

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-

tance. Much valuable information has come from contributors throughout eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands, and Central and South America, and is being used in assessing requirements for the future protection and conservation of the birds and their habitat. It is planned to continue the project in 1979. Any observer who may be able to participate in regular counts of shorebirds during spring and autumn migration periods, as well as during the winter in shorebird wintering areas, is asked to contact one of the undersigned. Occasional counts from observers visiting shorebird areas on an irregular basis would also be most welcome.

For areas in Canada: DR. R. I. G. MORRISON, *Canadian Wildlife Service, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7*. For areas in the U.S.A., Caribbean Islands, Central and South America: BRIAN A. HARRINGTON, *Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, MA 02345*.

### POSITION OPEN

Point Reyes Bird Observatory seeks a DIRECTOR to administer programs of research, conservation, and education. Duties are principally administration (current budget \$260,000), scientific direction, fundraising, and public relations. Qualifications are either a Ph.D. in ornithology OR professional experience in scientific/conservation administration, AND strong interest in avian ecology and conservation. \$15,000 minimum with complete medical. Reply to DIRECTOR SEARCH, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970.

### HONORARY MEMBER

#### BETTY DOWNS

At the Spring NEBBA meeting on 12 May 1979 at the Audubon Center, Greenwich, CT Betty Downs (Mrs. James R.) was unanimously elected Honorary Member. Over a span of 24 years, Betty has served NEBBA in many capacities: twice on the NEBBA Council, as Vice-president, and as Treasurer for 15 years. Especially did the Treasurer's job occupy a great deal of her time and energies balancing the books, filling orders for back issues, corresponding with and visiting the printer, and so on. Her job was eased somewhat by encouragement and help from her late husband and Alex Bergstrom. Certainly, her assistance to the present Editor of *Bird-Banding* has been invaluable. It is a distinct pleasure for NEBBA to recognize Betty's many contributions by electing her to Honorary Member.