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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*. Membership classifications are: Active Member, \$8.00 per year; Associate Member, \$8.00 per year; Sustaining Member, \$16.00 per year; Student Member, \$6.00 per year; Non-Subscribing Member, \$3.00 per year; Life Member, \$200.00. Outside the U.S., postage must be added to each membership except Life Member.

From the President

Under any circumstance, I would be honored to serve a term as WBBA President. I am, moreover, particularly delighted to assume office at the historic moment when NABB becomes truly North American with the addition of the Inland Bird Banding Association to its sponsoring organizations. My own banding roots were in IBBA, which I joined when I began banding in Manitoba. My first banding publication was in *Inland Bird Banding News* (the *News* was later dropped from the title). That note was on a trap, a subject which my predecessor, Charlie Collins, has been urging all of us to consider for NABB. At that time, I was urged to write it by Willetta ("Willie") Lueshen, long-time back-bone of IBBA, while we celebrated the centennials of Canada and Nebraska together during the banquet at the 1967 American Ornithologists' Union meeting in Toronto. We have kept up an amiable, albeit sporadic, correspondence ever since. IBBA Treasurer, Noel Cutright, has served NABB well since the original merger of the eastern and western journals as a regular contributor to the *Recent Literature* section, and also by abstracting NABB papers for the *Auk*. Thus, my personal welcome to IBBA into the publishing partnership of EBBA, IBBA, and WBBA is extended with special warmth.

Members of WBBA who attended our joint meeting with the Cooper Ornithological Society (COS) in Logan, Utah

will wish to join me in extending heartfelt thanks to Keith Dixon and his hard-working committee for their hospitality and efforts in bringing a truly successful conference to completion. WBBA particularly appreciated Dr. Dixon's consent to our "tagging along" on short notice. Next year we shall be joining COS again, this time in New Mexico, with the gracious consent of J. David Ligon. We intend to be more visibly involved at that meeting, details of which will be announced later. I am also investigating possibilities for future meetings—ideas from other members are welcome!

I would be remiss if I did not close these remarks by thanking members of the outgoing executive for their contributions over the last year. Special thanks must be extended to Shirley Spittler, our former Treasurer, for serving again as Acting Treasurer while Jane Church was in Sri Lanka. The dedication of Charlie Collins is exemplified by his serving another term as President while also performing the arduous task of COS Treasurer. Charlie was President when I first joined WBBA in 1972, and held that post until 1974, and again from 1976 until 1978. Obviously, WBBA owes much to Charlie, who continues to serve on the editorial advisory board and as Worksheets Editor. Thanks, Charlie, from all of WBBA for a decade of dedication!

Martin McNicholl

Notes on the history of WBBA

Volume I, No. 1, of "News From The Bird Banders" is dated January, 1926. This newsletter served to disperse information among the members of the Western Bird Banding Association, carrying items similar to today's publication. The first President of the W.B.B.A. was J. Eugene Law; Wright M. Pierce was Vice-president, Myrtle S. Edwards, Secretary, and Harold Michener, Business Manager. At the close of the first year of the newsletter publication, it was noted that there were 92 members, representing the following locations: Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California (with 74 of the total members), Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Dues were \$1.00 a year, or \$3.50 if one wished also to be included as a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society.

For a number of years, Harlan H. Edwards was in charge of keeping track of band numbers issued to permittee members. Each early issue of the *News* carried a paragraph containing the admonition to "Send Edwards a Postcard." Members were asked to send to him

the numbers of the bands as received from the Biological Survey; by keeping track of these locally, banders could more quickly receive information on recoveries. And an emergency supply of bands was kept on hand with Mr. Edwards.

An ad in an early issue stated: "A supply of traps available to banders are manufactured in lots of 25 (Potter Traps) and 10 (Western Traps) and are sold to banders at cost plus transportation.

Potter Traps	\$2.50 plus carriage
2 compartment collapsible	
Western Traps	\$5.00 plus carriage"
6 compartment non-collapsible	

And in the October 1927 issue, Michener detailed a drop door and frame for any purpose — add to any style trap. He offered to supply them at the estimated cost of forty cents each. Florence Merriam Bailey's "Handbook of the Birds of the Western United States" could be purchased for \$6.00 in 1927.

Some of the bird names appearing in these early issues sound strange:

Shufeldt's Junco
California Creeper
Blue-fronted Jay

Slender-billed Nuthatch
Louisiana Tanager
Willow Woodpecker

Annual Census of birds banded in the Western Province in 1926 was compiled from the annual reports of 47 banders, and showed 145 species and subspecies, and 11,445 individuals banded that year. In 1927, totals rose to 160 species and subspecies, with 18,890 individuals banded; 1928 totals were 164 species and subspecies, with 23,091 individuals. It is well to remember that all these birds were captured in traps.

Barbara C. McKnight



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.

Life Member

W.B. Quay

Current projects Study of bird populations at Galveston, with emphasis on: dynamics and biology of Inca Doves, new methods of non-invasive determination of sex, and mechanisms in timing of rhythmic behavior.

Occupation Currently employed as a Professor in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Texas Medical Branch, teaching both medical students and graduate students Microanatomy, Endocrinology, and Biochemistry. Member of the Graduate Faculties of: Neurosciences, Biochemistry, and Anatomy.

Special interests Interested in biological problems and phenomena. But centrally interested in learning more about the regulatory mechanisms of the nervous and endocrine systems as they relate to adaptations and responses to environmental variables.

Educational background Graduated from Harvard College (major: Biology) and completed graduate work (M.S., Ph.D.) at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in the Department of Zoology. Was later a Research Fellow at Netherlands Institute for Brain Research in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Had been a full-time Professor at U.C.-Berkeley (17 years) and U.W.-Madison (4 years) before taking an appointment here at U. T.M.B. 5 years ago.

Where from A native of northeastern Ohio, but from the age of 14 had frequent associations, responsibilities, and activities in California. This started with the Three-Corner-Round Society, a non-profit pack-outfit for training boys in mountaineering and natural history in the Sierra Nevada.

How became interested in banding Has long been interested in banding, but only recently started banding activity. This was induced largely by the increasing realization that in many of his ornithological projects necessary observations and individual recognition were only possible through banding. Current banding activities are limited to a small area in Galveston, but hopes to relocate to the Far West within the next few years on a permanent basis, where has property and wishes to continue his biological studies.

Information about family Wife, Charlet, shares his interest in birds and was a member of the Audubon Society, starting long before he knew her. Daughter is majoring in Horticulture at Oregon State University, Corvallis. All enjoy knapsacking in wilderness areas and in sharing their interests in the natural world and its protection.

Advertising in *North American Bird Bander* is available to interested firms providing services and products related to birds and bird banding.

Banders' Marketplace

Wing Measure: 15 cm & 30 cm tempered steel rules. The 15 cm rule is stainless, rigid, 19 mm wide, graduated ½ mm, mm & cm; 30 cm rule is satin chrome finish, 12.7 mm wide, graduated ½ mm, mm & cm.

Both rules feature a stainless steel "bend of wing" fixture secured at right angles to the end of the rule. The fixture is "off-set" to permit accurate tail measurements.

Institutions: Please send payment with order.

Order from: Chris N. Rose, 98 Lopez Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009.

Birds in Southeastern Arizona, Davis and Russell. The most up-to-date guide to bird finding contains directions for 43 top areas and bar graphs and habitat notes for 450 species. Available at \$6.50 (postpaid) from TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY, 30-A N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson AZ 85716, your best source for southwestern and Mexican birding information and supplies. Write for a sales list.

Banding Pliers: 6½". Holes in jaws to fit standard band sizes. Split pin on top for even band opening. Spring on side keeps opened band in pliers for easy handling.

Pliers for band sizes 0, 1, 1B, & 1A. \$13.00
Pliers for band sizes 2 & 3. \$13.00
Pliers for band sizes 3B & 3A. \$13.00

These prices include postage within the continental U. S. Orders should be sent to Roger N. MacDonald, 850 Main St., Lynnfield, MA 01940.

Bird Banders' Special. Quality 3-ring binders for sale to banders and friends. Perfect for banding records and notes. These brand-new binders are available as the result of an overstock by a leading electronics firm and are 2¾" thick, plastic-covered, with some printing on front and spine. Specify first choice — blue or green.

Prices postpaid are: 1 to 6, \$3.00 each; 7 to 24, \$2.75 each; 25 and over, \$2.50 each. NY residents, please add 7% sales tax. Order from: Associated Consultant Services, 33 Ogden Ave., East Williston, NY 11596.

Banding Supplies

Bleitz Wildlife Foundation has available a new listing of the more than 100 styles, colors, and types of Mist Nets, Portable Poles, Pesola Scales, etc., which are available from the Foundation. Reprints of "Mist Nets and Their Use" are also available.

Partial list of current items available from Bleitz Wildlife Foundation:

Monofilament 40d/single ply nets in 1", 1¼", 1½"; 7' x 18', 7' x 30', 7' x 60'—3 x 42, 10 x 42, 10 x 60.
30d/2ply Nylon in 1", 1¼", 1½", 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60'—3 x 42, 10 x 42, 10 x 60 in Black, White, Sand, and Green
50/2ply Nylon in 1¼", 1½", 7' x 18', 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60' Black, White, Sand, and Green.
70/2ply Nylon in 1½", 7' x 18', 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60' Black
50/2ply Terylene in 1", 1¼", 1½", 7' x 18', 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60', 3 x 42, 10 x 42, 10 x 60, 20 x 100, 30 x 100, Black, White, Sand and Green.
The 20' is 12-shelf; the 30' is 18-shelf.
75/2ply Terylene in 1½", 2½", 7' x 18', 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60'.
110/2ply Nylon in 2½", 7' x 18', 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60', Black, White, Sand, and Green.
210/2ply Nylon in 4", 7' x 30', 7' x 42', 7' x 60', Black, White, Sand, and Green.
210/4ply Nylon in 4", 10' x 42', and 10' x 60', Black.
All of the above nets are tethered.

Pesola Scales: 5 gm. 10 gm. 30 gm. 50 gm. 100 gm (3 styles), 300 gm (2 styles), 500 gm, 1000 gm, 2000 gm, 2.5 kg, 5 kg, 12 kg, 30 kg, 50 kg.

Portable, stackable anodized duraluminum Net Poles, in ¾" diameter, 36" sections, 40" sections, 48" sections; 1" diameter in 48" sections.

Price List available on request.

Example: 70/2 Nylon, 4-shelf, Black only (our lowest priced nets)

- #1 — 7 x 18 x 1½ \$8.00. Loops tied on themselves in square.
- #2 — 7 x 30 x 1½ \$8.00. Knots, tethered at 18" intervals.
- #3 — 7 x 42 x 1½ \$10.50. Top loops white, balance black.
- #4 — 7 x 60 x 1½ \$16.00. Webbing 25% longer than frame. 120 meshes high.

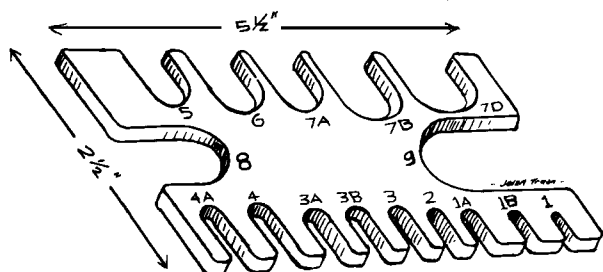
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Banders' Marketplace

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Leg Gauge: For proper determination of band sizes. Accurately-machined slots correspond to inside diameter of all band sizes from 1 thru 9. The easy-to-use gauge allows pre-selection of correct band, thus eliminating the difficult job of removing improper-fitting bands. Made of durable plastic, 2½ x 5½, with engraved lettering. Price: \$6.00 ppd. in U.S.A.



Order from: Len Soucy, 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, N.J. 07946.

Verbal Traps: Mr. C.H. Channing has retired from his verbal trap business and has instructed me in the techniques of verbal construction. I am now taking over his operation and you may order these traps from me. Kindly enclose a copy of your Federal Banding Permit with your order. Price: \$15.00 each. Orders should be mailed to Peter H. Bloom, 13611 Hewes Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705.

Bander's Gift: ... to give or to receive. Handcrafted miniature Potter Traps — single cell, made to scale.

16-gauge, vinyl-clad welding wire, ½" x 1" mesh. Aluminum hardware.

16-gauge, galvanized welding wire, ½" x 1" mesh. Galvanized hardware.

Please send for prices: J.A. ImBrogno, 22 Westmoreland Drive, Monessen, PA 15062

Attention bird (watching) clubs: If you are tired of having to hand-write addresses on your newsletters or other mailings, we can help you. We will maintain your mailing list and update it at your instruction, furnish labels (in ABC or ZIP sort order), furnish reports of addresses on file, etc. We prefer small organizations (approx. 50-400 members). Reasonable rates. Inquire: Shepherd Consultant Services, c/o Frederick S. Schaeffer, 84-55 Daniels St., Jamaica, NY 11435.

EBBA Mist Nets are available in the sizes listed below. Please write for order blank. Checks must accompany order. All orders are shipped UPS. There is a \$0.50 handling charge on all orders under \$10.00. Please give a local address, not a Post Office box number. Pennsylvania residents, add 6% sales tax. Make checks payable to EBBA Net Account. Order from: EBBA Net Committee, Biology Dept., Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA 15701.

Mesh	Length								
	5 Meters			9 Meters			12 Meters		
	Sust	Act	Mem	Sust	Act	Mem	Sust	Act	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
Nylon Tethered-Top Nets									
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
1¼ x 2.6 cm							11.75	12.30	13.40
Polyester Tethered-Top Nets									
1¼				11.25	11.80	12.80	15.30	16.00	17.40
1½				9.10	9.50	10.30	12.60	13.15	14.30

Sust—Sustaining member
Act—Active member
Non Mem—Not a member of EBBA

Hawk fowling nets. 210 d/4 Nylon, 3 shelves. 4½" str. Mesh x 50 M.D. (2.6 m) x 12. Regular type. Available from E.B.B.A. Mist Net Committee.

Sustaining Member.	\$9.80
Active Member.	\$10.25
Non-Member.	\$11.15

McCamey Chickadee Trap: A precision-made trap, 6" x 8" x 12" made of welded wire. Priced at \$12.00 each, plus shipping. Please give a street or R.R. box number for delivery. Also Bal-chatri **Kestrel** and **Raptor** traps at \$6.00 each plus shipping. Send for brochure. Prices firm through 1982. Order from Donald E. Payne, 34886 Mathews Road, Eugene, OR 97405.

Potter Traps: 16-gauge, ½" x 1" welded mesh. \$10.00 per cell. Plus postage and insurance. One-cell: 8" x 8"; 2-cell: 8" x 8" x 16"; 3-cell: 8" x 8" x 21"; 4-cell: 8" x 16" x 16". Permit number requested. **Order from:** Dale Hyde, 260 Quarry Drive, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. Tel: 717-784-5341.