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## Western Bird Banding Association

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Applications for membership in the Western Bird Banding Association should be sent to the Treasurer. All classes of membership receive *North American Bird Bander*, the joint publication of Eastern Bird Banding Association and Western Bird Banding Association. Membership classifications are: Active Member, \$6.00 per year; Associate Member, \$6.00 per year; Sustaining Member, \$12.00 per year; Student Member, \$4.50 per year; Life Member, \$150.00. Outside the U.S., add \$2.00 to each membership class except Life Member.

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## From the President

As I write this—my last president's message—I have mixed emotions. After my second two-year term I am more than ready to turn the duties of the office over to the capable hands of Otis Swisher and get back to some of my own studies. It has been an enjoyable, albeit busy, period of years during which WBBA and our publication have undergone substantial changes. We are now on a firm financial basis and our publication has to be considered one of the better dollar-for-dollar values available among ornithological journals. While in office I have been most fortunate to have had the invaluable support and assistance of a lengthy list of officers and committee chairmen; to them all I express sincere appreciation on behalf of myself and WBBA. I am sure Otis can count on their continued support.

Although I will now have some more time for my own projects, I will—on the other hand—miss the chance to communicate with the membership in these quarterly messages. Sometimes they have been little more than “cracked-record” appeals for an increased level of manuscript production for

our editor and NABB or for increased membership recruiting efforts. But at other times I have had a chance to try out some of my personal ideas and suggestions on the membership and await some form of feedback. The silences with which some messages have been received have not always been easy to interpret. This has at times made it a bit hard to get “up” for writing the next one. However, occasionally I seemed to strike a responsive note and have gotten substantial positive feedback. Such occasions have been most satisfying.

So, in signing off here I would like to (once more) encourage you to communicate with your officers and make your views known. A simple note from time to time telling them when they are (or are not) on the right track will be greatly appreciated. Such will also help them immeasurably in their planning for WBBA's future.

So, keep active, keep in touch with WBBA, and thanks for your support these past few years.

Charlie Collins

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## Bird Migration in Yosemite: A Bird-Banding Workshop

Taught by Robert M. Stewart, this 3-day workshop will be held 25, 26, and 27 August and again on 1, 2, and 3 September 1978. It will include practical field experience in actual bird-banding, record-keeping and data analysis. Students in teams will participate actively in the field endeavor.

There will be 12 hours of lecture time and 19 hours of field work. Equipment will be furnished. Participants camp in the Crane Flat campground and walk to the study site in Crane Flat meadow.

Instructor, Robert Stewart, is staff biologist at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. His MA in biology is from Oregon State University. He has taught more than 35 courses in avian ecology and migration and has amassed a vast amount of knowledge on Yosemite's resident and migratory bird populations. He was recently elected president of the Cooper Ornithological Society's Northern Division.

Seminar fee is \$40; a 2-unit credit is \$25.

## The Trumpeter Swan Society

The Trumpeter Swan Society will hold its Sixth Conference in Anchorage, Alaska on 7—12 September 1978. With 80 percent of the world's population of Trumpeter Swans summering in Alaska, the Conference will focus attention on this largest of all waterfowl species and will discuss its future in the rapidly developing 49th state. Conference sponsor is the Anchorage Audubon Society.

The Conference objectives are: to focus attention on Alaska's nesting Trumpeter Swans; to learn what plans and programs the various groups that will control Trumpeter Swan nesting habitat have for safe-guarding this unique species; to anticipate and discuss the future problems and needs of the Trumpeter Swan population in the face of an expanding economic and human community; and to provide an opportunity for conferees to observe Trumpeter Swan habitat in the field.