

TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory  
Office of Migratory Bird Management

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MTAB-25

SUBJECT: 1. End of the Year Banding Report  
2. CFR, Title 50, Part 13  
3. Report of Banding  
4. Endangered Species Banding  
5. 1973 Bandings  
6. Requests for Permit Actions  
7. Ordering Bands  
8. Status Change of Previously Banded Birds  
9. Correction to MTAB-21  
10. Corrections to MTAB-24  
11. Bird Banding Manual Revision

1. The End of the Year Banding Report form for calendar year 1974 is enclosed. Please note the revised method for reporting salvaged birds under item J.

2. Also enclosed is a copy of Title 50, Part 13, of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is furnished for your information because Federal permit holders must certify that they have read and conformed with the regulations. A copy of the required certification is reprinted at the bottom of the End of the Year Banding Report (EOY) for your convenience.

3. Banding data for all bands used in one calendar year are due not later than the following January 31. The Bird Banding Manual specifies (pages 4-1 and 4-2) the submission dates for schedules reporting game and non-game birds.

4. We have been delayed in finalizing procedures for banding endangered species. Further instructions will follow as soon as possible.

5. Attached is a listing of your 1973 bandings. Please review these and advise us of any discrepancies.

6. Master permittees should be sure to give their subpermittees access to MTAB's and the Bird Banding Manual so that they may keep current on procedures. Correspondence and requests for permit amendments, renewals, and other permit actions must originate from the Master permittee or the Responsible Individual for a Master--Station permit.

7. Banders are encouraged to follow procedures outlined in the Bird Banding Manual when ordering bands. Telephone calls requesting rush orders cannot always receive special attention, particularly during the busy hunting season. In addition, postal deliveries are generally slower then.

8. Banders should not alter the Status of previously banded birds they may encounter without special permission from the Bird Banding Laboratory. Status changes require costly computer processing. Also, the captor of a previously banded bird should realize that the original bander may not want his banded sample, and thus study, biased by special treatments (e.g., color-marker added, blood sample taken) of which he is unaware. Banders are encouraged, however, to continue replacing badly worn or damaged bands regardless of the original bander.

9. Correction to MTAB-21, item 1.m.: The Ipswich Sparrow is considered a subspecies of the Savannah Sparrow, continue to use 541.0 and 542.0, respectively, for each. The species number 542.0 was inadvertently listed as 540.0.

10. Corrections to MTAB-24, item 5: Florida requires a State banding permit but Indiana does not require a State banding permit.

11. The Bird Banding Offices (Laurel and Ottawa) intend to revise the Bird Banding Manual during 1975. Banders are requested to advise us of sections, statements, and/or terms needing clarification or correction.

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Enclosures