

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Migratory Bird Populations Station
Laurel, Maryland 20810

SUBJECT: 1. Departure of Larry Hood from the Banding Lab
2. End of the Year Report
3. Salvage Form Completion
4. Status of "The Edit"
5. Status of the Manual
6. Listings and P and I Cards to States
7. Miscellaneous

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1. Departure of Larry L. Hood. Larry Hood left the Bird Banding Laboratory January 7, 1972. He moved on to a position as Assistant to the Chief, Branch of Enforcement, Division of Management and Enforcement, in the Washington, D. C., office. He is primarily concerned in the control of importation of endangered species and violation of inter-State shipment of native species.

The Bird Banding Lab and the banders will really miss having Larry around. Besides doing a lot of work, Larry adds much interest to the banding program. Many of you know him personally and are aware of his sense of humor which blends well with his competence in banding and ornithological activities. Larry will be difficult to replace and we hope we can find someone soon who can do as good a job as he has done.

2. The End of the Year Report is enclosed with this MTAB. Please complete it and return it to the Bird Banding Laboratory by March 1. We are requiring completed forms from all Master and Master--Station permittees. On April 1 a follow-up notice will be sent for reports not received at the Banding Lab. Banding activity will be suspended for permits with End of the Year Reports still outstanding May 1, 1972.

U. S. Game Management Agents who will be banding as subpermittees under Agents-in-Charge Master--Station permits are requested to complete and return this year's End of the Year Report. We plan to key punch the results for our use and for aid to banders requesting information.

3. A bird salvage report form is also included with this MTAB. Please complete and return it whether or not you salvaged any birds. If you need additional forms to complete your report, please let us know how many so that we can send them by return mail. We hope that the form is self-explanatory. If you have any difficulty or suggestions, please take time to write to us.
4. Status of the Edit. The first phase of the edit of the Recovery File is nearing completion, with only about 1,600 error records remaining of the 110,552 errors detected. Some of these 1,600 we will not be able to resolve because we cannot locate the source documents. Phase II of the Recovery File Edit is already programmed and ready to begin. This phase will check for duplicate records and for such conditions as records of birds trapped after they were found dead.

The repunching of the size 7 bandings performed from 1960 through 1966 is completed. These data were edited by a modified Tub File edit program (see MTAB's 12 and 14), and those errors which were kicked out have been resolved. No more repunching of other band sizes has been accomplished.

Bandings in the Summary File prior to 1960 have also been edited. Certain blocks of errors resulting from that edit have been resolved, but the major task of correcting that file is still ahead.

5. Status of the Manual. A draft of the North American Bird Banding Manual is now being reviewed at the Migratory Bird Populations Station and Canadian Wildlife Service office in Ottawa. The CWS will have the Manual printed and hopefully ready for distribution to banders in April 1972.
6. Listings and availability of P and I cards to States. For several years we have been sending two monthly listings of game bird recoveries to the respective state conservation departments. The first listing contained recoveries of all game birds banded within the state and recovered anywhere, and the other, recoveries of all game birds recovered within the state and banded elsewhere. Due to the growing interest of state conservation departments in birds other than game birds, we have eliminated the game bird provision in the program that produces the above listings. Therefore, as of December 1971, the states are now receiving similar listings of all recoveries, of both game and non-game birds.

Interested persons should be aware that such data are now available from their state conservation departments. These are usually located in the State capital.

Some states are able to handle data in the form of punched and interpreted (P and I) cards. Accordingly, the Bird Banding Laboratory can, upon request, furnish P and I cards in lieu of the above listings. The Banding Laboratory has developed the capacity to furnish punched and interpreted cards containing the same recovery data which is contained in the above listings to those states that request them. Some states already receive P and I cards for recoveries of birds banded under their permit numbers. A state would no longer receive these cards if it requested the more complete deck of cards for recoveries of all birds either banded or recovered within the state.

7. Miscellaneous. In reviewing schedules, occasional birds are noted that are collected as scientific specimens. These birds should not be banded. These records are never entered into our files, so if the band number is reported years later, it creates problems.

We are getting quite a lot of requests for a form for Bird Marking and Salvage Permit renewal. There is no form for renewal. A letter or card requesting renewal and specifying any additions, deletions, etc., in color marking and/or subpermits should be submitted about 30 days prior to expiration date on the permit.

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Enclosures

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