

Fiftieth Breeding Bird Census

THE JOY OF CELEBRATING THE 50TH Anniversary of the Breeding Bird Census was cut short by the fact that reports were received for only 39 censuses. This sets us back to the low levels of over 25 years ago, a sad realization for those of us who have watched the participation grow steadily for so many years. It is especially unfortunate considering the fact that we have finally reached a point where the census data has been computerized, making it readily available for analysis and research work. Surely, this is the real goal of so many hours of work, for so many observers, for so many years.

This year a total of 60 observers spent over 961 hours in the field, and censused 651 hectares. The highest number of hours spent on any one census was 125. The average sized census was 16.7 hectares, with a range from 3.8 to 64.8. The total number of species found per census ranged from 7 to 57, and averaged 24.3.

The data compiled in the table below are stored in a computer at the Labo-

ratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. Requests for information on how to obtain these data should be directed to: Gregory S. Butcher, Bird Population Studies, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850 (Telephone: 607-255-4999). Census reports for the 1987 season should be submitted to the editors by September 15.

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ATTENTION all Breeding Bird Census and Winter Bird-Population Study participants!!

After three years, during each of which only a list of these studies has been published in *AMERICAN BIRDS* (Vol. 39, No. 1; Vol. 40, No. 1; Vol. 41, No. 1), we have now almost certainly identified a publisher for these valuable data. This will be a cooperative effort, the details of which we will elucidate in the next issue of *AMERICAN BIRDS* (Vol. 41, No. 2). In all probability, resumption of publication will begin in late 1987. To avoid discontinuity in data flow, the 48th, 49th, and 50th Breeding Bird Censuses will be published in 1987, along with the 37th, 38th, and 39th Winter Bird-Population Studies, and successive year's efforts will be published annually thereafter.

We urge all participants to continue working on their

field projects and encourage those participants who have suspended work to resume their studies so that these contributions to science will not become part of the ornithological and ecological past.

If you know of participants who terminated their studies when we ceased publishing the results, please pass this information on to them so that they can recommence their work.

Further details regarding these studies will appear in ". . . . from the editor's desk" in the next issue of *AMERICAN BIRDS*.

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