

NOTES AND NEWS

Work on a revised bird-banding manual, by a committee of the North American Council of Bird-Banding Associations, is starting to show results. The first group of drafts (including a revised list of band sizes) was delivered to the Bird-Banding Office at Patuxent in late July, 1959, for further study and revision there. A number of subcommittees are being set up to work on individual sections of the manual. Dr. C. H. Blake (Box 613, Hillsboro, N. C.) has been named chairman of the subcommittee on band sizes. Mr. James K. Woodford (Royal Ontario Museum, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario) has been named chairman of the subcommittee on identification of age and sex, which will prepare data sheets by species.

In preparation for converting the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association from an unincorporated association to a Massachusetts corporation, a committee (R. J. Eaton (chairman), W. H. Drury, Jr., and D. L. Garrison) has prepared a new draft of by-laws, and discussed them with some of the officers. The changes were discussed at the NEBBA annual meeting (October 3, at Drumlin Farm in So. Lincoln, Mass.), and the draft will be circulated more extensively during the coming year.

As of November 1, 1959, a new price list of mist nets handled by NEBBA was released (a copy may be obtained from E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 17, Conn.). The only change in the price for nets sold to members for cash was a slight increase in the price for type C (shorebirds or thrushes); recent shipments have been in nylon instead of silk, at a slightly greater cost. Changes have been made in the discount to members, in the discount for cash, and in the relative price of smaller nets, to produce a more consistent result and to state the schedule of prices more clearly.