

BULLETIN BOARD

RING-BILLED GULLS AND CALIFORNIA GULLS

were banded during 1988 at Lake Lahontan, Nevada, in the second year of a long-term study of post-breeding dispersal, wintering locations, and nest-site fidelity. Each bird received a Fish and Wildlife Service numbered aluminum band on the right leg and a yellow plastic band on the left or right leg (depending on banding location). Each plastic band bears a prominent black number. If you see or capture any of these birds (or any of the birds banded with green or red plastic-bands in 1987), the following information would be appreciated: (1) date, time, and location of sighting; (2) which leg the plastic band is on; (3) the color of the plastic band; (4) the number on the plastic band, if possible (or the number on the FWS band). Please send or call reports of sightings to Alan Gubanich, Department of Biology, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557 (702-784-6652 or -6188) or Hugh Judd, 2325 Jessie, Sparks, NV 89431 (702-356-7485), and to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, MD 20708.

COLLARED TUNDRA SWANS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel have collared Tundra Swans that breed and summer in Selawik National Wildlife Refuge to understand better the use of wetlands, staging areas, and migrations routes.

Marked swans have blue plastic collars with white engraved codes. All codes begin with the letter U and are followed with a three-digit number. All numbers are read from the base of the swan's neck up. The numbers 000 to 300 have been used. Each code is repeated twice around the collar. If you see one of these birds, or know someone who has seen a collared swan, please try to obtain and forward the following information: (1) date of observation(s), (2) exact location in reference to nearest town, (3) collar code(s), including condition and observability of collar, (4) number of other swans in flock (including number of young in family groups if possible), (5) activity and behavior of bird, (6) observation circumstances, including distance, visibility, cloudiness, wind, etc. All swans were also banded on the tarsus with USFWS aluminum bands. Please send by mail or telephone (you may call collect) any information on collared swans to Refuge Manager, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 270, Kotzebue, AK 99752 (phone 907-442-3799). Band returns and other collar information should be mailed to the Bird Banding Laboratory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, MD 20811.