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July 31, 1981

MTAB-45

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, Maryland 20708

SUBJECT: 1. Tabulation of encounters of 1975 banded birds
2. Bird Banding Manual additions and revisions
3. End-of-the-year report summary
4. Banding data analysis service
5. Banding schedules and codes
6. Requests for banding permit revisions
7. Pigeon associations' addresses
8. Bird Banding Laboratory ZIP Code
9. Inland Bird Banding Association meeting

1. A tabulation of 1979 banding totals and 1975 banding and recovery totals by species is enclosed. These data are provided primarily to aid in research planning.

2. Enclosed are several replacement pages and many additional age/sex keys to Part 6, Volume II of the Bird Banding Manual. These have again been printed and furnished to us by the Canadian Wildlife Service. Please insert the revisions and destroy the old pages. These keys replace Wood's Guide and other age/sex material.

3. End-of-the-Year Banding Report forms for 1980 were received from 2,189 banders. Special provisions were authorized as follow: auxiliary-marking, 714; waterfowl banding, 435; endangered species marking, 107; and Canadian authorizations, 45. Ninety-eight banders published magazine articles and 315 published in scientific journals.

4. Enclosed is some information from Dave DeSante on Point Reyes' Data Analysis Service. It is the beginning of a permanent system to store and make available for use information that we do not have in the Bird Banding Lab and also to furnish original banding information to the BBL. We encourage your cooperation with Point Reyes.

5. Many banders misuse the age codes. A "Review of Age Codes" is available from BBL which will clarify the proper use of these codes. Some banders also fail to read their Banding Schedule Evaluations, MTAB's and Bird Banding Manuals. Minor, but consistent, mistakes are made regularly on age and/or sex which cause delays in processing records. We suggest that banders use the Bird Banding Manual, Vol. II as their first reference. Wood's Guide (with the 1970 corrections and

1976 Update) or Robert's Birds of Minnesota should be used only for those species not yet printed in Vol. II. That is, a bander should start with the Bird Banding Manual, Vol. II and then use the others only if there is no information for that species in the Bird Banding Manual. If other techniques are used, bander's should explain the method in detail in the "remarks" section of the schedule or an attached letter.

It has become painfully obvious in recent years that without proper age and sex data (as well as species identification, latitude/longitude, and proper dates), certain important analyses of banding data cannot be made. Most banders apparently do not realize that when they fail to age and/or sex a bird that can be aged or sexed with 95% reliability at that time of year, their data are frequently ignored in subsequent analyses. We realize that there are many species that cannot be aged and/or sexed at certain times of the year. However, when it is possible to age or sex the bird through careful examination the bander should do so, or release the bird unbanded (for example, American Goldfinches).

6. Please consolidate all requests for any changes in your banding permit such as auxiliary-marking, additional nets, subpermittees, and additional States. Make your request at least 30 days prior to the date required. It is very time-consuming to retype permits for minor changes. Please note--auxiliary-marking authorization is not automatically renewed; request in advance of expiration. Mention your permit number in all correspondence.

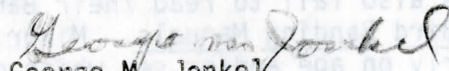
7. For your use in replying to inquiries from the public, the pigeon associations' addresses have been changed as follow:

Charles E. Herin, National Secretary-Treasurer
The American Racing Pigeon Union
P. O. Box 26
Maineville, OH 45039

Mrs. Marie Rotondo, Secretary-Treasurer
International Federation of Homing Pigeon
Fanciers, Inc.
107 Jefferson Street
Belmont Hills, PA 19004

8. The new ZIP Code for the Bird Banding Laboratory is 20708.

9. The Inland Bird Banding Association will hold its annual meeting in Galveston, Texas, September 25-27, 1981. For further information, write to Allan J. Mueller, 7928 Pruitt Drive, Galveston, TX 77551.


George M. Jonkel

Enclosures:

Tab - 1975 banded birds
BBM additions/revisions
Data analysis service