

BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Charles H. Blake, President of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, submitted one of the shortest biographical sketches on record. He says - "Although I have been interested in birds for a great many years, I have only been banding since the Fall of 1946 and handle between 600 and 700 birds a year. My particular interest is in the statistical examination of banding data on which some articles have already been published. Most of my active work has been in the study of insects and other invertebrates."

We have published several notes from Mrs. Christella Butler so we asked her for a biography. This is what she sent: "I got my license to band birds in April 1946. I started with a single cell trip step trap from Jeff Gill and bought 4 more in time. I also purchased a 2-cell Chardonarret tree-trap, 2 - 4-cell Chardonarrets and a Gov. sparrow trap and that's all I have. I started banding on our 4-1/2 acre woodland on Grant Ave. but had a lot of setbacks due to the city clearing the land for an airport. When the city took over our home we moved here in March 1949. We have only a small yard here with 10 trees and hope it is temporary as we would like to have a lot of land, mainly to preserve for birds. We have three children - Dean 5, Bonnie Blue 4 and Donald 2 - all enthusiastic about the birds. I banded my first purple grackle here in Parkland and to date have banded 456 and am now trying to do some special work on these birds because they are the most numerous birds I band. Other birds I have banded are as follows:

Baltimore Oriole	- 1	Mourning Dove	- 5
Blue Jay	- 56	Phoebe	- 13
Bluebird	- 1	Robin	- 59
Brown Thrasher	- 2	Song Sparrow	- 84
Catbird	- 26	Starling	- 31
Cardinal	- 4	Sparrow Hawk	- 3
Carolina Wren	- 2	Sora Rail	- 1
Chipping Sparrow	- 1	Tree Sparrow	- 5
Cowbird	- 5	Tufted Titmouse	- 29
Chickadee (black-capped)	- 2	Vesper Sparrow	- 1
Cedar Waxwing	- 1	White-throated Sparrow	- 56
Downy Woodpecker	- 6	White-breasted Nuthatch	- 4
Flicker	- 1	Wood Thrush	- 12
Golden Crowned Kinglet	- 1	White-crowned Sparrow	- 1
House Wren	- 23	Yellow-throat	- 1
Junco	- 198	Yellow-warbler	- 1
Killdeer	- 4		

"This comes to 1096 birds of 33 species. I have had reports of 7 recoveries. I have had 48 returns and innumerable repeats."