

BANDING STATION ESTABLISHED AT WASHINGTON CROSSING PARK

Dr. Paul H. Fluck, Lambertville, New Jersey, in a recent letter tells of his success in getting permission from the Park Commission in charge of Washington Crossing Park, three miles south of New Hope, Pennsylvania, to conduct a banding station in the Park. Bands will be issued to the Park, and work will be carried out under the supervision of Dr. Fluck. Your Editor and wife had the pleasure of visiting the site with Dr. Fluck, and they agree that the location is an excellent one.

Dr. Fluck writes, "On May 18th a picnic of bird banders formally dedicated the new banding station. Dr. and Mrs. Harold B. Wood, Jeff, Minnie, and Pat Gill, Howard Drinkwater and family, W. A. Jarvis and family, Mrs. Pauline Buckingham, Mr. Nathaniel Wyckoff, and a number of others were there. The picnic was held on the site of the new banding station to the tune of a quartet of Corulean Warblers.ten minutes after we set up our first house trap, a Corulean Warbler flew in. Naturally, the door wasn't working!"

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AN INVITATION

The following invitation is extended by Mr. E. Alexander Bergstrom, Editor of BIRD-BANDING:

"The fall field meeting of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Alexander Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Conn., on Sunday, September 21, starting at 10 a.m. In addition to a backyard banding station with recent plantings for birds, we hope to have an extensive display of banding traps (additional exhibits will be welcome). A number of members of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association attended the last Connecticut field meeting (at Berlin in 1950), and we hope for more this year as the location is easily reached from either Boston or New York over good highways.

"From Boston, take the Wilbur Cross Highway (route 15), turn right on U.S. 44 in Manchester, diagonally left off U.S. 44 in

West Hartford (at the intersection of Mountain Road, with overhead blinker, a mile west of the intersection of U.S. 44 and Route 185) on Old Oak Road, left on Old Brook Road one tenth of a mile later, and go one tenth mile farther.

"From New York, take the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways (Route 15), turn left on Route 173 in Newington, left on Asylum Ave. in West Hartford ("T" intersection), right at first traffic light (on to Route 185), left at next light (on to Route U.S. 44).

"All those interested in banding are welcome."

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Howard Drinkwater, of White House, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, supplies the following human interest story:

"About a week or ten days ago (June 6 to 9), a crew of railroad workmen who were dismantling an unused water spout along the right-of-way a short distance from my office made an interesting discovery. The spout which they were dismantling consisted of a standpipe and a long hollow tube counterbalanced by a hollow iron ball. As the ball was being moved by the crane, it was noticed that it held a nest and four young birds.

"The crane operators very carefully lowered the ball to the ground and then, with the rest of the crew, gathered around it to decide what disposition should be made of the young birds.

"Their first thought was to remove them and bring them to my office. Fortunately, that suggestion was overruled and the birds were left in the nest and I was told about them later that afternoon.

"The following morning I checked the nest and found that they were young Sparrow Hawks and that the parents were caring for them. That afternoon I again visited the nest with my banding equipment and ringed the four nestlings.

"The train crews and the track laborers have been working in the