

both make traps and bird houses, not just a few, but dozens. The traps all have brass fittings and unigue trips. Mr. Gstell is a genius at trap design. Banding is done in the garage and all records are there. This necessitates the poor car living out of doors.

The meeting was held in the afternoon in their basement. Evening Grosbeaks were the main topic for discussion. It was suggested that various people volunteer to take a single species and to make a survey, keeping record of all bands used by various cooperators, so that information on recoveries would be readily available; this survey to be copied from the Evening Grosbeak survey conducted by the Shaubs of Northampton, Mass. (What do EBBA members think of this? It sounds like a terrific job for species like the Junco or Chimney Swift-Ed.)

Station Reports

Mrs. Marie Dumont of Pequannock, N.J. has sent in a most interesting report of the banding activities at her station for the fiscal year 1950. A total of 587 birds of 50 species were banded-- 380 from May 1 to Oct. 31, and 207 from Nov. 1 to April 30. The species taken in the largest numbers were the Starling(102), Catbird(74), White-throated Sparrow(59), Song Sparrow(40), Blue Jay (34), Junco(32), Brown Thrasher (31), Towhee (27), Robin (25), Black-capped Chickadee(25), and Tree Sparrow(21).

Her list includes eighteen species of Warblers including four Wilson's Warblers and one each of the Bay-breasted, Cape May, Nashville, and Tennessee Warblers. Other unusual captures were Rose-breasted Grosbeak(4), Scarlet Tanager(3), and Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3).

During the year she secured 48 returns of 14 species summarized in the following table:

Blue Jay	2	Tree Sparrow	14
Downy Woodpecker	1	Slate-colored Junco	2
Starling	1	Red-eyed Towhee	2
Black-capped Chickadee	5	Brown Thrasher	2
White-throated Sparrow	2	Catbird	6
Song Sparrow	1	Wood Thrush	2
Field Sparrow	1	Robin	7

There were the two following recoveries:

Blue Jay--42-332773, banded Aug. 18, 1947 found dead three blocks from the banding station Jan. 15, 1950.

Brown Thrasher--39-305453, banded July 6, 1946 found dead by J.P. Rosenagel on Parsippany Boulevard, Whippany, N.J. Apr. 21, 1949

Many other banders must have reports on their years activities which would be of interest and worth publishing in the News.

Biographies

This month we are pleased to present a short biography of Mrs. Dumont whose station report appears above.

"Being members of the New Jersey Audubon Society, our good

friend, Mr. Beecher Bowdish, interested my son Gustave Dumont in bird banding. Hence, in October, 1932, he received his permit. While waiting for the permit he constructed several traps of approved types. In 1933 my son being away from home a great deal, turned the work of banding over to the writer, so it became a co-operative effort and a little later became known as the Dumont Bird Banding Station.

To date we have banded 14,566 birds of 110 species in New York, New Jersey, and Florida, practically all of the small land type. 1049 individuals have returned to this station, some as many as six times and 102 have been recovered at various points, some dead. We have taken only three birds banded by others.

The past ten years I have had visits to the Station of various scout and school groups and of course grown-ups for close up bird studies, etc. I have, what I consider, a nice collection of birds nests, which I always display as near as possible in their natural surroundings. This is always a great attraction and provokes many questions. I have been fortunate in obtaining two Chimney Swift nests, a Hummingbird's, a Phoebe's, Virginia Rail's, Baltimore and Orchard Oriole's, Blue-winged Warbler's, and a Cuckoo's nest, besides the commoner kinds of nests. I also give lectures occasionally to school groups and Women's Clubs on bird banding and bird life around this area.

Marie Dumont.

Last Call

According to EBBA by-laws this is the last issue of the News which can be sent out to members who have not paid their 1950 dues. So if you are among them why not send your dues to our Treasurer Mr. Merrill Wood, 811 N. Allen St., State College, Pa. today. If there are some of you who have not paid yet because you are not satisfied with the News or with EBBA policies why don't you drop a line to the Editor or to President Groskin and express your views? We have no other way of knowing what the members think.

Annual Meeting-1951

Don't forget the next Annual Meeting which will be held in Baltimore, Md. on April 1, 1951. It isn't too early to plan to attend or to begin compiling data for that paper which you would like to present. If you are thinking of giving a paper please drop a card to the Secretary.

Index to Bird-Banding

The following letter from Mr. Charles B. Floyd should be of interest to EBBA members.

" Again, through the kind cooperation of several volunteers, another Index Volume of "Bird-Banding" is ready to go to press. Unfortunately, the Northeastern Bird Banding Association is not able to carry, unaided, the cost of publication. As was done for the previous indexes, we are taking this means of informing our members