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MEMORANDUM

January 4, 1979
MTAB-38

TO : All Banders

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

- SUBJECT:
1. End-of-the-Year Banding Report form
 2. Subpermittees' current names and addresses
 3. Banding station locations listing
 4. Data check of 1977 banding accomplishments
 5. Pen and ink changes in Bird Banding Manual, Vol. I
 6. 1977 End-of-the-Year Banding Report summary
 7. Comments on Vol. II sex and age keys
 8. Disposal of "lost" bands
 9. Procedure on replaced bands
 10. Requests for banding data
 11. Banding registered captive falcons
 12. Banding Association meeting dates

1. Enclosed is your End-of-the-Year Banding Report form (EOY). Please complete and return this form immediately. It is due in the Bird Banding Laboratory not later than January 31, 1979. The Salvage Report form has been discontinued.

2. Also enclosed are copies of subpermittees' current names and addresses. These apply only to masters who have subpermittees. Discrepancies should be reported as soon as possible.

3. An original and one copy of your banding locations are enclosed if locations were entered into our computer system by August 31, 1978. Please scrutinize each location carefully 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 (see MTAB-31).

4. A species tabulation of your 1977 banding accomplishments is enclosed if any banding was done under your permit and the banding data were in our files by November 1978. This is a check for accuracy of data in addition to Bird Banding Laboratory clerks', biologists' and computer edits, so please compare the listing data to your records and advise us of any discrepancies. Rebanded birds are not included in the summary and a double-banded bird is counted as one bird.

5. Please make pen and ink changes in Vol. I of the Bird Banding Manual. In addition to the band size changes listed below, on Page 27, paragraph 31, delete the second line, "Comments from references" This statement is not valid under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please use the band sizes which are given in the Bird Banding Manual, Vol. I, Part 5 as a guide. Use extreme care in placing bands on nestlings to be sure that the proper fit is obtained. Avoid random banding of nestlings, especially raptors. Band them only when the banding is part of a specific study. Advise the BBL if you have evidence that band sizes in the Manual are not proper for species you handle. Please make the following band size changes to the Bird Banding Manual, Vol. I:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Species No.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Change</u>	
			<u>Wrong Size</u>	<u>Proper Size</u>
5A-2	36.0	Pomarine Jaeger	4	5
5A-2	37.0	Parasitic Jaeger	3A	4A
5A-2	38.0	Long-tailed Jaeger	3A	4A - 4
5A-4	99.1	Bonin Petrel	3A	3 - 2
5A-8	178.2	Mute Swan	9A	9C
5A-8	181.0	Trumpeter Swan	9A	9C
5A-9	198.0	Reddish Egret	6	7A
5A-12	317.0	Zenaida Dove	2	4
5A-13	332.0	Sharp-shinned Hawk	♀3A - ♂2	♀3B-3A, ♂2-3
5A-13	334.0	Goshawk	♀7B, ♂7A	♀7A-7B, ♂6
5A-13	337.0	Red-tailed Hawk	Delete 8	Add 7D
5A-13	339.0	Red-shouldered Hawk	6	6 - 7A
5A-13	343.0	Broad-winged Hawk	5 - 6	5

Pen and ink changes--continued

5A-13	345.0	Black Hawk	6	7A - 6
5A-13	346.0	Gray Hawk	5	6 - 5
5A-13	348.0	Ferruginous Hawk		Add 7D
5A-14	355.0	Prairie Falcon	♂6 - ♀7A	♂5-6, ♀7A-6
5A-14	366.0	Long-eared Owl	6	5 - 6
5A-22	613.0	Barn Swallow	0	0 - 1
5A-25	675.0	No. Waterthrush	1	0 - 1
5A-25	679.0	Mourning Warbler	1	0 - 1
5A-25	704.0	Gray Catbird	1B - 1A	1A

6. End-of-the-Year Banding Report forms for 1977 were received from 1,988 banders. Of these, 611 had authorization to auxiliary-mark birds, 407 had authorization to band waterfowl, 75 had authorization to band endangered species, 83 to band eagles, and 43 had authorization to band in Canada. Ninety-six published magazine articles and 314 published in scientific journals. Ten banders failed to report and their permits were revoked.

7. The Bird Banding Manual, Vol. II, contains material on bird ageing and sexing. Please give special attention to the section titled "How to Use the Age-Sex Keys," (pp. 6-21 and 6-22), particularly paragraph 7.

The age-sex keys in Part 6 of Volume II supersede all other keys. If you use additional or alternate methods for ageing and/or sexing these species, please explain your methods in the "remarks" section of the schedule. Banders using Wood's Guide for species not covered in Volume II should not use it without the corrections and Update published by Sheppard and Klimkiewicz (available upon request from the BBL).

Please use the "remarks" section of the Banding Schedule (3-860) for explanations on status and/or ageing and sexing techniques.

8. If bands have been reported on schedules as lost or not used, and then subsequently found, please do not use them. Return them to the BBL and we will destroy them and correct your records accordingly.

9. Circumstances may arise when it is necessary to replace bands. These situations should be handled as follows:

a. Remove old worn band and replace with new band. Cross-reference the schedule by giving the old number in the "Common Name" column. Be sure to fill in the remainder of the schedule as you would normally for any new banding.

b. The old band should be taped to the "remarks" section of the schedule reporting the replaced band. If it is illegible it will be chemically etched to determine, if possible, the number for locating the original banding record.

c. BBL files will also be cross-referenced, thus maintaining the record for each bird.

d. If this procedure is followed it will eliminate the need for the form 3-1807.

10. All persons submitting data requests to the Bird Banding Laboratory should allow a minimum of two months for the data to reach them.

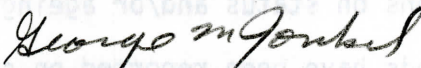
11. Banders placing a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band on a registered captive raptor at the time of release should remove the falconry marker and return it to the State wildlife agency.

12. The Eastern Bird Banding Association meeting will be held April 20-22 at Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania. Contact Valerie Freer, RFD 1, Box 21G, Ellenville, NY 12428 for further information.

The Northeastern Bird-Banding Association will hold its spring meeting at the Audubon Center, Greenwich, Connecticut on May 11-13, 1979. Contact Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, MA 02345.

The Western Bird Banding Association meeting is tentatively scheduled for early May at Santa Barbara, California. For further information contact Fern Tainter, Secretary, 355 Evans Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

We strongly urge your attendance.


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Enclosures