

MTAB 59
January 21, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Banders

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

SUBJECT:

1. 1984 Banding Accomplishments
2. Current Name and Address Listing
3. Addition to Bird Banding Manual, Vol. II
4. New Regulations in Mexico
5. Request for Banders Telephone Numbers
6. Transporting and holding birds
7. Schedule Submission
8. Band Issue Management System and Band Transfers
9. Auxiliary Marking
10. Additions to the Endangered Species List
11. Eastern Bird Banding Association Meeting
12. Association of Field Ornithologists Meeting

1. Attached is our record of birds banded under your permit during 1984. Please check the listing and notify us of any problems or errors.
2. A Current Name and Address Listing is attached. Please make any necessary revisions and return it to us. Please do not use this listing for new requests.
3. Enclosed are new pages for Vol. II of the Bird Banding Manual. These were printed and furnished to us by the Canadian Wildlife Service. Materials (program and criteria) for submission of computer produced schedules and data on floppy disc will not be available until early April.
4. The Government of Mexico has changed the regulations relating to scientific research in Mexico. Request permission from Mexico at least seven months in advance of any planned banding. Write to Mr. Scott Crissman, Science Officer, U.S. Embassy Mexico, P.O. Box 3087 Laredo, Texas, 78044, phone (905) 211-0042, extension 3791.
5. Please include your daytime phone number in all correspondence to us, so it is easier for us to call, if needed.
6. We do not have authority in BBL to issue permits for transporting birds or for holding them more than 24 hours. See the Banding Manual (VOL. I Pg. 2A-1) for the Regional Office, Division of Law Enforcement contact (for special purpose permits).
7. Schedules (F 3-860) for any birds banded during 1986 are due no later than January 31. This should include any complete strings as well as any partial strings not previously reported to us.
8. We are developing a computer system for management of bands from ordering and

issuing through final accounting (Band Issue Management System - BIMS). A separate MTAB will be sent in the spring to cover necessary procedure changes. It will be necessary to restrict transfers to no less than 100 bands for sizes 0 through 3B. Sizes 4 and above cannot be transferred except in multiples of 5. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

9. Now that we have a functional computerized auxiliary marking system, it is appropriate for all banders to review their auxiliary marking projects. It is costly to store unnecessary information so please inform us of any authorizations you no longer need, particularly any that were never used. It would also be appropriate to review any projects in which you are currently engaged, to make certain that you have an appropriate letter of authorization.
10. During 1986, the Northern Aplomado Falcon, Least Bell's Vireo and the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow were listed as endangered. Contact the Federal Wildlife Permit Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Broy), Washington D.C. 20240, for a permit if you plan to band any of these species. Florida populations of the Crested Caracara and the Florida Scrub Jay may be listed by mid 1987. Persons working on either of these species may want to prepare applications in advance for submission when the species is listed.
11. The Eastern Bird Banding Association Annual Meeting is in conjunction with the Wilson Meeting, May 27-31, 1987 at Utica, NY. For further information contact, Dr. Judith McIntyre, Department of Biology, Utica College of Syracuse University Utica, NY 13502. Phone (315) 792-3088.
12. The Association of Field Ornithologists Annual Meeting is May 1-3, 1987 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. For further information contact, Scott Sutcliffe, Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-255-4288).

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