

SOME INTERESTING RECOVERIES OF BANDED BIRDS

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FROM time to time records of banded birds come to light that are of especial interest because the actions of the birds do not agree with those popularly expected. As a number of these were at hand, it has seemed advisable to publish them.

Some of these records are interesting because of the direction, distance, or speed of travel indicated; others because of the elapsed time or the indication of homing instinct.

As in previous papers of this series, an asterisk (*) preceding the number indicates that the bird was young when banded.

LOON. *Gavia immer*

34-669542, banded at Manitoulin Island, Ont., September 7, 1935, by Wm. I. Lyon, was shot by Indian, June 19, 1937, at mouth of Churchill River, Manitoba.

LAYSAN ALBATROSS. *Diomedea immutabilis*

36-814925, banded at Midway Island, Pacific Ocean, July 1937, by Fred C. Hadden, flew on deck of Kichijo Maru, 310 nautical miles off Kinkazan, Japan, December 12, 1937.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT. *Phalacrocorax auritus*

A702630, banded at Waubay Lake, S. Dak., June 28, 1929, by A. R. Lundquist, was found dead October 10, 1937, 6 miles northeast of Hastings, Minn.

WATER-TURKEY. *Anhinga anhinga*

*37-711582, banded at Glen Allan, Miss., June 6, 1937, by Ben B. Coffey, was found December 22, 1937, at Villa Azueta, Veraacruz, Mexico.

GREAT BLUE HERON. *Ardea herodias*

36-718048, banded at Hat Isle, Lake Huron, Mich., July 1, 1936 by F. E. and C. C. Ludwig, was killed January 11, 1938 at Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

36-808144, banded at Hog Island, Door Co., Wis., June 25, 1937 by Wm. I. Lyon, was shot in November 1937 at Belize, British Honduras.

AMERICAN EGRET. *Casmerodius albus egretta*

*36-719303, banded at Glen Allan, Miss., May 24, 1936, by Ben B. Coffey, was shot August 4, 1937 at Davidson, Sask. This is the first record for Saskatchewan and is preserved as a specimen in the Regina Museum.

*36-720293, banded at Glen Allan, Miss., May 23, 1937, by Ben B. Coffey, was killed November 26, 1937 at Monteria, Bolivar, Colombia.

*36-720451, banded at Glen Allan, Miss., May 23, 1937, by Ben B. Coffey, was shot October 18, 1937 on Temash River, Barranco, British Honduras.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON. *Nycticorax nycticorax hoaccli*

37-645817, banded at Barr Lake, Colo., June 19, 1937, by R. H. Imler, was found wounded June 3, 1938 at Hardin, Mo.

36-705093, banded at Sand Lake Waterfowl Refuge, Columbia, S. Dak., July 2, 1937, by P. A. DuMont, was found in February, 1938 at Oak Hill, Fla.

BLUE GOOSE. *Chen caerulescens*

A723544, banded at Avery Island, La., November 12, 1933 by E. A. McIlhenny, was killed by an Indian in May, 1936 at Albany, via Moosonee, Ontario.

34-645008, banded at Cheniere au Tigre, Vermillion Parish, La., November 22, 1935 by E. A. McIlhenny, was shot in October 1936 near Port Albany, via Moosonee, Ont.

36-720554, banded at Morris, Man., August 30, 1937, by Peter Gebauer, was killed in April, 1938, 100 miles north of Weenusk Post, via Moosonee, Ontario.

MALLARD. *Anas platyrhynchos*

- 230148, banded at Browning, Ill., November 18, 1922, by F. C. Lincoln, was shot November 28, 1937 near Beardstown, Ill.
205406, banded at Cuivre I., Mo., February 23, 1923, by L. V. Walton, was shot August 15, 1937 at Peace River, Alta.
237653, banded at Union Springs, N. Y., February 23, 1924, by Douglas H. Beyea, was killed November 1, 1935 at Attawapiskat Lake, Ontario.
595137, banded at Moiese, Mont., November 8, 1927 by Frank H. Rose, was found April 8, 1938 at Goodwater, Saskatchewan.
A619645, banded at Moiese, Mont., November 21, 1928, by Frank H. Rose, was shot in the fall of 1937 at Soda Springs, Idaho.

BALDPATE. *Mareca americana*

- 35-513264, banded at Lake Merritt, Oakland, Calif., February 6, 1935, by E. W. Ehmman, was killed by an Indian in the spring of 1936 near Allakaket, Koyukuk River, Alaska.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL. *Querquedula discors*

- A566506, banded at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., August 13, 1935, by Oliver L. Austin, was shot October 31, 1936 at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
35-408652, banded at Avery Island, La., September 12, 1936 by E. A. Mellhenny, was shot November 15, 1936 at Laguna Popa, Boquilla, Cartagena, Colombia.

REDHEAD. *Nyroca americana*

- B691900, banded at Ithaca, N. Y., April 18, 1926, by Douglas Beyea; trapped at Thief Lake, Minn., April 29, 1935, by Martin K. Nelson, who rebanded it; shot in October 1936 at Lake Manitoba, Man.
36-605218, banded at Malheur Lake, Ore., September 27, 1935, by P. A. DuMont, was shot November 2, 1935, 60 miles east of Denver, Colo.

GREATER SCAUP DUCK. *Nyroca marila*

- 321571, originally banded at Mohler, Ore., December 23, 1926, by S. M. Batterson. Retrapped and released at same place on March 3, 1927, February 17, 1928, January 3, 1935 (at which time band No. 35-502821 was attached to other foot) and January 5, 1938.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK. *Philohela minor*

- 34-418333, banded at Lottie, La., January 14, 1937, by L. J. Merovka, was shot October 2, 1937 at Martinsburg, N. Y.

LESSER YELLOWLEGS. *Totanus flavipes*

- 34-258391, banded at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., August 28, 1935, by O. L. Austin, was killed September 3, 1935 at Lamentin, Martinique, French West Indies. This is a distance of more than 1900 miles and indicates a speed of more than 300 miles a day.

DOWITCHER. *Limnodromus griseus*

- 34-258536, banded at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., July 31, 1935, by O. L. Austin, was captured August 26, 1935 at Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe Island, West Indies. This is a distance of about 1800 miles, indicating a migration speed of more than 70 miles a day.
34-258359, banded at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., August 24, 1935, by O. L. Austin, was shot September 12, 1935 on Fox River, near Fort Randolph Reservation, Canal Zone. This is a distance of nearly 2300 miles, indicating a migration speed of more than 125 miles a day.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER. *Ereunetes pusillus*

- H41918, banded at Claryville, N. Y., June 30, 1933, by C. J. Spiker, was trapped and released in August 1935 at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass.
34-121374, banded at Ashbridge's Bay, Toronto, October 19, 1937, by H. H. Southam, was found wounded in January, 1938 at Bellsville, St. Michaels, Barbados.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL. *Larus marinus*
422581, banded at Wolfville, N. S., July 22, 1927, by R. W. Tufts, was found
dead August 15, 1937, 18 miles southwest of Cape Sable, N. S.

HERRING GULL. *Larus argentatus smithsonianus*
320089, banded at Jack Island, Wis., July 18, 1924, by Wm. I. Lyon, was found
dead July 18, 1937 on Ford River, Mich., on west coast of Green Bay.
385626, banded at Mire Island, Mich., July 2, 1925, by F. C. Lincoln, was caught
on fish hook July 15, 1936 at South Manitou, Mich.
386326, banded at St. James, Mich., July 28, 1925, by F. C. Lincoln, was found
dead August 17, 1937 at Bay View, Mich.
706843, banded at St. Martins Shoal, Mackinaw Co., Mich., July 6, 1928, by
Wm. I. Lyon, was found on the beach August 23, 1937 at Huron State Park,
Mich.
36-520366, banded at Weepeket Island, Gosnold, Mass., July 21, 1937, by Sears
Crowell, was captured November 27, 1937 at Caibarien, Cuba.

RING-BILLED GULL. *Larus delawarensis*
566156, banded at St. Martins Is. Shoal, Mich., July 12, 1927, by Wm. I. Lyon,
was caught on fish hook and probably released July 22, 1937, at St. Ignace,
Mich.
37-635120, banded at Scarecrow Isle, Lake Huron, Mich., June 28, 1937, by F. E.
and C. C. Ludwig, was caught with snare and released March 13, 1938 at
St. Petersburg, Fla.
37-636745, banded at Goose Isle, Lake Huron, Mich., June 30, 1937, by F. E.
and C. C. Ludwig, was caught and released December 11, 1937 at St. Peters-
burg, Fla. These two gulls were snared by Cooperator G. D. Robinson.

LAUGHING GULL. *Larus atricilla*
37-418780, banded at Big Eastern Marsh, Cobb Island, Va., July 15, 1937, by
H. L. Bowen, was caught on fish hook December 17, 1937 at Christobal,
Canal Zone.

FRANKLIN'S GULL. *Larus pipixcan*
37-514389, banded at Mud Lake, Sand Lake Refuge, Columbia, S. Dak., June
25, 1937, by P. A. DuMont, was caught on a fish line February 1, 1938 at
Champerico, Guatemala.

COMMON TERN. *Sterna hirundo*
*280878, banded at Tern Island, Chatham, Mass., July 12, 1924, by Dr. Ufford,
was retrapped and released May 29, 1937 at Tern Island. No. 36-334164
was added. Again retrapped and released May 29, 1938 at Tern Island.
*711560, banded at Penikese Island, Mass., August, 1928, by Winsor M. Tyler,
was captured on nest and released June 10, 1938 at Penikese I., Mass.
*A331993, banded at Penikese Island, Mass., July 4, 1929, by Winsor M. Tyler,
was captured on nest and released June 9, 1938, at Penikese Island, Mass.
*35-307226, banded at Tern Island, Chatham, Mass., June 30, 1935, by O. L.
Austin, was captured September 25, 1935 at Samana Bay, Dominican
Republic.
*35-308882, banded at Tern Island, Chatham, Mass., July 1, 1935, by O. L. Austin,
was found exhausted, and later died, September 28, 1935 at Ponce, Puerto
Rico.
*35-309814, banded at Egg Island, Chatham, Mass., July 2, 1935, by O. L. Austin,
was caught alive and probably released September 10, 1935 at Roseau,
Dominica, B. W. I.

ARCTIC TERN. *Sterna paradisaea*
A335239, banded at Orleans, Mass., June 27, 1929, by O. L. Austin, was caught
by a clam June 15, 1937 at Orleans, Mass.

ROSEATE TERN. *Sterna dougalli*

- *34-328243, banded at Tern Island, Chatham, Mass., July 6, 1934, by O. L. Austin, was killed September 20, 1936 near Guayama, Puerto Rico.
*36-346019, banded at Ram Island, Mattapoisett, Mass., June 30, 1937, by Ethel M. and Sears Crowell, followed ship 3 days, sleeping on board at night; band removed and bird released, 80 miles off Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, November 11, 1937.
*36-346283, banded at Ram Island, Mattapoisett, Mass., June 30, 1937, by Sears Crowell, was caught and later died, September 19, 1937 at La Jalousie, near Demarara, British Guiana.
*36-348088, banded at Ram Island, Mattapoisett, Mass., July 15, 1937, by Sears Crowell, was found dead February 16, 1938 at Plantation Lima, Essequibo Coast, British Guiana.

MOURNING DOVE. *Zenaidura macroura carolinensis*

- 589305, banded at Tiffin, Ohio, August 21, 1927, by Eugene C. Stacy, was shot December 1934 at Tamozola, Oaxaca, Mexico.
*A428346, banded at Lansing, Mich., May 27, 1933, by C. C. Ludwig, was shot December 11, 1937 10 miles south of Florala, Ala.
B392928, banded at Lakin, Kansas, May 28, 1934, by P. F. Osborn, was shot November 29, 1936 at Morelos, Mexico.
36-329641, banded at Lakewood, Ohio, June 23, 1937, by P. H. Oppmann, was shot April 5, 1938 at Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico.

NIGHTHAWK. *Chordeiles minor*

- B247021, banded at Hamden, Conn., June 13, 1933, by Harold L. Hutchins, was retrapped and released July 20, 1937, at Hamden, Conn.

CHIMNEY SWIFT. *Chaetura pelagica*

- A73881, banded at Daytona Beach, Fla., August 26, 1927, by R. J. Longstreet, was found dead in fireplace July 17, 1936 at Ormond Beach, Fla.
C92341, banded at Clayton, Ill., September 11, 1933, by Russell S. Davis, was trapped and released October 12, 1937 at University, La.
F8906, banded at Soddy, Tenn., September 28, 1930, by Wyman R. Green, was captured on nest and released July 7, 1936 at Chatham, Mich.
H52334, banded at Quincy, Ill., August 30, 1933, by T. E. Musselman, was trapped and released October 12, 1937 at University, La.

DOWNY WOODPECKER. *Dyrobates pubescens*

- A216078, banded at Ottawa, Ont., December 12, 1931, by Ralph E. DeLury, was retrapped and released April 17, 1933, May 13, 1934, April 1, 1935, August 1, 1935, April 5, 1936, and May 24, 1937, at same place.

HORNED LARK. *Otocoris alpestris*

- 36-6751, banded at Churchill, Man., June 21, 1936, by F. M. Mowat, was trapped and released June 9, 1937 at Churchill, Man.

TREE SWALLOW. *Iridoprocne bicolor*

- *L1436, banded at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., June 28, 1933, by O. L. Austin, was killed December 18, 1936 at Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
*36-9423, banded at North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., June 19, 1936, by O. L. Austin, was taken April 10, 1937 at Lakeland, Fla.

BANK SWALLOW. *Riparia riparia*

- C30270, banded at Clear Lake, Ind., June 12, 1932, by Prof. J. W. Stack, was found in house (probably dead), June 1936 at Rio Maranon, near Yquitos, Peru.

CLIFF SWALLOW. *Petrochelidon albifrons*

- 34-95949, banded at Dell Rapids, S. Dak., June 14, 1937, by F. E. Elliott, was captured and released with band July 16, 1937 at Ghent, W. Va.

PURPLE MARTIN. *Progne subis*

B219327, banded at Winona, Minn., May 30, 1934, by Elmer Ollhoff, was "found" in December 1936 near Ttaituba on the Rio Tapacuragrande, Para, Brazil.

MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE. *Penthestes gambeli*

C97908, banded in Garnet Valley, Summerland, B. C., December 28, 1930, by Sydney A. Liddell, was retrapped and released November 4, 1937 at the same place.

MOCKINGBIRD. *Mimus polyglottos*

36-215357, banded at Nashville, Tenn., June 23, 1936, by Mrs. F. C. Laskey, was found dead March 1937 in Rising Fawn, Ga. This is a distance of at least 110 miles.

CATBIRD. *Dumetella carolinensis*

36-135855, banded at Northville, S. Dak., September 20, 1936, by Dr. J. F. Brenckle, was killed January 1, 1937 at Tuxpam, Veracruz, Mexico.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING. *Bombycilla garrula pallidiceps*

C119645, banded at Summerland, B. C., February 15, 1933, by Eric M. Tait, was shot March 20, 1934 at Silver City, S. Dak.

CEDAR WAXWING. *Bombycilla cedrorum*

C140722, banded at Winnipeg, Man., August 12, 1932, by Prof. V. W. Jackson, was probably found dead February 9, 1937 at Lawson, Ky.
34-179158, banded at Modesto, Calif., February 17, 1935, by Chas. H. Feltes, was shot January 8, 1938 at Phenix City, Ala. Tail feathers and wing feathers with wax tips were sent for identification.
35-108210, banded at Modesto, Calif., April 14, 1935, by Chas. H. Feltes, was killed March 29, 1937 at Meridianville, Ala. The band was sent to the office with an excellent description of the bird.

STARLING. *Sturnus vulgaris*

632443, banded at Washington, D. C., March 23, 1928, by F. C. Lincoln, was caught in pigeon coop July 8, 1936 at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER. *Vermivora pinus*

34-50149, banded at Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y., August 17, 1935, by Mrs. Marie V. Beals, flew into screened porch May 7, 1937 at Westbury, L. I., N. Y.

CAPE MAY WARBLER. *Dendroica tigrina*

36-25710, banded at Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y., September 12, 1937, by Mrs. Marie V. Beals, was caught by cat October 15, 1937 at Cleveland, Tenn.

RED-WING. *Agelaius phoeniceus*

252207, banded at Lake Wales, Fla., January 29, 1928, by H. O. Havemeyer, was found dead at Mountain Lake, Fla., April 19, 1937.

CARDINAL. *Richmondia cardinalis*

A228555, banded at Hillsdale, Mich., December 23, 1929, by Frank Smith, was retrapped and released May 12, 1932, and May 20, 1937 at the same place.

EVENING GROSBEEK. *Hesperiphona vespertina*

A221463, banded at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., March 14, 1931, by M. J. Magee, was retrapped and released March 26, 1938 at Blaney Park, Mich., by Cooperator K. Christofferson.
A287801, banded at Mayville, Mich., March 29, 1932, by Dr. H. A. Barbour, was retrapped and released March 27, 1937 at East Kildonan, Winnipeg Manitoba, by Cooperator P. Kuntz.
B252660, banded at Edmonton, Alta., April 5, 1935, by J. E. Horning, was caught February 23, 1936 at Neilburg, Saskatchewan.
34-208518, banded at Milford, N. H., January 29, 1934, by James P. Melzer, was trapped and released February 12, 1938 at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. by, M. J. Magee.

PURPLE FINCH. *Carpodacus purpureus*

- C119179, banded at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 29, 1932, by M. J. Magee, was retrapped and released March 28, 1938 at same place.
36-62261, banded at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 13, 1936, by M. J. Magee, was killed January 17, 1937 at Scottsboro, Ala.

JUNCO. *Junco hyemalis*

- L73710, banded at Aberdeen, S. Dak., April 19, 1934, by S. R. Lipscomb, was found dead July 27, 1937 at Holyoke, Colo.
35-35739, banded at Winnipeg, Man., October 9, 1935, by Joseph P. Kennedy, was "taken" July 9, 1937 at Fayetteville, Ark.

CHIPPING SPARROW. *Spizella passerina*

- F75979, banded at Lake Wales, Fla., March 20, 1935, by H. O. Havemeyer, was found dead September 9, 1937 at Monroe, Conn.

HARRIS'S SPARROW. *Zonotrichia querula*

- 36-119647, banded at Madison, Minn., October 3, 1936 by Mrs. C. E. Peterson, was shot November 21, 1936 at Woodward, Okla.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW. *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

- B157310, banded at Blacksburg, Va., October 27, 1936, by C. O. Handley, was probably found dead January 16, 1938 at Lovelady, Texas.
C118186, banded at Bar Harbor, Me., October 1, 1932, by Byron W. McPheters, was found dead January 12, 1937 at Gatesville, Texas.
34-167122, banded at Hubbard Woods, Ill., May 11, 1935, by Chas. Yeomans, was captured and released December 26, 1936 and May 20, 1937 at St. Chrysostome, Que. Both of these recoveries were reported by the same person.
37-157986, banded at Williamstown, Mass., October 14, 1937, by Gertrude R. Doughty, was killed December 31, 1937 at Weldon, Ark.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW. *Zonotrichia albicollis*

- 38-109609, banded at Fairmount, N. Dak., September 30, 1937 by Rev. G. C. M. Bierens, was trapped and released October 6, 1937 at Minneapolis, Minn., by Cooperator Mrs. John A. Thompson.
38-109675, banded at Fairmount, N. Dak., October 1, 1937 by Rev. G. C. M. Bierens, was trapped and released May 5, 1938 at St. Paul, Minn., by Cooperator G. N. Rysgaard.

FOX SPARROW. *Passerella iliaca*

- 35-112991, banded at Alitak, Alaska, May 27, 1935, by Henry B. Loeff, was re-trapped and released May 22, 1936 and May 11, 1937 at same place.
35-112994, banded at Alitak, Alaska, June 11, 1935, by Henry B. Loeff, was re-trapped and released July 13, 1936 and May 29, 1937, at same place.
35-205964, banded at Alitak, Alaska, June 24, 1935, by Henry B. Loeff, was retrapped and released May 29, 1936 and May 11, 1937 at same place.
36-103658, banded at Belchertown, Mass., April 4, 1937, by H. W. Knight, was taken October 6, 1937 at Elliott's Cove, Newfoundland.

SWAMP SPARROW. *Melospiza georgiana*

- 38-41158, banded at Shirley, Mass., October 4, 1937, by E. M. and W. M. Davis, was killed January 4, 1938 in Plant City, Fla.

SONG SPARROW. *Melospiza melodia*

- B149006, banded at Komoka, Ont., August 4, 1931, by J. C. Higgins, was re-trapped and released August 23, 1937 at same place.

LAPLAND LONGSPUR. *Calcarius lapponicus*

- 36-6750, banded at Churchill, Man., June 20, 1936, by F. M. Mowat, was trapped and released June 11, 1937 at same place.

SNOW BUNTING. *Plectrophanax nivalis*

F132806, banded at Jamestown, N. Dak., December 29, 1933, by Chas. E. Boardman, was probably found dead in June, 1935 at Hebron, Labrador.

34-97142, banded at McMillan, Mich., January 15, 1936, by O. M. Bryens, was retrapped and released February 26, 1938 at same place.

36-19361, banded at McMillan, Mich., February 22, 1936, by O. M. Bryens, was found dead November 3, 1937 at Fort Coulonge, Que.

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THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

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It was a jolly party of eleven ornithologists that sailed for France from Baltimore on the *Newport News* under the leadership of Mr. Albert Brand. On Monday, the ninth of May, we arrived at the historic and beautiful city of Rouen just in time for the opening of the Ninth International Ornithological Congress by its President, Professor Allesandro Ghigi of Bologna. Some two hundred and sixty members were gathered there, England leading with sixty representatives and Germany and America tying for second place with twenty-four each. Every one received an enameled badge showing a pink Flamingo against a blue sky, and also a *Numéro Spécial* of *L'Oiseau et la Revue Française d'Ornithologie* containing articles on the collections in the museums we were to visit and on the birds at Clères, in Normandy, Paris and the Camargue. It was a happy occasion for meeting old friends and making new ones.

Jackdaws (*Coleus monedula*) shouted from the clock-tower of the railroad station and Black Redstarts (*Phoenicurus ochrurus gibraltariensis*) gave their plain little songs from the house tops. This species is extending its range northward, finding cottages in villages or apartment houses in cities equally acceptable as substitutes for the mountain cliffs that were its original habitat. In the little park on the Rue Jeanne d'Arc where six years previously I had met my first Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*), a Chaffinch was again singing. A swan, guarded by her mate, was sitting on a nestful of eggs, and a sign warned us: "*Le coup d'ailes des cygnes est brutal.*" In the Jardin des Plantes a pair of Moor-Hens (*Gallinula chloropus*) were nest-building in a pool about fifty feet in diameter; Madame sat on a wee island in the center while Monsieur paddled busily about, picking up great water-lily leaves and bringing them to her.

The division of the papers into four sections—Taxonomy and Zoo-Geography, Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, and Applied Ornithology,—made it impossible for any one person to hear all the interesting lectures. A number dealt with the experimental study of migration: Count Wodzicki, who has worked with Storks (*Ciconia*