



# Eastern Regional News

## Eastern Bird Banding Association

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### President's Message

By the time you read this message, my term as President will be nearly completed. It was a busy two years and while I tend to enjoy being at the center of attention, I'm very glad it's over. Two years is almost too much.

I could discuss many things in this message that are important, but I feel such matters can be better discussed at the annual meeting. So, instead, I'd like to take this time to thank many people for their cooperation and perseverance in helping EBBA and me.

My sincere thanks to the following people; however, there are many more:

Robert Yunick, Judy Bell, Bob Pantle, Chris Rose, Jeff Spendelow, and all the other Officers and Councillors. Also, Bob Tweit (Editor, WBBA) and his daughter Susan, and all the other people involved with NABB. My thanks also goes out to Terry Ingram, who has managed to keep NABB on time, despite great difficulties. You know, it's very nice, in theory, to have a magazine that represents three associations, but it is a great deal more difficult to have to deal with all the team players in all these associations, when you're the center of attention as Terry Ingram has been. It's up to us now to find a successor for him so that the Eagle Foundation, a very worthy group, can channel its efforts to other things.

There's another person we need to thank. I did not forget him in the last paragraph, but wanted to write a bit more about Gale Smith, chairman of our Net Committee.

Gale is doing a great job. He's dedicated and knows his way around in the business he's doing for EBBA. Dealing with the Japanese net manufacturers in a market situation where the Yen-Dollar relationship is real volatile is difficult enough, but being in an unpopular position to have to raise net prices to match these currency fluctuations takes real expertise. He's had to raise prices; otherwise, the Net Committee (which works somewhat separate from the EBBA treasury) would go broke and ultimately would have to borrow from EBBA.

Lastly, there have been a number of people I've had differences of opinion with over the last two years. I am not saying that I was always right, but I believed at the time that what I was doing was in the best interest of EBBA. I value long-term friendships and, as such, I deplore the loss of such people as a valuable ally to EBBA. I hope these people will again volunteer to assist EBBA.

Fred S. Schaeffer  
President

### 1988 Research Grant Announcement Maryland Ornithological Society

The Maryland Ornithological Society announces the availability of research grants for ornithological research to be conducted in the state of Maryland. Either ornithological research anywhere in the state or ecological research at one of four sanctuaries is acceptable. Grants are usually for \$500 or less. If the research is to be done at or near one of our sanctuaries, it may be possible to provide accommodations at nominal cost. Students are encouraged to apply.

This year there are two application periods: January 1, 1988 and May 1, 1988.

For application guidelines and further information write to:

Maryland Ornithological Society  
Attention: Research Committee  
Cylburn Mansion  
4915 Greenspring Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21209

### Sharp-Shin Captured Twice by Same Bander on One Migration

On October 7, 1984, the authors, along with Sam Chevalier, were working in a blind at the Breezy Point Raptor Banding Station near Coney Island, Lat. 403, Long. 0735. At 10:35 A.M., a hatching year, female Sharp-shinned Hawk was caught in a bow net. The senior author fitted band #1333-50602 on the right leg and the bird was released.

On November 2, 1984, 31 days later, the same three persons were operating a banding station at Cape May Pt. N. J. (one of five that were active at the time) Lat. 385, Long. 0745. In the late A.M. the same bird was caught at the East Station by Chris Schultz. Then, about one hour later, she was recaptured at our station in a "triangle" mist net.

We believe the statistical probability of the same raptor being captured and processed twice by the same bander *on the same migration* at different latitudes to be very low, perhaps even unique. We would be interested to know of anyone else who may have had the same experience.

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**THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS** (formerly NEBBA) will hold its annual meeting 13-15 May 1988 at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock, Vermont. Housing and the Saturday evening banquet will be at the nearby Kedron Valley Inn. The meeting will include invited and contributed papers, workshops and field trips.

For information about the meeting, contact: **Sarah B. Laughlin**, AFO Local Committee Chair, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock, VT 05091 (802/457-2779).

For information about the scientific program, contact: **Peter F. Cannell**, Program Committee Chair, Division of Birds, NHB 116, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560 (202/357-2334).

### NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

The North American Bluebird Society is proud to announce the presentation of the fourth annual research grant awards. The 1987 recipients are as follows:

#### Bluebird Grant

Wayne H. Davis — Eastern Bluebird and European Starling: Competition for Nest Sites. \$1125

Steven G. Parren — Bluebird Nest Box Selection by Competing Passerines. \$950

#### Student Grant

Danny J. Ingold — Nesting Phenology and Competition for Nest Sites Among Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers and European Starlings in East Central Mississippi. \$400

Kimberly A. With — Effects of Brood Size on the Parental Care of Western Bluebird Nestlings. \$836

#### General Grant

Vasiliki Demas — Effect of Blowfly Parasitism on the Growth and Development of Western Bluebird Nestlings. \$1000

Gregory Hayward — Potential of Nest Boxes for Monitoring and Managing Boreal Owls. \$1050

William McComb — Microclimatic Characteristics of White-breasted Nuthatch Roost Sites. \$1110

The North American Bluebird Society annually provides research grants in aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity nesting species of North America with an emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Information and application materials are available from Theodore W. Gutzke, Research Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 121, Kenmare, North Dakota 58746.