

Lochead, Marlborough, N. Y., is chairman of the Bird Committee of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, a new department set up at the request of the National Council of Garden Clubs.

(Ed. Note: Bill to remove Snowy Owl from protected bird list was killed in Senate committee.)

We salute the Conservation Forum of New York State for the fine legislative program it has projected, including (among other issues with which we, too, have concerned ourselves) the following:

- 1) Prohibition of use of pole-traps on state or other game preserves.
- 2) Make illegal the destruction of fish-eating birds around state and other fish hatcheries and require that such hatcheries should be protected by wire netting. (The new Dingall Bill will provide around \$3,000,000 annually for the promotion of better fishing. The National Audubon Society urges that some of this money be spent on proper screening at the hatcheries.)
- 3) Ban on commercial traffic in lycopodiums (club-mosses used as Christmas greens).

COLOR BANDING EVENING GROSBEAKS

Many bird-banders and observers having a particular interest in the movements and habits of the Evening Grosbeak, are joining in a survey to pool their observations of this interesting but unpredictable bird.

To help trace movements and migration of the Evening Grosbeak the bird-banding office is stressing the use of colored aluminum bands in six easily recognizable colors. Thus it will be easy to spot these birds so banded at feeding stations.

The colors to be used in various banding areas are Green for Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Maine, Vermont, N. H. and northern N. Y. (approximately the northern "bulge" of the state including the Adirondacks and north to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence). Yellow for Mass. and Central N. Y. Blue for R. I., Conn. and Long Island. Red for Penna., N. J., Del., Md., Va., West Va., Ind., Ohio and the southeastern "bulge" of N. Y. Black for Ontario and Mich. (except upper peninsula). White (uncolored aluminum) for upper peninsula of Mich., Wisc., Minn., Iowa and Ill.

Observations on the Evening Grosbeaks from New York State should be forwarded to Stephen C. Fordham, Jr., Delmar Game Farm, Delmar, New York.

Particular note should be taken of first and last dates the birds are observed, number of males and females in flock, native foods eaten, foods the birds will eat at feeding stations, where the birds roost, times of arrival and departure, behavior among themselves and to other birds, their reaction towards animals in vicinity of feeder, visible injuries, attitude of sexes toward each other, or opposite sex, unusual plumages and any other noteworthy observations and of course, any data on any banded bird.

During the past summer 8 juvenile and 5 adult birds were banded at Saranac Lake, N. Y. A government aluminum band was placed on right leg and a narrow light blue band placed over a full-sized red band on the left leg of these birds.

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