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An Editor's Exhortation

WBBA's President, Bob Tweit, has requested that I provide you with a brief "From the Editor" contribution in this number of North American Bird Bander (NABB). After a year's work as WBBA's Editor for NABB, I find there are indeed some observations and conclusions that I wish to share with you. The best label for the cream of this crop is "exhortation."

We are bird banders and birders, sharing in large measure, interests in birds - their biology and welfare. This journal is your journal, to serve our shared interests and purposes, centered upon the methods, goals, results, interpretations, conclusions, plans and projections of bird banding as an intelligent, scientifically productive, and, yes - enjoyable, enterprise. As your journal, NABB can only be as good and as useful as you energetically wish it to be. It is your submissions to any and all aspects of NABB that form its lifeblood and keep it vigorous. So, I encourage you to use it as a major means of communicating with your fellow banders and ornithologists, and for providing yourself with a course or chart of action for your own continued development as a productive, ever learning and ever growing, scientific bander and observer, whatever your background, training, interests, methods and capacities may be.

If you would like to discuss with me, or others in WBBA, how you can contribute, please write or call. I can be reached at (707) 253-7346. I am always happy to try to aid you in bringing your original observations and experiences to the pages of NABB where they can be shared and have recognition.

W. B. (Bill) Quay

Federal banding permit holder volunteers needed at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument near Lukeville, Arizona. Minimum commitment of five days preferred. For detailed information, please write to Banding Coordinator, P.O. Box 39, Sonoita, Arizona 85637.

NOTICES: Banding Reports for 1985: Forms and Procedures

Banding Report Forms for the 1985 WBBA Annual Report will be mailed January 1. If you do not receive one please send your 1985 banding results for the WBBA area to Joan C. Tweit, 4100 N. Romero Rd. #108, Tucson, AZ 85705. Please enclose a list of species banded with number of individuals of each species and state or province where banded. If you banded in more than one state or province please send a separate list for each location. Copies of report forms submitted to state or other agencies are acceptable as long as the above data are clearly indicated. Deadline for submission of data is February 10, 1986. Thank you!

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