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United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
Laurel, Maryland 20708

March 12, 1985

Greetings Breeding Bird Survey Cooperators:

Two major changes have occurred this year. Danny Bystrak, after 17 years with the BBS, has taken a position in the Bird Banding Laboratory. I am now attempting to fill Danny's vacancy. However, due to learning the ropes and a 3-month vacancy, work has fallen behind schedule. This has primarily affected the editing process of the results.

The other change involves route assignment and mailing of packets. In the past, we have mailed out "will-won't" slips to the previous year's observers. Because we found that over 90% of observers indicated that they would rerun their routes, we decided to send packets to all observers who ran routes the previous year. If you find you cannot run the route(s), please help us insure better coverage by either finding a suitable replacement or by returning the packet to us so that we may locate a new observer. We will not supply blank field sheets this year because of procedural changes but if you would like to use them next year please indicate on the 85's field sheet.

Since the Survey began in 1966, BBS data have been used by numerous researchers, agencies, and private individuals to study distribution, relative abundance, and population trends of North American birds. However, without the commitment of you, the observer, it would be impossible to measure these changes on a national scale. Thank you for your contribution of skill, time, and effort in helping to protect these species.

Sam Droege

NOTICE

1. The gathering of information on migratory birds is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711) and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742d).
2. Information from this report will be used to further the understanding, management, and conservation of the North American bird resource. Federal, State and private conservation organizations, the Canadian Wildlife Service, and individual researchers will be provided these data upon request.
3. In the event there is indicated a violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order, or license, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, the requested information may be transferred to the appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign charged with investigating or prosecuting such violations.
4. In the event of litigation involving the records or the subject matter of the records, the requested information may be transferred to the U. S. Department of Justice.

Received

10 Aug. 1985

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your 1985 Breeding Bird Survey report/s. A machine listing will be prepared from your summary sheet and a copy will be sent to you for checking. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and hope you will be able to participate in our program next year.

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November 4, 1985

Dear Observer:

Thank you for running a Breeding Bird Survey route(s) in 1985. Enclosed is the 1985 BBS print-out for the route(s) you ran. Please check these sheets carefully, errors made during editing and key-punching are not uncommon. Some discrepancies are the result of corrections made during our editing procedures. We scan the field and summary sheets looking for addition and transcription errors. Everyone is encouraged to continue to record all birds seen on routes, including: groups with identifiable subspecies (e.g. Northern Oriole, Northern Flicker, and Dark-eyed Junco), difficult to identify groups (e.g. hummingbird species, accipiter species, and meadowlark species), and to note any birds you suspect may be migrants.

We are continuing to place flags next to species we believe are rare in that route's stratum. These species will be flagged even if you have properly documented their presence in previous years. If you have not previously provided documentation for these bird species please do so for all species with a three star flag. We have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience.

If you know any researchers or birders in the U.S. or Canada who are good BBS material please inform us or have them drop us a line. We have routes available across the continent and depend on publicity plus word-of-mouth to recruit new observers. Our only requirements are good hearing and an ability to identify all of a region's breeding birds by song or call. Without your and other observers inputs it would be virtually impossible for us to accurately assess the population status and trends of most species of North American birds.

Cordially,



Sam Droege

15 Feb 1986
Melrose - OK
Galesburg - OK
Laplant - OK
Longton - one error

6 Indigo Buntings listed as 6 Painted Buntings.

Dear Dr. James,
Thank you for running all those routes in Kansas. Because over 90% of our cooperators tally their field information directly on the 3-3a field sheets the blank field sheets include blank field sheets with the and we will please like these you sheets would like these Thanks again. Inform us
Cordially,
Sam