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### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

*Canvasbacks.*—Canvasbacks marked with colorful plumage dyes were recently released at key migrational concentration areas in the North Central states by wildlife research biologists of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the color-marking program is to determine the migrational dispersal and wintering distribution of Canvasbacks staging on the Upper Mississippi River. During the 1974 fall migration, male Canvasbacks were dyed different colors at concentration areas near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Keokuk, Iowa. The colors used were blue, yellow, and pink. Any observation of color-marked Canvasbacks should be reported to the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, P.O. Box 1747, Jamestown, ND 58401. The following information is requested: observer (name and address), date, time, location of observation (be specific), and color of the bird (be descriptive). In addition, information on the activity of the bird, size of the flock, and species of ducks associated with the marked bird would be helpful. This research on the migrational habitat and destinations of the Canvasback is part of a comprehensive investigation to identify major factors influencing the population status of this species. Any observations of these color-marked Canvasbacks would be greatly appreciated.

*Birds of Gambia.*—A comprehensive checklist of the birds of Gambia is currently being prepared by Mr. Jens Kirkeby and Mr. Jorn Vestergaard Jensen in cooperation with the Gambian Ornithologists' Society. It is intended that this checklist will bring together all bird records for the Gambia. Anyone having unpublished records for this area is requested to make these known to Jorn Vestergaard Jensen, Holtevej 13, DK-8000 Aarhus C., Denmark. All contributions will be fully acknowledged.