prairie Region, is experimenting in this issue with omitting many names (104) of observers who have contributed records and information, but whose observations need not be attributed for future reference. The journal "British Birds," which prints seasonal summaries with observations such as ours, lists no observers at all, although all are on file. Do observers on this side of the Atlantic need the ego-boost that comes from being named? We await the reactions to Dr. Houston's experiment with interest.

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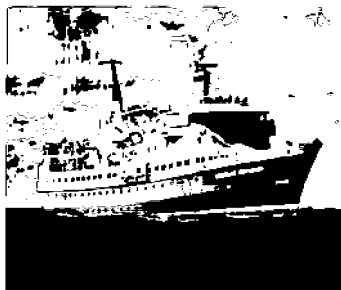
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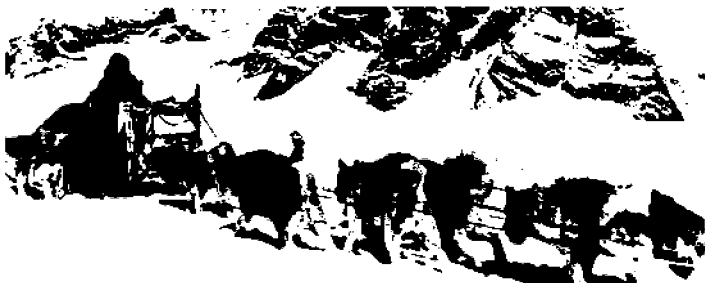
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