



Western Regional News

Western Bird Banding Association

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From WBBAs President

Annual Report 1986

This number of North American Bird Bander contains WBBAs *Annual Report* of banding activity during 1986, within the arbitrarily defined limits of the territory assigned to Western Bird Banding Association. We are again most grateful to Joan Tweit for gathering, organizing and compiling this sectional material. We are grateful too, for the aid of individual banders and banding stations in providing responses to Joan's request for a tally of their banding activities. The success and meaningfulness of the *Annual Report* depend on this aid. The apparent quantitative dominance of waterfowl banding records is at least partly due to the greater attention based upon large sponsored programs. This contrasts with the more variable support for, and usually more fragmentary nature of, banding of representatives of most other groups of birds, perhaps especially passerines.

Annual Meeting 1987

Our association's meeting this year will be in Tucson, Arizona, October 9-11. Workshops, reports, papers and business will be combined with good fellowship in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Please join us if you are an interested bander, a prospective bander or are interested in birds for various other reasons. Membership in WBBA is not required, but is of course encouraged. For information and materials for the meeting, contact: Dr. Stephen M. Russell, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 (602-621-1026).

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ANNUAL REPORT FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	Average
Number active reports	361	238	276	299	304	296
Reports <100 birds	157	98	131	164	123	135
Species banded*	383	374	399	399	390	389
Birds banded	122,147	120,963	147,805	154,944	153,654	139,903
Avg species/bander	10.5	13.9	13.3	14.0	13.4	13.0
Average birds/bander	338	508	536	516	505	481

BIRDS BANDED BY AREA

Alaska	6,286	6,529	4,216	8,205	5,698	6,187
Yukon, BC, Alberta	17,729	10,284	23,563	18,083	24,990	18,930
Washington, Oregon	13,709	15,595	19,416	21,978	21,015	18,343
Idaho, Montana	9,945	8,080	9,795	12,214	11,407	10,288
California	38,978	36,176	40,597	47,600	46,446	41,959
Nevada, Utah	7,365	4,496	4,946	8,479	8,361	6,729
Wyoming, Colorado	7,379	16,096	16,179	15,972	11,049	13,335
Arizona, New Mexico	16,028	16,625	22,898	16,299	15,073	17,385
Mexico	219	932	815	5,505	869	1,668
Hawaii, Pacific Isls	4,509	6,150	5,380	5,503	8,746	6,058

*The species summary is for continental birds, full species only.