

## NOTES AND NEWS

*Fall NEBBA Meeting*—The annual meeting of NEBBA was held 16–18 September 1977 at the Squam Lakes Science Center, Holderness, New Hampshire. At the Council meeting on 16 September, 12 councilors and officers were present. Reports were read and approved from the Treasurer, Investment Committee, Editor of *Bird-Banding*, Mist Net Committee, and Bergstrom Memorial Research Fund Committee. Anyone wishing detailed knowledge from any of these reports may write to the Secretary, Ms. Howard.

Dr. George Clark's Research Committee reported awards in 1977 to:

1. Katherine E. Caldwell (Niantic, Connecticut, and Smith College)  
Proposal: Studies of a heron and ibis nesting colony.
2. Russell A. Charif (Mattapan, Massachusetts, and Harvard University)  
Proposal: Energetic adaptation of caprimulgid birds to crepuscular activity.
3. Francesca J. Cuthbert (Bell Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis)  
Proposal: Colony site selection by Great Lakes Caspian Terns.
4. Gladys Schumacher Donohue (Mission, Texas)  
Proposal: Behavior of Broad-winged Hawks in migration.
5. Steven L. Ekern (Ettrick, Wisconsin, and University of Wisconsin, La Crosse)  
Proposal: Avian diversity and abundance in a Wisconsin hardwood forest.
6. Christopher J. Herlugson (Department of Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington)  
Proposal: Biology of sympatric populations of Western and Mountain bluebirds.
7. Ann Goodhue Rivers (Box 160, Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1MO, and Trent University)  
Proposal: Two aspects of the breeding biology of the Tree Swallow (*Iridoprocne bicolor*).
8. Jeremy Seth Wasser (Department of Zoology, University of Florida, Gainesville)  
Proposal: Comparative feeding ecology of colonial shorebirds.

Dr. Clark expressed gratitude to the following members of the 1977 Research Committee: Dr. Howard L. Cogswell, Dr. Charles E. Huntington, and Dr. Robert P. Yunick. The committee in 1978 will consist of George Clark (chm.), Susan Drennan, Cogswell, and Yunick.

Of especial interest to NEBBA student members was an approved motion that "the Program Chairman for the Fall 1978 Meeting be authorized to spend up to \$100.00 to defray the expenses of students who would attend the NEBBA Meeting and present papers." At this time a program chairman for that meeting has not been appointed, but anyone wishing to apply for those funds could contact either Dr. George Clark or Mr. James Hallett who are making preliminary plans for the meeting.

At the annual Business Meeting on 17 September, the Nominating Committee's report was presented by Brian Harrington. The slate of NEBBA officers for 1978 is as follows:

<i>President</i>	James O. Seamans
<i>Vice-President</i>	Robert P. Yunick
<i>Secretary</i>	Deborah V. Howard
<i>Treasurer</i>	Robert H. Shaw
<i>Councilors</i>	Valerie Freer
	Elissa Landre (1-year term)
	Trevor Lloyd-Evans
	Scott Sutcliffe

*Appreciation*—NEBBA acknowledges with gratitude several recent gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Parker C. Reed. They donated a complete set of *Bird-Banding* that has now been handsomely bound and will be used as the Editor's reference set. Also received from the Reeds were various back issues of *Living Bird*, *Auk*, *Wilson Bulletin*, and the Bent's Life History series. These have been sold, the resulting funds from which were used to complete and bind another set of *Bird-Banding* for the Treasurer's reference set. A hearty "thank you" is given to the Reeds for their generosity to NEBBA.

*Appreciation*—Over the last year numerous individuals have refereed manuscripts submitted for publication in *Bird-Banding*. Their efforts have no doubt increased the quality of the journal, and the Editor expresses gratitude for this service to: David G. Ainley, John C. Aldrich, Kathleen S. Anderson, Keith A. Arnold, Oliver L. Austin, Jr., James Baird, W. Wilson Baker, Richard C. Banks, Hans Blokpoel, Lawrence J. Blus, Carl E. Bock, Pierce Brodkorb, Charles Brown, Paul A. Buckley, Richard N. Connor, Richard Coon, Richard DeHaven, Keith L. Dixon, Charles A. Ely, John T. Emlen, Donald Forrester, Herbert Friedmann, Sidney A. Gauthreaux, William G. George, Maurice Giltz, Gordon W. Gullion, Jack P. Hailman, Brian A. Harrington, Helen Hays, Charles J. Henny, Charles E. Huntington, Richard F. Johnston, James P. Ludwig, Wayne R. Marion, L. Richard Mewaldt, Helmut C. Mueller, James P. Mulligan, I. C. T. Nisbet, Robert A. Norris, Ralph S. Palmer, Robert B. Payne, Ben C. Pinkowski, Austin L. Rand, Sievert H. Rohwer, Stephen I. Rothstein, Ronald A. Ryder, Ralph W. Schreiber, Spencer G. Sealy, Jay M. Sheppard, Lester L. Short, William E. Southern, Paul A. Stewart, Allen R. Stickley, Christopher Stinson, Robert C. Szaro, Charles F. Thompson, Vance A. Tucker, George C. Watson, Lovett E. Williams, Jr., Larry L. Wolf, Glen E. Woolfenden, Charles G. Yarbrough, and Robert P. Yunick.

*Common Loon Conference*—The North American Conference on Common Loon Research and Management, sponsored by the National Audubon Society and hosted by Syracuse University, was held 12–14 August 1977 at the Minnowbrook Conference Center, Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y. Priorities determined by the participants included: (1) establishment of an informal working group to serve as a clearinghouse for information on research and management efforts, (2) collection of historical loon nesting records for assessment of recent range contraction or expansion by this species, (3) coordination and standardization of breeding surveys and an effort to document the current breeding status of the loon, particularly in the northeastern U.S., and (4) expanded research, including increased banding efforts and initiation of a winter banding program.

The working group, consisting of Judith W. McIntyre of Syracuse University, Richard L. Plunkett of the National Audubon Society, and Rawson L. Wood of the Loon Preservation Committee of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, plans another meeting next year. Requests for conference summaries and other inquiries may be directed to the coordinator, JUDITH W. MCINTYRE, *Biology Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210*.

*Request for Information on Cowbird Nestlings*—I am studying geographical variation in the gape coloration of nestling Brown-headed and Bronzed cowbirds. In some localities the rictal flanges and tomlia are yellow, in other areas they are white. A preliminary report on this study will appear early in 1978 in the *Auk*. Since more information is needed, I would greatly appreciate receiving the following types of data from any location: coloration of the rictal flanges, tomlia, mouth interior and eye-lids of cowbird and host nestlings (if the latter are present), host species, precise locality data, and date. The information on coloration is best if based on observations of live nestlings but colored photographs are also valuable. My studies would benefit if I had the opportunity to inspect personally colored photos but this is not a necessity. Most nestlings will probably have rictal flanges and tomlia that can be described as clearly yellow or clearly white but if you wish to report data with greater accuracy, and especially if the color seems intermediate, the nestling cowbird can be compared against a color standard. Pages 250 and 251 in "Birds of North

America" by Robbins et al. show the heads of warblers and present numerous shades of yellow. These shades of yellow (or others appearing in Robbins) can be matched with those of live nestlings.—STEPHEN I. ROTHSTEIN, *Department of Biological Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.*

*Corrections*—In the last issue of *Bird-Banding* (Autumn 1977, Vol. 48, No. 4), several errors appeared in the article "Weights and Measurements of Vancouver Canada Geese" by John T. Ratti, Daniel E. Timm, and Fred C. Robards. In addition to several obvious typographical errors in spelling, in Table 1 both "bill length" and "bill width" refer to the nail of the bill; on p 355, line 2, the word "differences" should be changed to "relationships"; and Dr. John T. Ratti's present address is Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57006. These errors were caused by a loss of proofs in the U.S. mail.

In the same issue, in the article by George A. Clark, Jr., on p 305, the paragraph on Turdidae should read "Turdidae.—In thrushes the count for III is often 11, except for III-10, 11 in the Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*) and bluebirds (*Sialia*)." On p 307, 13 lines from the bottom, omit the word "*Catharus*."—Ed.

#### NEBBA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1976-1977

These financial statements cover the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association's fiscal year ending 31 August 1977. Included for comparison are data from the previous fiscal year.

##### Income Statement

	<u>Year Ending</u> 31 August 1976	<u>Year Ending</u> 31 August 1977
<u>Receipts</u>		
Subscriptions and dues	\$ 8,445.26	\$ 8,301.52
Back issues, microfilm royalties	564.70	392.37
Sale of index	62.50	496.87
Author's reprints	1,252.42	447.49
Contributions	1,990.25	216.51
Meetings	37.08	—
Interest & investment income	5,266.24	5,656.93
Sale of mist nets	23,572.89	22,733.18
Total	\$41,191.34	\$38,239.87
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Printing and mailing of <i>Bird-Banding</i>	11,922.46	11,596.18
Editorial expenses	1,358.35	3,686.68
Index	834.63	814.00
Author's reprints	1,162.05	443.17
Back issues	324.56	—
Other printing, postage and supplies	308.63	649.05
Officer's expenses	376.96	—
Meetings	10.00	255.54
Research grants	626.51	515.00
Cost of mist nets	16,762.92	15,888.06
Mist net postage and supplies	1,161.86	911.45
Other mist net expenditures	2,487.69	2,594.36
Total	\$37,336.62	\$37,274.48
Net Deficit or Surplus	+3,854.72	+965.39