

(14 cases), hepatitis (23 cases) and intestinal parasitism (flukes: 25 cases) were the common diseases of the digestive system. Other significant diseases encountered were sarcosporidiosis (18 cases), pneumonia (17 cases), poisoning by D.D.T. (23 cases) and lead poisoning (16 cases of waterfowl). Three illustrations show salmonella in House Sparrow, pox lesion in the mouth of a Yellow-shafted Flicker, and fibroma in the throat of a starling.

Some Results of Bird-banding in the Congo (Kinshasa). A. E. De Bont. 1970. *Ostrich*, 41: 195-199.

Banding in the Congo has been carried out since 1954 on a limited scale, and the present paper summarized data derived from these activities. Movement, age composition and moult in the wintering population of the European Swallow *Hirundo rustica* are summarized and compared with recent South African studies.

The Australian Bird-banding Scheme—Its Problems and Future. D. Purchase. 1970. *Ring*, 63, 25-31.

The Future of Bird Ringing in Asia. H. Elliott McClure. 1970. *Ring*, 63, 32-34.

Bird Ringing in Southern Africa. M. K. Rowan. 1970. *Ring*, 63:34-38.

Opinions on problems of banding in various parts of the world were invited. These three papers resulted. The problems of the Australian scheme are, fortunately, mostly past, and have been well publicised elsewhere.

In Asia, most banding to date has been initiated by the Migratory Animal Pathological Survey; as this programme is now closing, banding in most Asian countries is declining. Continuation, and possible expansion, of banding is probable in Malaya, Japan and India. Most other countries have neither the literacy level nor cultural interest to sustain a widespread banding scheme, and most Asians are, of necessity, interested in birds only as a source of food (or profit, if possible).

In South Africa, the basic problems are lack of finance and the relatively few banders scattered over vast areas. Recoveries tend to be low because of sparse population (and the unsophistication of much of this population) and the high density of predators and scavengers. The risk of infection with bilharzia (waterborne parasitic worms) is always present when handling birds which roost or nest in reeds or under culverts or bridges. The need for a series of permanent banding stations across the country is stressed.

Bird Banding Supplies

Present prices for mist nets and spring balances are set out in vol. 8, no. 4, page 86 (December 1970).

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Notice of Meetings

A **Special General Meeting** of The Bird Banders' Association of Australia will be held in the Staff Recreation Room, Australian Museum, Sydney (access at side entrance, William Street) at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July 1971.

Alterations to the constitution, particularly concerning investment of moneys will be considered.

The next **Annual General Meeting** will be held in Canberra, A.C.T. on 22 January 1972. Further details will be advised in later issues.