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# Western Regional News

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## From the President

Several cooperative banding operations in various parts of WBBA's territory and elsewhere have come to my attention over the years. Some are rather modest operations run jointly by a small group of banders who have found it more efficient to concentrate their joint efforts on one site. At the other extreme are the intensive efforts of many banders at a specific location, as at some of EBBA's Atlantic Flyway stations, or people concentrating on a single species at stations spread over a large geographic area.

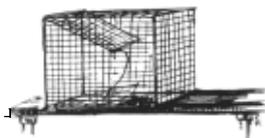
The data generated at these several types of operations can be impressive in its extent and clearly beyond the capacity of an individual researcher; the 1184 individual birds handled by a banding group at Morongo Valley, California, over a nine-day period in 1970 (Collins and Bradley, *Western Bird Bander*, 1971, 46:38-40) provided weight data for several species that has not been improved upon since. A recent paper by J.A. King and L.R. Mewaldt entitled "Variation of body weight in Gambel's White-crowned Sparrows in winter and spring: latitudinal and photoperiodic correlates"

(*Auk*, 1981, 98:752-764) is the second one emerging from the 1974-75 WBBA White-crowned Sparrow Cooperative Project. The 15 cooperators provided data on wintering birds from a variety of localities and thereby made possible an analysis of sparrow populations from southern Arizona to eastern Washington. The cooperators in this project are to be commended for their participation as are Drs. King and Mewaldt for recognizing and utilizing this resource. The oft-quoted phrase "let us band together" is very appropriate and these papers are but a few of many demonstrations of the rewards of cooperative banding activities. It is to be hoped that this trend will be continued and more cooperative projects will be organized and carried out in the future.

I also hope that many WBBA'ers will take advantage of the central location of our 1982 Annual Meeting and, in another sense, "band together" at Logan, Utah on 22-25 April. It should be an interesting meeting. I hope to see you there.

Charlie Collins

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Louisiana Waterthrush (930-92134). Banded 31 July 1980 by P.M. Walters at Tanque Verde Ranch, Tucson, AZ. Age: AHY (by skulling). Sex: unknown. Weight: 18.3 g; Wing chord: 77 mm. Tail: 51 mm. Exposed culmen: 13 mm.

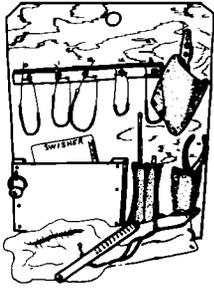
Accepted by Gale Monson for official Arizona records.

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## Worksheets for western birds

Ageing/Sexing worksheets for western birds are mailed as published with NABB, to Western Bird Banding Association members only. They are, however, available to anyone interested. For each worksheet desired, send 25 cents (or \$1.00 for any five worksheets) to Mrs. Donald F. Radke, P.O. Box 446, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.

The following species sheets have been issued: Merlin, Harris' Hawk, Scaled Quail, California Quail, Gambel's Quail, Mountain Quail, Common Snipe, Band-tailed Pigeon, key to kingbirds, Eastern Kingbird, Tropical Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Cassin's Kingbird, Myarchis flycatchers, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Yellow-billed Magpie, Roadrunner, Clark's Nutcracker, Verdin, Bushtit, Varied Thrush, gnatcatchers, Orange-crowned Warbler, waterthrushes, Oporornis warblers, Tricolored Blackbird, Western Tanager, Summer Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Cassin's Finch, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, towhees, White-crowned Sparrow.



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Mesh	Length								
	5 Meters			9 Meters			12 Meters		
	Sust	Act	Non Mem	Sust	Act	Non Mem	Sust	Act	Non Mem
Regulation Nylon Nets									
1¼	5.80	6.05	6.55				10.50	11.30	12.25
1½	4.15	4.30	4.65				7.45	7.80	8.50
2½							8.50	8.85	9.65
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1¼				8.85	9.25	10.10	11.75	12.30	13.40
1½				6.85	7.15	7.75	8.50	8.90	9.70
1¼x2.6 cm							11.75	12.30	13.40
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