

MEMORANDUM

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TO : All Banders

FROM : Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory
Office of Migratory Bird Management
Laurel, Maryland 20811

SUBJECT: 1. Revised North American Bird Banding Manual
2. Recovery listings to States and Provinces
3. Banding location maps
4. Different calendar years on one schedule
5. Distribution of Bird Band Recovery Report forms
6. Association meetings

1. Enclosed is your copy of the revised North American Bird Banding Manual, Vol. 1, which replaces the 1972 manual. Manuals are not being sent for subpermittees. If you have subpermittees who cannot use your copy because of distance or other reasons, write to us and request additional manuals. There are many changes in this new edition, so please review it carefully. Sections (and pages) revised extensively include: Subpermits - U.S. only, 2-2; Authorization to Capture or Mark Endangered Species, 2-11; Permit Suspensions and Revocations, 2-13; Delivery or Shipment of Specimens, 2-17; Correction of Data, 4-15; Banding Schedule Sample, 4-16; Hunting Season Survived Code, 5-4; Day Codes, 5-5; Status Codes, 5-6; and Information Requirements for Data Retrieval, Part 7. You may use the old manual pages as stationery for letters to the Bird Banding Laboratory if you wish.

2. Periodically we send States and Provinces listings of recoveries from bandings in that State or Province and reports of recoveries of birds in that State or Province but banded elsewhere. Effective April 1976, these listings will not include raptor species numbers 324 through 364.

3. Some banders send banding location maps each time they submit schedules. We need only one map for each batch of schedules submitted and then only when one or more new banding locations are being reported. Normally a single State highway map is sufficient to pinpoint and name all new locations. New locations should be identified on the map as they are expressed on the schedules (e.g., "6 mi N of Laurel, Prince Georges Co., MD.")

4 Schedules may be used to report more than one calendar year's data. If a bander finishes a string of bands in early January, he may submit the data for the previous year and the current year on the same schedule. If a bander discovers he failed to submit data for bands used in a previous year he may combine the years on one schedule as long as all bands are accounted for in a contiguous series.

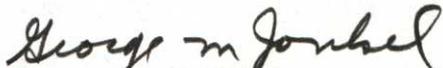
5. The BBL still receives the pink Bird Band Recovery Reports (form 3-1807) from the general public or other unidentifiable persons. PLEASE DO NOT DISTRIBUTE these forms. They must be submitted by banders and/or conservation agency personnel; otherwise, many recoveries are rendered useless for certain studies.

6. Banders are strongly encouraged to attend the various bird banding association meetings. Meetings have workshops and/or discussions of great value to all banders. Past workshops have shown banders how to age and/or sex birds, check for molt, and other bander-related topics. Workshops and paper sessions are open to non-members of the associations. The Bird Banding Laboratory has frequently found that banders who attend such programs show a significant increase in interest and submit better banding data. Banders should avail themselves of all possible sources of information, and association meetings are a major source of banding information.

This year's meeting dates are:

June 4-6, Western Bird Banding Association, Ft. Collins, Colorado

October 15-17, Inland Bird Banding Association, Council Bluffs, Iowa


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Enclosure