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# Recent Literature

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**Miniature bluebird eggs.** L. Zeleny. 1983. *Sialia* 5:127-128 (essentially reprinted from *Purple Martin Capital News* 25 Oct. 1978). (In 1978, a female Eastern Bluebird banded as a nestling in 1977 laid a single runt egg and incubated it for 2 weeks before abandoning it. One week later she laid another runt egg in another box, again incubating for 2 weeks, when the runt egg was collected. A week later, she built a new nest in the same box, where she laid 2 runt eggs and again incubated them "full term." The case is unusual, both in the number of miniature eggs and in the behavior of incubating a "clutch" of only 1 or 2 eggs.) MM

**Bald Eagle migration through southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba and North Dakota.** J. M. Gerrard and D. R. M. Hatch. 1983. *Blue Jay* 41:146-154. (Regional overview, based partly on birds carrying transmitters.) MM

**Reproductive chronology of Greater Prairie Chickens in Minnesota and recommendations for censusing and nest searching.** W. D. Svedarsky. 1983. *Prairie Nat.* 15:120-124. (Radio-tagging helped discover some nests, demonstrate re-nesting, and determine nest attentiveness during egg-laying and incubation.) MM

**Long Point Bird Observatory 1982 annual report.** R. W. Knapton (Ed.). 1983. Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan, Ont. (Includes tables of bandings and recoveries, and an 8-year summary of activities during the directorship of D. J. T. Hussell.) MM

**Tales bird bands tell.** H. Burchard. 1983. *Natl. Wildl.* 21(6):12-13. (General overview of banding in North America, with emphasis on activities at the Bird Banding Laboratory.) MM

**Survival of female Black Ducks, *Anas rubripes*, during the breeding season.** J. K. Ringelman and J. R. Longcore. 1983. *Can. Field-Nat.* 97:62-65. (Survival rate was determined for 19 transmitter-fitted ducks in Maine, 3 of which were killed by predators.) MM

**Long Point Bird Observatory 1981 annual report.** E. H. Dunn (Ed.). 1983. Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan, Ont. 13 pp. (Includes banding and recovery totals for 1981.) MM

## Seasonal summary

**The nesting season.** June 1-July 31, 1979. P. Lehman, B. Schram, and 35 regional editors. 1979. *Amer. Birds* 33:839-899. (The presence of 2 banded Amer. Redstarts 5 July-24 Aug. in N. Mex. was the first evidence of summering in the area. A Surinam-banded Semipalmated Sandp. found nesting in Alaska in 1978 returned to nest in virtually the same spot in 1979, and 2 Semipalmated Sandp. color-banded at James Bay were seen in Sask. Of 107 Blue Jays banded at one Tex. station, 63 were birds of the year. Average number of raptor banded per nest in Sask. were: Red-tailed Hawk 1.8 (10 nests), Swainson's Hawk 2.3 (38 nests), Ferruginous Hawk 3.1 (15 nests), and Great Horned Owl 2.5 (84 nests). A remarkable high of 397 young House Finches were banded at State College, Pa. The Mountain Bluebird banding total of 221 near Saskatoon, Sask. was low (cf. 359 in 1978). Other noteworthy banding totals included 270+ White-faced Ibis in s. Idaho, "hundreds" of gulls in a mixed California/Ring-billed colony in Mont., 1500 juv. Laughing Gulls in N. J., and 70 Eastern Bluebirds in Va.) MM

**Note:** We welcome Mike Kowalski to our group of abstractors to cover *Bird Study*.

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