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MTAB 54
October 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Banders

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

SUBJECT: Multiple Band System and North American Bird Bander (NABB)

The new Multiple Band System will be used to process all replaced bands as well as added-to bands. The program will produce a Report-to-Bander record for the original bander as well as any subsequent bander who replaces a band or applies an additional band. The following information explains the system and procedures for replaced and added-to records. Please keep this MTAB with your Manuals.

The Report-to-Bander format will be slightly different. The Original Band Number field will be blank if the Reported Number is identical to the original band number. If the Reported Number is different, the Reported Number and the Original Number will be given. This will alert the bander to records which have been processed through the multiple system. Please check your records carefully for the numbers. If you cannot relate to the record after a careful check, write and enclose a copy of the record. Please maintain complete and accurate cross-reference records to help you relate to reports in the future.

We have a very large back-log (over 10,000 records) and will process these records through the new Multiple System as quickly as time and personnel permit. Please be patient during this time.

There are several ways that you can help:

1. Please do not replace bands unless absolutely necessary. If you work with a species which has a band wear problem, consider the use of stainless bands (contact the Chief for details).
2. Do not add bands. Replacement is preferred for worn or illegible bands. If your study requires added bands, please obtain authorization in advance.
3. Never use the pink Recovery Form (3-1807) to report the traps involved with these procedures. All information should be on the schedule (3-860). Put either "replaces XXX-XXXXX" (number) or "added-to XXX-XXXXX" (number) in the common name space. The AOU number will identify the species. If there are only a few replacements per schedule, tape the worn bands on the back in the "Remarks" section. If there are too many, tape the bands to a heavy piece of paper and write the new number beside each one. Be sure permit name and number are at the top of each sheet.

4. Always replace illegible bands. If possible, tape them face down on the schedule on attached sheet. Tape gum interferes with the etching process. After etching, we will return a copy of the schedule to you and give the complete number or notify you if a number could not be obtained. If a number is not obtained, a banding will be entered under the new number. Remember that replaced and added-to are not counted as new birds.

We urge all banders who are not Association members to join their Regional Banding Associations. There are benefits for you including more personal contacts for ideas, input and direction to your bird studies. As a result, the Association will benefit too. The Association publication, North American Bird Bander (NABB), needs your articles about your field studies. Write up your results and publish them.

As Jerome Jackson described in an editorial in the October-November 1983 issue of NABB, banders have an opportunity and a responsibility to contribute by publishing their findings. Jackson also described the need for journal articles, how to write them and the need to maintain the current high quality and standards of NABB. His advice is a good prescription for the success and survival of both the NABB and the banding program. Support the Associations and help maintain NABB as a quality publication for banding studies.

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