

NOTES AND NEWS

Plastic wing gauges 6 inches (153mm.) long are now available from Parker C. Reed, 27 Hayes Ave., Lexington 73, Mass. Price: \$1.00 each., postpaid. These gauges are faster and more accurate than calipers, for wing measurements. This size is adequate for almost all Passerines.

We have had a number of inquiries for a good grade of plastic color band. Several users have expressed satisfaction with those made by A. C. Hughes (1 High St., Hampton Hill, Middlesex, England), which come in 12 plain colors and 72 combinations of stripes. Before using any color bands in the U. S., please be sure to clear with the Bird-Banding Office at Patuxent to avoid the chance of conflict with some other color-banding project.

Brooke Meanley reports a good start in 1959 on his cooperative project to band nestling Redwinged Blackbirds. Here is a chance for small-scale banding of nestlings by the individual bander to contribute significantly to an important project. Any bander in the eastern U. S. or eastern Canada who can band some nestling Redwings, and who has not received details by mail, can get them from Patuxent.

The A.O.U. will entertain applications for aid in ornithological research, from the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund, until June 1, 1960. Full details (in 10 duplicate copies) should be sent to the chairman of the Research Committee: Dr. S. Charles Kendeigh, Vivarium Building, University of Illinois, Wright and Healey Sts., Champaign, Ill.

The annual meeting of NEBBA will be held once again at Drumlin Farm in South Lincoln, Mass. (Nature Center building, Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). We expect a full program, and will welcome all members and friends.