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MEMORANDUM

MTAB-31

TO : All Banders

January 13, 1977

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, Maryland 20811

- SUBJECT:
1. End-of-the-Year Banding and Salvage Report Forms
 2. Acknowledgement of receipt of banding schedules
 3. New species numbers
 4. Two new band sizes -- 9C and 7D
 5. Communications between master permittees and their subpermittees
 6. Banding data on Bird Band Recovery Report Form 3-1807
 7. Mailing addresses used in banding reports
 8. Punched banding schedules
 9. Incorrect band numbering
 10. Report to the Bander cards without "hunter's" address
 11. Purchase of auxiliary markers by banders
 12. Reporting pigeon bands
 13. Banding station locations listing and memorandum

1. We regret the slight delay in mailing you the 1976 End-of-the-Year Banding and Salvage Report forms. These reports are due in the Bird Banding Laboratory not later than January 31, 1977. Do not jeopardize your permit by failing to complete and return these two forms immediately.

2. The Bird Banding Laboratory will acknowledge daily schedule receipt from each master permittee on or after January 3, 1977. Each bander will be sent a postcard with the date of receipt and the number of schedules received on that date. In this manner, all master permittees will be assured that their schedules were not lost in the mail or elsewhere. It is our intention that after a period of evaluation of this system, we will have the computer print these notices and they will be mailed directly to the bander. We would appreciate your comments on this procedure after you have submitted some schedules. The initial mailing of postcards will be about one week after you receive this MTAB.

3. Two new Species Numbers may be added to Appendix 5A of the Bird Banding Manual:

172.2	Giant Canada Goose	8
554.6	Mtn. White-crowned Sparrow	1B

4. Two new band sizes are being added to the inventory of stock bands: size 7D for some medium to large hawks and size 9C for some large swans. The dimensions of these bands are found on page 3-3 of the Manual. Size 7D should be in stock later this winter, and size 9C is presently on hand.

5. It is apparent from correspondence and data submitted from subpermittees that master permittees still are not communicating with their subpermittees. Master permittees are responsible for all correspondence from, and data reported by, their subpermittees to this office. MTAB's and revisions to the Bird Banding Manual should be routed to all subpermittees, field assistants and schedule typists so that they are aware of all pertinent information. Please make sure that your subpermittees read all MTAB's and have reviewed the Bird Banding Manual.

6. Paragraph 34 in Part 4 of the Bird Banding Manual specifies the use of the Bird Band Recovery Report (pink Form 3-1807). We strongly request that banders who report encounters of their own bands on this form also provide the banding data in the Remarks Section. This allows us to evaluate the need for processing the recovery, or to simply delete the bird from the original schedule. The latter option is used when the bird is dead within 90 days in the same 10-minute block as banded. Considerable time can be saved if the bander gives us banding data for all encounters. For bands which were not issued to the bander, please indicate "this band is not mine" in the Remarks Section of the Recovery Report.

7. Banders frequently report banding and/or recovery locations as actual mailing addresses. Unfortunately, the Bird Banding Laboratory has few city maps available which indicate block numbers, street names, or ZIP code boundaries. Instead of using street locations (e.g., 3746 W. Main Street) banders should utilize direction and mileage, such as "6 mi W and 3 mi N" of a particular point. This point may be the intersection of two major highways, center of a small town, or other similar easily found location. All locations reported on the tops of schedules should have, when necessary, miles and direction from the nearest town or major highway intersection, county, and state. Please avoid use of mailing addresses.

8. Some banders evidently keep their schedules in loose leaf binders. We would appreciate it if schedules submitted to the Bird Banding Laboratory did not have holes punched in them. Data have been lost because of hole punches.

9. All banders are reminded to check their bands for correct numbering as they are using them in the field. Occasionally one finds missing band numbers, duplicate numbers, or illegible number stamping on a

string of bands. We also know that the packet or box in which the bands are shipped to the banders may be labeled with improper numbers. A bander should personally verify the first and last band of every string received, to ensure he is signing for the correct band numbers. Duplicates or illegible bands should be returned to the Bird Banding Laboratory.

10. Banders occasionally receive Report to the Bander cards with the names and addresses of the "hunter" blank. Such blanks result when names and addresses of band reporters are difficult to abbreviate for computer processing. If the bander wishes to know the name and address of the band reporter, he may contact the Bird Banding Laboratory, furnishing the band and batch numbers of the report.

11. The Bird Banding Laboratory does not furnish auxiliary markers to banders. However, we do maintain lists of suppliers for plastic leg bands, vinyl-coated nylon, vinyl ink, laminated plastics, and other banding materials. If you are in need of such information, please contact us well in advance of anticipated marking activities.

12. We have had several inquiries from banders to whom pigeon bands have been reported by the public. We do not, as you know, process pigeon bands and request that you report them to one of the following associations:

IF Bands

International Federation of American
Homing Pigeon Fanciers, Inc.
Ms. Nona Fuerbach
National Secretary-Treasurer
Central Islip, NY 11722

AU Bands

The American Racing Pigeon
Union, Inc.
Charles E. Herin
Secretary-Treasurer
Maineville, OH 45039

13. On the reverse of this page is a self-explanatory memo concerning the listing of banding station locations you reported on your schedules. Please review this listing and return one corrected copy at your earliest convenience. You should consider the comments in paragraphs (2) and (3) on page 4-8 of the Bird Banding Manual to see if you can consolidate different locations in the same ten-minute block.

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Enclosures:

End-of-the-Year Banding Report Form
Salvage Report Form
1975 Banding Totals
Banding Locations Listing

"Do unto other banders' birds as you would have other banders do unto yours."



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Migratory Bird Management

Laurel, Maryland 20811

TO : All Banders
FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
SUBJECT: Banding Station Locations

The Banding Lab often gets requests from banders for information about other banders in their area, or in areas where they plan to band. Often, too, we here in the Lab have need to know of overlapping banding areas. To meet these and other recurring needs we have compiled a list of banding locations by coordinates. These data are then programmed and listed for other purposes.

One of these is a listing for each bander of his banding sites. To this end we are in the process of reviewing all banding locations in current use. For the sake of accuracy and timeliness we need your assistance in checking the banding sites as they are on file in your Bird Banding Laboratory jacket. Two copies of a listing of your locations are enclosed.

Please scrutinize each location carefully. In addition to correcting spelling and other obvious errors, please check to be sure this is the alpha description of the banding location which you use in the heading of your schedules. In some cases the "Local Area" of description has been truncated to conform with computer-allotted spaces; however, in every case the referenced town and mileage should be exactly as you are reporting the location. It would be appreciated also if you would indicate sites which you are no longer using and do not intend using in the future.

Please keep one copy of the listing for your files and return the other as soon as possible, showing corrections, or indicating no corrections are necessary.

These are the locations as spelled out on your schedules. They are NOT to be confused with the computer-generated names used for producing Certificates of Appreciation.

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Enclosures