

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Forty-fourth Annual Meeting - 25-27 April, 1969

The 44th Annual Meeting of The Western Bird Banding Association was held as a joint meeting with the Cooper Ornithological Society in Tucson, Arizona, on 25-27 April 1969. Forty-four people attended the business-luncheon meeting, called to order by Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, President.

A Round Table opened the meeting, with each one present introducing himself, and describing his particular banding interest. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted as corrected (by Virginia Coughran). The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Membership chairman Enid Austin reported that WBBA had approximately 190 members in 31 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and 2 foreign countries, as of 25 April.

The report of the nominating committee was read by Chairman Howard Cogswell, who noted that the slate was drawn to secure a wide geographical coverage, and thereby interest banders throughout the Western Region. The slate follows:

President: Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, Fort Collins, Colorado.
First Vice-president: Virginia Coughran, San Diego, California.
Second Vice-president: Terence Wahl, Bellingham, Washington.
Secretary: Allegra Collister, Longmont, Colorado
Business Manager: Thomas Rodgers, Chico, California.

The slate was elected unanimously.

Jay M. Sheppard suggested an informal luncheon meeting for WBBA members on the following day, 26 April. The suggestion was adopted. Dr. Ryder announced that a proposal had been made to hold the 1970 meeting in southern California. Efforts will be made to firm up this proposal.

Following the business session, Earl B. Baysinger, Chief of the Bird Banding Laboratory, addressed the meeting. He gave banding statistics for 1968; presented plans for the coming year; gave a brief summary of MTAB-12, which was in the mail to all banders. A question and answer period followed his talk, and was continued after adjournment of the meeting.

Chandler S. Robbins, who is in charge of the Breeding Bird Survey, gave a brief description of the program. Data is being analyzed in such categories as habitat, population trends, etc.

PAPER SESSIONS

Of the papers presented in six sessions, the following were given by members of WBBA:

Territory in LeConte's Thrasher - Jay M. Sheppard, California State College.
Group-oriented Behavior of Acorn Woodpeckers - Darrell T. Lee, University of Arizona, Tucson.
Age Composition of Fall Migrants - G. John Relph, Point Reyes, Bolinas, Cal.
Movements and Mortality of Snowy Egrets of North America - Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.
Gonadal Cycle in the Central American Jacana of Panama - Gerald Collier, San Diego State College, San Diego, California.
Niche Overlap in Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbirds - Lazio J. Szijj, California Polytechnic College, Pomona, California.

Postnuptial and Postjuvinal Molt in White-crowned Sparrows in Central Alaska - James R. King et al, Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.

Natal Down of Hummingbirds - Charles T. Collins, California State College, Long Beach, California.

Water Economy of the Sage Sparrow - Ralph Moldenhaer, Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, Texas.

FIELD TRIPS

More than 130 species of birds were seen on the Sunday field trips, led by capable Arizona ornithologists. They included such specialties as Olivaceous Cormorant, Zone-tailed, Gray and Black Hawks, Harlequin Quail, several species of hummingbirds including White-eared, Red-faced Warbler and Painted Redstart.

APPRECIATION

The joint meetings were co-sponsored by the University of Arizona, Tucson Audubon Society, and the Arizona-Sonora Museum, and were held on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson. Appreciation is expressed to Dr. Stephen M. Russell and his arrangements committee, and to Dr. John W. Hardy and his program committee, for their superb planning of all events connected with these meetings. A film of beautiful Arizona birds was shown on Friday evening by Harry and Ruth Crockett of Phoenix. Saturday's program consisted of an open house at the Arizona-Sonora Museum, followed by western entertainment and a barbecue beef dinner at Old Tucson.

Virginia Coughran, Eleanor Radke
Secretaries Pro Tem