

NOTES AND NEWS

EBBA GRANT

The Eastern Bird Banding Association again is offering a \$250 Memorial Grant-in-aid of research. The applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student at a college or university within the United States and must be using bird banding as part of his or her research. Proposals should be sent to the Chairman of the Memorial Grant Committee before **15 March 1975**: BERTRAM G. MURRAY, JR., *Department of Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903*.

NEBBA COMMITTEES FOR 1974-75

Mist Net Committee—James O. Seamans, James Baird, James B. Hallett

Index Committee—David W. Johnston, James O. Seamans, I. C. T. Nisbet

Investment Committee—James O. Seamans, Deborah V. Howard, Lydia Kennard

Committee on Storage of Back Issues of Bird-Banding—George A. Clark, Jr., Brian A. Harrington, Richard B. Farrar, Jr.

Research Grant Committee—Brian A. Harrington, James B. Hallett, Richard B. Farrar, Jr., Charles H. Blake.

BACK ISSUES OF BIRD-BANDING

Many back issues of *Bird-Banding* are available from the Treasurer. These may be purchased for \$2. Higher prices prevail for some scarce issues.

MEETINGS

The annual meeting of NEBBA was held 11-13 October 1974 at Block Island, R. I. At the Council Meeting (nine Councilors present) on 12 October, reports were heard from the Editor of *Bird-Banding*, Index Committee, Treasurer, Investment Committee, Committee on Back Issues of *Bird-Banding*, Mist Net Committee, and Research Committee. Additional attention was given to *Bird-Banding*—sale of back issues, preparation of a 1961-70 Ten-year Index, new-binding in 1975, and the possibility of a new cover design.

At the Annual Business Meeting on 12 October, the Nominating Committee made its report. New officers and councilors were elected as follows—*President*, James O. Seamans; *Vice-president*, James B. Hallett; *Secretary*, Deborah V. Howard; *Treasurer*, Lydia L. Kennard; *Councilors*, Mrs. Leon G. Phinney, Mrs. Betty Downs, Gilbert F. Fernandez, Robert P. Yumick.

NEBBA expressed its deep appreciation to Betty Downs for 20 years as a member of the Council and 15 years as Treasurer, and presented her with a carving of a Common Yellowthroat.

Following adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting, the Editor of *Bird-Banding*, Dr. David W. Johnston, presented a talk illustrated with slides and tape recordings of his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands.

American Ornithologists' Union—At the 92nd Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held in Norman, Oklahoma, 14-18 October 1974 the following officers were elected; President, Donald S. Farner; First Vice-President, Charles G. Sibley; Second Vice-President, Wesley E. Lanyon; Secretary, George E. Watson; Treasurer, John A. Wiens; Editor of the AUK, Oliver L. Austin.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to James R. King. The Elliott Coues Award was given to the late Robert H. MacArthur.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

COLOR-DYED CANVASBACKS

Canvasbacks marked with colorful plumage dyes were recently released at key migrational concentration areas in the North Central states by wildlife research biologists of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the color-marking program is to determine the migrational dispersal and wintering distribution of canvasbacks staging on the Upper Mississippi River. During the 1974 fall migration, male canvasbacks were dyed different colors at concentration

areas near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Keokuk, Iowa. The colors used were blue, yellow, and pink. Any observation of color-marked canvasbacks should be reported to the *Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, P. O. Box 1747, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401*. The following information is requested: observer (name and address), date, time, location of observation (be specific), and color of the bird (be descriptive). In addition, information on the activity of the bird, size of the flock, and species of ducks associated with the marked bird would be helpful. This research on the migrational habitat and destinations of the canvasbacks is part of a comprehensive investigation to identify major factors influencing the population status of this species. Any observations of these color-marked canvasbacks would be greatly appreciated.

SIGHTING OF COLOR-DYED ROYAL TERN

My field notes reveal a 1972 observation of a color-dyed Royal Tern, *Thalasseus maximus*. Potential marker of this bird may write for the meager details.—**JACK P. HAILMAN**, *Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. 53706*.

MIST NET PRICE CHANGES

Since the last publication (*Bird-Banding*, 44 (4):333-336, 1973) of NEBBA mist nets and their prices, it has been necessary to make further adjustments in net prices. The following table indicates current prices:

Net Type	Price 1	Price 2	Price 3
ATX	11.40	9.10	7.95
CTX	11.10	8.90	7.80
DTX	6.40	5.10	4.50
ETX	11.30	9.05	7.90
FTX	13.80	11.05	9.65
GTX	8.10	6.50	5.70
HTX	12.80	10.25	9.00
JTX	6.90	5.55	4.85
KTX	12.40	9.95	8.70

1. Base Price
2. Price to non-member/subscriber. Cash with order.
3. Price to member/subscriber. Cash with order.

Net orders and inquiries should be directed to: Mist Nets, Manomet Bird Observatory, P. O. Box O, Manomet, Mass. 02345. Purchasers in Mass. should add 3% sales tax.