

NOTES AND NEWS

Spring NEBBA Meeting—The 1979 annual meeting of NEBBA was held 11–13 May at the Audubon Center, Greenwich, CT. At the Council Meeting on 11 May, councilors, officers, and visitors heard reports from the Treasurer, Editor of *Bird-Banding*, and a number of committees (Mist Net, Research, Nominating). Of special concern was the decision to raise dues effective with 1980—Student, \$6; Individual, \$8; Family, \$10; Institutional Subscriptions, \$10; Contributing, \$15 or more; Life, \$200. Committee composition will be—Research (Susan Drennan, Kenneth Parkes, Chandler Robbins, Helen Hays); Investment (James O. Seamans).

At the Business Meeting on 12 May, by unanimous vote Betty Downs was elected Honorary Member for her faithful and long-time service to NEBBA. The Nominating Committee's report of a slate of officers for the next year was accepted, and the following were elected:

<i>President</i>	Dr. Robert P. Yunk	<i>Councilors</i>	Frederic W. Davis
<i>Vice-president</i>	Elise Lapham		Robert C. DeWire
<i>Secretary</i>	Sarah Laughlin		Linda Leddy
<i>Treasurer</i>	Margaret Bon	<i>Editor of Bird-Banding</i>	Dr. David W. Johnston

Other events at the meeting included a banquet, films on conservation and breeding terns, and exciting field trips led by Ted Gilman.

EBBA Review of Banding Projects—The EBBA Conservation Committee has initiated a new service for members and nonmembers who are considering banding projects involving rare, endangered, or special status (e.g., "Blue-listed") species. The purpose of this project is to provide an expert, technical review of research involving these species to insure that the project is technically sound and will cause a minimum of disturbance to sensitive species.

Everyone interested in utilizing this service is invited to submit a synopsis of their proposed work to include at a minimum:

- (1) Objectives of the study and the hypotheses being tested,
- (2) A concise summary of the existing literature and the researcher's previous experience with the species in question,
- (3) A detailed methodology to include trapping and marking techniques, measurements to be taken, manpower involved, season and duration of the proposed project, and the study site locations.
- (4) Justification for the need to involve banding in the study.

This synopsis and any other pertinent material should be sent to: DOUGLAS P. KIBBE, *Chairman, EBBA Conservation Committee, 312 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030.*

North American Directory to Bird Programs—A North American directory of programs available to amateur birdwatchers is being organized at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. The directory will appear as a major chapter in a coming book on birdwatching. The intent of the directory is to identify bird research and educational programs in the U.S. and Canada which welcome participation from nonprofessionals.

Examples of appropriate programs include research projects such as state atlas breeding birds surveys, censuses of colonial water birds, surveys of particular species (such as declining species), hawk migration watches, and organized nestbox projects for birds such as bluebirds. Ornithology courses for amateurs and museum study skin collections available to the public are appropriate entries. Local field trip programs will not be included.

Acceptable projects should have professional input into the organization of the project and should have an anticipated life of at least several years. Continent-wide programs such as Cornell's Nest Record Card Program and the Christmas Bird Count of the National Audubon Society have already been described and need not be duplicated at the local level.

If you know of an appropriate local or statewide program and want to include it in the directory, please obtain the appropriate forms by writing: DR. STEPHEN W. KRESS, BIRD PROGRAM DIRECTORY, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Editorial Assistance—In the preparation of recent issues of *Bird-Banding*, the Editor acknowledges with gratitude the assistance of Barbara Brownsmith, Brenda McGurn, and Nancy Scribner.

EDITOR'S NEW ADDRESS

Your Editor has taken a new position with the Ecology Program of the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. Address all correspondence to him at 1316 Fenwick Lane, Apt. 1202, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SHOREBIRD COLOR-MARKING

In 1979, the Canadian Wildlife Service will be continuing a large-scale program of banding and color-marking shorebirds in James Bay. Since 1974, over 38,500 shorebirds have been captured, resulting in more than 1,700 "bird days" of sightings of dyed birds ranging from eastern Canada to South America. Much valuable information on migration routes and strategies is being obtained and observers are again asked to watch for and report any color-dyed or color-banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species (with age if possible), place, date, color-marks and, if possible, notes on the numbers of other shorebirds present. For color-dyed birds, please record the color and area of the bird that was dyed. For color bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, whether they were above or below the "knee," the colors involved (yellow or light blue), and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g., right lower leg, blue over metal, etc.). All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to: DR. R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7.*

LEAST TERN SIGHTINGS

I have initiated research on the population dynamics and site requirements of Least Terns on the Texas coast to identify possible causes of a recent decline in breeding pairs. Both adult and young terns will be marked with colored patagial tags (streamers) during the 1979, 1980, and 1981 breeding seasons. Tags will be placed on both wings and will bear a single letter and digit for individual recognition of birds. Anyone observing Least Terns, on the Atlantic or Gulf coasts, marked in this manner is requested to record: Date, time, specific location, tag color, alphanumeric symbol, general activity, plumage, association with other birds, observation distance and direction, and name, address, and telephone number of observer. Also, further information is needed concerning concentration areas (feeding, loafing, courting, nesting) used by Least Terns in Texas. Information recorded on such sites should include that requested above, excluding tag description. Please send all information to: BRUCE C. THOMPSON, *Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77843.* Also, report sightings of marked terns to: BIRD BANDING LABORATORY, *Office of Migratory Bird Management, USFWS, Laurel, MD 20811.*

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS INTERNATIONAL SHOREBIRD SURVEYS 1979

A cooperative International Shorebird Survey scheme has been organized by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Manomet Bird Observatory since 1974 to obtain information on shorebird migration and to identify and document areas of major impor-