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REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Shorebirds.—In 1976 the Canadian Wildlife Service will again be carrying out extensive banding and color-marking of shorebirds in James Bay. Last year a highly successful program resulted in over 70 reports of color-marked birds in eastern North America and South America from amongst c. 4000 banded in southern James Bay. Much valuable information on migration routes is being obtained and observers are again asked to look out for and report any color-dyed or color-banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species, place, date, color-marks, and, if possible, notes on the numbers of other shorebirds present. For color-dyed birds, please record the color and area of the bird that was dyed. For color bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, the colors involved, and the relative position of the bands if more than 1 was on a leg (e.g. right leg, blue over metal, etc.). All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to: Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 2721 Highway 31, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H3.

Semipalmated and Least sandpipers.—In 1976 and 1977 the Surinam Forest Service plans to color-band large numbers of Semipalmated and Least sandpipers along the Surinam coast, northeastern South America. The objective of this study is to obtain more information about the origin of the birds visiting Surinam and about their migration routes to and from this country. All birds will be banded above the tarsus ("knee") with a standard aluminum Fish and Wildlife Service band and 2 orange color-bands of about the same size as the aluminum band. Should you see any of these birds, please write to: Arie L. Spaans, Surinam Forest Service, P.O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America. Mention species, location and date of observation, the position of the aluminum and color-bands (left or right, and, if more than 1 band is on a leg, which band is above and which below), and number of color-banded birds involved.