

It was suggested at the Council meeting that member clubs might take out extra subscriptions for donation to local libraries, museums, nature centers and institutions of learning. Perhaps extra club copies could be put to this use.

The list of organizations with which we exchange publications was published in the May, 1971, issue of *The Kingbird*. Anyone wishing to have the use of any of these publications on a month's basis should get in touch with the Editor.

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SHOREBIRD RECAPTURE OPERATION

The University of Montreal is conducting a research program to study the migration routes of North American shorebirds in relation to their flight range capabilities.

A field staff undertook a marking program in 1970 on the Atlantic coast (Magdalen Islands and Sable Island) of southbound migrating shorebirds to ascertain the percentage of birds that use an overseas route to the Caribbean and northern South America as compared with those that follow the coast down to Florida before passing to South America.

Shorebirds will be mist-netted and banded with regular bands, from July 10 to October 15 again this year. Each bird will be color marked; feather dyes will be used on the underparts and streamers attached to the leg or to the wing. Birds caught on the Magdalen Islands will be marked YELLOW (dye and streamer), while the ones from Sable Island will bear RED markings. The six last figures of the band number will be written on the streamer; they will be large enough to be read with binoculars or telescope. The flight range capabilities of each individual will be estimated from its fresh weight and other parameters. The same program will be repeated in 1972.

The collaboration of all bird watchers is requested to make this program a success. Anyone sighting these marked birds should (1) note the band number on the streamer, and report the locality, date, color of streamer or dye and species; (2) weigh the bird (when caught alive); (3) report any sight records of color marked shorebirds (underparts and streamer, yellow or red).

All reports and other communications should be addressed to Dr. Raymond McNeil, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Montreal, C.P. 6128, Montreal 101, Quebec, Canada.

FIELD NOTES

Bar-tailed Godwit at Moriches, L.I. While accompanying a Vermont friend, Mrs. John McCormick, on an annual shore-birding trip, Mrs. Crispin Cooke and I were birding on an island straddling Moriches Inlet, Suffolk Co., commonly known as Bird Island, on Mon., May 10th, 1971. As we approached the extensive mudflats on the west end in squally rain and wind, we spotted an unusual Godwit feeding near