

(at a time when every subdivision of the science is luxuriating in its own jargon, to the confusion of general ornithologists, let alone the general public).

This is not directly a book about birds, but a compilation of background material for the student who has already acquired some experience in ornithology. It does not discuss how to watch birds, how to keep records, and what problems the amateur may expect to solve most readily, unlike two earlier handbooks (*The Art of Bird Watching*, E. M. Nicholson, New York, 1932, or *A Guide to Bird Watching*, Joseph J. Hickey, Oxford University Press, 1943). It does not attempt to summarize progress to date in various aspects of ornithology, with suggestions for further study (like *Recent Studies in Avian Biology*, ed. Albert Wolfson, University of Illinois Press, 1955). However, any serious student will find it useful, particularly for periodicals, institutions, and terminologies of other countries.

In any compilation on this scale, minor errors and inconsistencies are to be expected. For example, the list of ornithological institutions in the United States is limited to three, includes the Ecological Society of America, and omits both the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Cooper Ornithological Society (though both the latter are cited—inexactly—under their respective publications). Meanwhile the list of ornithological institutions in Great Britain runs to almost 3 pages, including many that are hardly ornithological (e.g., the Jourdain Society, "for the advancement of the science [sic] of oology"). The Northeastern Bird-Banding Association is listed as the publisher of its *Journal*, which became *Bird-Banding* in 1930.—E. Alexander Bergstrom.

NOTES AND NEWS

We are pleased to record the receipt of a 1956 Nash Conservation Award by Dr. Paul H. Fluck of Lambertville, N. J. (president of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association) "for his series of volunteer bird-banding lectures and demonstrations given at Washington Crossing Park" in Pennsylvania. Also, in the professional class, an award was made to Richard L. Weaver, now associate professor of conservation education at the University of Michigan. Many NEBBA members will recall Dick Weaver's years at Dartmouth and at the Greenwich Audubon Center, and his paper in *Bird-Banding* on the fabulous Purple Finch invasion of March, 1939.

Bird-Banding is greatly indebted to the Inland Bird-Banding Association for their gift of \$100 toward the cost of publishing the pending 10-year index, for the years 1941 through 1950. No complete index of this sort pays for itself, and yet such an index is of tremendous help to anyone using a set of *Bird-Banding*, and as an index to most ornithological literature for those years. The index itself is ready for final typing as this issue goes to the printer, and we are optimistic about its early appearance.

Mr. Johnson's income statement, printed in this issue, brings the statement down to the end of the fiscal year of 10/31/56, and thus differs in some minor details from the statement presented at the 1956 annual meeting, since it was necessary at that time to estimate the last month of the fiscal year.

This encouraging statement enables us to print more pages of *Bird-Banding* in 1957 than in earlier years. We still need good papers and general notes, and can still arrange quite prompt publication. Once we pass beyond a basic print order which covers the cost of setting type, the printing cost of each additional copy is low, and thus each new subscription helps materially to increase the length of issues.

The total circulation of *Bird-Banding* reached 590 with the January, 1957 issue, compared with 443 for April, 1951, for example. Paid subscriptions or memberships were 525, compared with 390 in 1951 (the remainder includes both exchanges and copies supplied to reviewers). The mailing list includes 43 states, Alaska, 7 Canadian provinces, and 26 other countries.

We are always glad to list readers who have sets or long runs of *Bird-Banding* for sale, as a free service to them, and to other readers trying to buy or complete sets. At present:

- (1) Prof. O. A. Stevens, State College Station, Fargo, N. D., would like to sell a set complete from volume 1 (1930) through 26 (1956), with volumes 1 through 11 bound in three volumes, one early number photostated.
- (2) Mr. Howard A. Drew, Barre, Vt., would like to sell 17 years, 1936 through January, 1953 (also 32 copies of "EBBA News," 1949 to October, 1952).

Mr. Johnson's reserve stocks of *Bird-Banding* contain all issues from 1950 to date, and he will mail upon request a list showing which earlier issues are in stock.

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association will be held on Saturday, September 28, at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, South Lincoln, Massachusetts. Anyone interested in banding will be welcome.

The British Ornithologists' Union is making an effort to increase the number of its members in the United States and Canada, to help offset the increasing costs of printing *The Ibis*. While *The Ibis* is, rightly, thought of as a leading journal for papers on systematics, some of our readers may not realize that it includes extensive papers or symposiums on such aspects of field ornithology as visible migration or the territory concept. Annual dues are 3 pounds (currently about \$8.50); each volume of *The Ibis* runs to roughly 700 pages. Mr. Bergstrom has application forms and other details. "The Rules require that the applicant should be proposed by a Member, having personal knowledge of him, and that the proposal should be seconded. The first of these provisions and the accompanying letter of recommendation are essential, but if you have any difficulty in finding a local B. O. U. Member to act as seconder we shall be glad to consider applications without this formality" (from a recent letter from the B. O. U.).

In early July, 1956, the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association undertook to import and sell Japanese mist nets, with E. Alexander Bergstrom as agent. The net funds have been handled separately from NEBBA's general funds, and therefore it seems simpler not to consolidate the annual statements; the amounts noted below are in addition to those in Mr. Johnson's report. At the end of the fiscal year (October 31, 1956) the assets of the net fund totalled \$1,009.44, largely in nets on order and in a checking account. Against this, we had liabilities of the same amount, including \$737.45 in loans (from a NEBBA member, without interest), \$100 as a reserve for lost or defective nets or other contingencies, and \$171.99 surplus. This favorable result is due in part to gifts totalling \$135.15 from another member. Since the end of the fiscal year, the net account has continued to do well, with the demand for nets active and widespread. For the present, net proceeds will be used first to build up working capital and secondly to retire the loans, but eventually may be of material help to our Index Fund. The price per net includes only about 50 cents for profit and contingencies, and the time spent in filling orders is contributed without charge.

NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT 1956

RECEIPTS:	1955	1956
Subscriptions and dues	\$2,288.80	\$2,290.00
Sales of back issues	169.33	87.63
Other	100.00	150.00
Interest	12.73	54.04
	<u>\$2,570.85</u>	<u>\$2,581.67</u>
 EXPENSES:		
Printing of Bird-Banding	\$1,616.74	\$1,602.33
Purchases of back issues	87.50	—
Other printing and stationery	82.90	37.65
Postage and clerical help	106.94	369.58
Bank charges and miscellaneous	7.75	2.15
	<u>\$1,901.83</u>	<u>\$2,011.71</u>
Accumulation of income for year	\$ 669.03	\$ 569.96
Accumulated income at beginning of year..	519.88	1,188.91
Accumulated income at end of year	<u>\$1,188.91</u>	<u>\$1,758.87</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	10/31/55	10/31/56
ASSETS		
Cash	\$3,542.52	\$4,112.48
Back issues of magazine	1.00	1.00
	<u>\$3,543.52</u>	<u>\$4,113.48</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 322.57	\$ 394.70
Subscriptions paid in advance	158.21	84.91
Reserve for index	1,500.00	1,500.00
Life membership fund	375.00	375.00
Accumulated income	1,187.74	1,758.87
	<u>\$3,543.52</u>	<u>\$4,113.48</u>

DANIEL P. JOHNSON, Treasurer