

BACK ISSUE WANTED

In the July 1971 issue of *The KINGBIRD* there was a request for some twenty-two back numbers for the research library of the New Jersey State Museum.

Mr. Donald S. Heintzelman, the Curator of Ornithology at the N.J. State Museum Cultural Center, has recently indicated that we have supplied all of the needed back issues except for Volume III, No. 2.

Repeating our appeal for this volume, we hope that the response of our membership will complete the whole series for the N.J. State Museum.

SANDERLING MARKING

Request for information

For the past two years, the Long Point Bird Observatory on the north shore of Lake Erie has undertaken a study on the relationship between fat deposition and fall migration in the Sanderling. In conjunction with this study, a large number of birds have been colour-marked and sightings of these marked birds away from Long Point have indicated that most of the birds fly directly from the study area to the East Coast.

During 1972, the Observatory hopes to individually colour-mark and colour-code several hundred Sanderling in order to further investigate this phenomenon. The colour-coding will involve three aspects: colour-marking with feather dye, wing-tagging and banding with the normal aluminum band.

Birds will be feather-dyed on the breast and abdomen with one of four colours: red, yellow, green, or white (no colour); according to the percent of the bird's total body weight attributable to fat.

The birds will be wing-tagged on *each* wing with semipermanent wing tags of the following colours: black, blue, brown, green, red, orange, yellow and white. The wing-tagging will individually identify each bird.

The placement of the aluminum band will indicate the age of the bird. Birds banded on the right leg will be adults and those banded on the left leg will be immatures.

The Observatory would be pleased if anyone sighting these birds would report the following information to us:

- Date of sighting
- Location (including nearest city or town)
- Colour of feather-dye on the breast and abdomen
- Colour of the wing tag on the right wing
- Colour of the wing tag on the left wing
- Leg on which the bird is banded

Co-operators will receive a short note explaining the project's application to the preservation of the Long Point peninsula in a natural state and the date on which the bird was last seen on Long Point. Reports of marked birds should be sent to:

Long Point Bird Observatory,
Long Point, Ontario,
Canada.