

My station is situated in the heart of Flushing, a city suburb in Queens County. I have the garden planted with berry-bearing shrubs and operate a pipe line from two barrels which collect water from the garage roof. Potter, Brenckle, and a combination Chardonneret and 20-cell Potter circular-shaped traps are used. I have a modified house trap. Week end banding nets about 500 birds at home station. Starlings, song sparrows, and blue jays are far in the lead.

During July and August I go to Mispec, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. I band gulls, etc., on the Islands in the Bay of Fundy. Would welcome any bander who passes through St. John (on trips to Gaspé, Nova Scotia, Upper Canada, etc.) to stop off and visit. Ask in St. John for Mispec and follow through.

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A brief note from Howard Mahnken, Lambertville, N.J., reports that March and April have been his best banding months this year, with about 85 new birds taken. He reports that tree sparrows were rare all winter, that Juncos were very common, and that evening grosbeaks were in his vicinity all season and were still there as of April 22, 1950.

Beecher S. Bodish kindly sent in a newspaper clipping from the Bergen Evening Record reporting on the visit of members of EBBA to his station and to that of Mrs. Carnes during the recent annual meeting.

Supplementing the note in the April issue regarding aluminum colored bands, a letter from C. Russell Mason, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, advises that the price for the colored Size 6 band is \$2.00 per hundred instead of \$1.75 per hundred, while the price of \$1.50 per hundred on the other sizes remains unchanged.

With our present method of printing it is quite feasible to reproduce drawings of traps and other banding equipment. We would appreciate it if some of our members would volunteer to prepare neat drawings of the more recently designed traps since many of our new members are not familiar with them. These drawings should be on plain white bond paper in india ink. Dimensions should be shown, if possible.