



*A quick view of this bird would cause any observer some confusion. This White-throated Sparrow was captured in a mist net for banding at Navarre Marsh in **Ottawa** County on 27 April by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory banding crew, and photographed by Mark Shieldcastle. The white feathers are due to problems depositing melanin in the feather as it grows. This condition is termed partial albinism, piebald albinism, or pied leucism (the latter term is probably most accurate). Yellow coloration is not from melanin, and its expression was unaffected by this condition.*

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Back cover:

*A Piping Plover sporting leg bands was found at Conneaut in **Ashtabula** County on 26 July and persisted through the end of this reporting season. The band combination suggests that it was originally banded in Manistee, Michigan. Lana Hays captured this photograph of the bird on 27 July.*

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