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August 23, 1967

Dear Cooperator:

Once again we extend to you our thanks and appreciation for the fine job done on the 1967 Breeding Bird Survey. Both the fine coverage and the high quality of the individual counts exceeded our expectations.

The records from your Survey summary sheet have been put on punch cards to permit rapid summarization and analysis of the data. State summaries have already been sent to the State coordinators and to those Audubon Field Notes Regional Editors who requested them.

The 1967 Breeding Bird Survey encompassed 37 States and part or all of 7 Canadian Provinces. More than 925 survey routes were completed, only 8 of which could not be used because they did not conform to the survey instructions.

On the enclosed machine listing, the species you recorded on your route are identified by their AOU numbers, given in the column headed SPEC. These numbers may be decoded from the summary sheet, a copy of which is enclosed. With more sophisticated electronic equipment being installed this fall, we expect in the future to print out the species names and save you the decoding problem!

The column headings require a little explanation. Reading from left to right they are as follows: State or Province code; Route number, Latitude and Longitude of starting point; Observer; Number of consecutive years the route was covered by the same observer; Stratification code (an ecological subdivision of each State); Starting temperature; Starting wind speed (Beaufort scale); Sky condition at start (U. S. Weather Bureau code); Date; Species (AOU number, usually followed by a zero); The 5 page totals; Total individuals; Number of stops at which the species was found; and the Card Count (from which the species total is obtained).

Should you notice any errors in the listing, please contact us.

We are enclosing a copy of last year's report for each of our new cooperators. Copies have recently been mailed to all 1966 participants. If you failed to receive yours, please let us know. We trust that the report for 1967 will be printed more promptly than the one for last year.

Sincerely yours,

Chandler S. Robbins

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