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WHO BANDED THESE DUCKS?

The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture is trying to learn where two ducks were tagged with aluminum bands of a kind different from those used in the bureau's investigations. Both bands are of the kind known as "challenge" bands, and both had the number "13" in raised figures.

One was carried by a hen mallard shot on Bear Lake, Minn., on October 20, 1923, by Dr. George A. Dodge, and was reported to the bureau by Chas. W. Henke, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Game and Fish of Minnesota. The other band was carried by a drake mallard, killed ten days later by G. A. Simon, at Horse Shoe Lake, seven miles northeast of St. Louis, Mo.

Strange bands are frequently sent to the Biological Survey by sportsmen and others who know about the bird banding investigations being carried on by the bureau to trace more definitely the migrations of our wild fowl. While these two strange bands were recovered about 370 miles apart, it is probable that they were attached at the same point in the Mississippi Valley flyway. From the fact that the bands were similar it is hoped by the bureau that information may be forthcoming as to their origin. Anyone knowing about the matter will be aiding in an important field of scientific investigations if he will communicate with the Biological Survey and supply information as to when, where, and by whom the bands were attached.