

## NOTES AND NEWS

By March, 1971 NEBBA expects to have a very limited supply of a 17th net type, KTX, to experiment with a polyester material somewhat like dacron, called tectoron, instead of nylon. It is expected to be somewhat more resistant to aging from ultra-violet light, and thus may be advantageous for net sites which seldom have damage from twigs or animals but at which nets are left in place for long periods. The net is similar to type ATX (12 meters long, 2.6 meters wide, 4 shelves, 36mm mesh, tethered and extrafull, black only); in addition to the difference in material, the thread is slightly heavier (75 denier, compared with 70 for ATX and other small-bird types). Our test experience is limited to one net for about 3 months, in a thread of 125 denier (which we considered too heavy for best results with small birds). We therefore know very little about the pluses and minuses of the new type, and consider it strictly experimental. Because we know little about the type, and because it would be useful to have a number of different netting stations gain experience from this limited batch, the limit for type KTX will be 3 to a customer until further notice.

NEBBA net types H and HT are now permanently out of stock. Type HTX, however, is in stock in quantity, and will be maintained. All 3 types have 30mm mesh and are 12 meters long, and 4 shelves. Type H is untethered; type HT is tethered but with the same fullness of mesh as type H. Type HTX (like all of our other tethered nets) has "extra-full" mesh, about 10% more meshes both vertically and horizontally. Type HTX has come to be preferred by the majority of users of 30mm mesh because of this extra fullness; the degree of vertical fullness can be adjusted by increasing the distance on the net pole between the top and bottom shelfstrings. In this size mesh (quite unlike the situation with 36mm mesh), the demand for untethered nets had become quite modest. In 30mm mesh the typical use is for warblers during migration, a time when ability to keep a station operating despite moderate winds is particularly useful. By discontinuing two net types for which demand has become limited, NEBBA improves its ability to fill even large orders for other types promptly. We must work within relatively fixed limits of capital invested in nets, and of space in which to store inventory.

Inquiries and orders for NEBBA nets should be directed to Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Conn. 06117.

The October issue commented that NEBBA dues and subscriptions will go up in the last half of 1971 (exact date to be determined). Since then we have notice of a significant increase in printing costs effective with the January issue, reflecting higher labor and material costs. We do not plan to change the level of 1971 increases already announced for dues and subscriptions, but this latest development emphasizes the need to increase present revenues if the size of the journal is to be maintained. We also will appreciate any mention of the journal to others whom you believe may be interested; in the long run the best antidote for increasing costs is a wider circulation.

Life memberships in NEBBA are still a bargain at \$125, compared with the new level of \$150 effective later in 1971.

The Bowdoin Scientific Station at Kent Island, Grand Manan, New Brunswick, Canada offers research facilities at a large sea-bird breeding station. Requests for reservations by investigators planning to do research will be given priority, if received before March 15, 1971. Applications for a program of undergraduate research supported by the National Science Foundation must be received by April 1. Information may be obtained from Prof. Charles E. Huntington, Dept. of Biology, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. 04011.

You can help support one of the very few bird observatories active the year round, in banding, training of banders, a variety of research projects, and several educational programs. Membership dues for the Manomet Bird Observatory, starting at \$7.00, may be sent to Miss Barbara Treat, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box 0, Manomet, Mass. 02345.

Leaflets and reprints free to members of NEBBA (donation requested for postage) are listed in *Bird-Banding*, 41: 263, July 1970, and are available from Mrs. Frank A. Howard, Secretary, Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, c/o Mass. Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, Mass. 01773. We also have available two reprints of papers in the July issue itself, those by Phillips and Lanyon, and by Larsen.