



Eastern Regional News

Eastern Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

During a literature search recently, I had the occasion to browse through the *North American Bird Bander* (NABB) journals. I became so interested that my search gave way to rereading most of the articles, the News, Notes, and Comments and Recent Literature as well as most of the Regional News. This activity took several days and some evenings. My reading took me back to 1974, twenty years of viable studies by banders of diversified backgrounds. What a wonderful contribution to the life histories of avian species! It occurred to me that there may be a great deal of data that banders have collected that have never been published. A questionnaire was sent to all EBBA members during 1990 by Susannah Graedel. The questionnaire asked many questions and, as a result of the survey, the EBBA Banders' Network was established and the announcement was in the January-March 1992 issue of *NABB*. The Network is in the process of being reactivated.

Susannah Graedel will coordinate the Banders' Network and will have a questionnaire included with your dues notice. Please respond as soon as possible to update the existing data. Susannah Graedel's address is 3 Talmadge Road, Mendham, New Jersey 07945.

Operation Wing Chord was also a result of this survey. Susannah Graedel took on this monumental project and EBBA thanks her for the great effort put forth on banders' behalf. Susannah and Mary Doscher are working diligently on the final steps of Operation Wing Chord: a cooperative banding project.

A "thank you" to Bob Pantle for his expertise and dedication as production manager of the *North American Bird Bander*, and as editor of EBBA's section to the journal.

It is that time of year for paying dues. If you haven't paid your 1995 dues as yet, do it now. Support our association and bring in a new member this year. Send all dues to our Membership Chairperson, Elaine Mease, whose address appears on the back page of this issue. Thank you.

Time is drawing nearer to EBBA's 1995 annual meeting: 21-23 April at Cape May, New Jersey. It will be a great time to be in Cape May with all the birding opportunities available. Barbara Ross is hard at work to bring us interesting and intriguing paper sessions and workshops. Reserve the date on your calendar for a grand meeting at the Grand Hotel!

Mary Forness

EBBA ANNUAL MEETING TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday Night Speaker:

Dave Jenkins of New Jersey Division of Game and Wildlife
"Piping Plovers in New Jersey"

Saturday Night Speaker:

Pat Sutton, teacher, naturalist, CMBO, and author, with her husband (of "How to Spot an Owl") will give a slide presentation
"How to Spot an Owl"

Bird Walks:

Mary Gustafson, formerly a bander at Cape May and now biologist at the BBL, will lead late Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning bird walks.

Papers:

Mark Johnson, EBBA Councilor, "Effects of Age and Habitat on the Reproductive Performance of Wood Thrushes"

Hannah Suthers, EBBA past president, "Differential Habitat Use by Fall Migrants"

Louise Zematis, Assistant Coordinator of New Jersey Breeding Bird Survey, "Cape May Butterflies and Butterfly Migration"

Clay Sutton, Research Associate of CMBO and Vice-president and Regional Manager of Herpetological Association, Inc., "Winter Seabird Watch at Avalon, New Jersey"

Mary Forness, EBBA President, report on "Development of a Total Raptor Program from Rehab to Hacking"

Workshops:

Sandy Glover, Baltimore nature center artist, "How to Sketch Birds"

James F. Saracco, MAPS Coordinator, "Maps Update: How to Set Up a MAPS Station"

Sam Droege, National Biological Service, "Migration Monitoring Program"

Hannah Suthers, "Testing Age and Sex Keys with Study Skins"

Mary Doscher and **Susannah Graedel**, "Wing Chord Report"