

Several of our readers have shown enough interest in the life list idea to send in their reports. These reports start out in rather large figures and are based on extensive travels. The totals thus far reported immediately exclude nearly all observers whose field work is limited to their own local regions. We do not wish to do this. We would like to see the local observers take an interest and pride in their total lists also. There can be no harm in a little competition.

Suppose, then, that we arbitrarily divide our life lists into two classes, which we may call General and Local. Let us define General Life Lists as those without any limitations as to time or space. One may combine into one list the results of one's work in as many localities as possible. One or two of these life lists have been reported in summary in our pages, and we will be glad to continue them.

A Local Life List is restricted in space, at least. It is limited to accommodate the observer who does not travel, but who does intensive field work at his home station. We believe it is worth while for the observer to keep his notebook records; and to know how many birds he has on his life list; and to take some pleasure in adding a new one from time to time—always with deliberation and scientific accuracy, of course.

In order to stimulate interest and to learn of each other's results, we propose a contest as to Local Life Lists. Let those who will, compile their lists and submit them. First, however, let us have suggestions as to the rules which should govern such a contest. How much of an area is to be allowed? Should it be a political area or an ecological area? Shall there be prizes, and who will offer them? If the matter is taken up we will hope to make a complete announcement in our next issue.

Let us also remember that this is play-work, but that it is enjoyable and instructive and stimulative, and can do no harm. If it does no more than encourage some of our luke-warm members to spend a little more time in the field in an effort to increase their life lists, the scheme will be justifiable.

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## GENERAL NOTES

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**Some Oregon Records.**—The following records of birds taken at Scio, Oregon, may be of interest, and I am therefore placing them on record.

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*).—A male, taken February 1, 1900. The only record for the state.

Black Pigeon Hawk (*Falco columbarius suckleyi*).—A female, taken November 1, 1922.

Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*).—A male, taken November 1, 1924. The female was seen but not secured.

Gray Gryfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*).—A male, May, 1925.—A. G. PRILL, Scio, Oregon.

**Who Banded This Bird?**—Late in December, 1927, a local gunner came to my office one day with a hawk's leg, on which was an aluminum band. He said that a local mutual friend had sent him, to me to find out what it was put there for, and by whom.