

EVENING GROSBEEK RECOVERIES

"Among the several recoveries from the 1949-50 Evening Grosbeak incursion, the following are the most interesting.

"On March 24, 1950, I banded 26 Evening Grosbeaks. Three of these birds were recovered in the Spring of 1952: one trapped and released on April 13, 1952, by Rollin Theron, 1130 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan (society shore of Lake Superior); one found dead on March 27, 1952, at Rocky Mount, North Carolina; and a third trapped and released on March 2, 1952, by Mary Shaub at Northampton, Mass.

"In August of 1950, I had one taken at Casey, Quebec. This is about 500 air miles north of New York. These birds travel west as well as north and south."--Mrs. John Y. Dater, Jr., 259 Grove St., Ramsey, New Jersey

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News Item: Dr. Carlton E. Herman, ex-President of the EBBA, and Wildlife Pathologist at the Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland, was named first Chairman of the Wildlife Disease Association at the organization meeting held in Miami, Florida, in March, 1952.

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Apropos of the note on page 7 of the September issue concerning a Common Tern band recovered from a fish hook, Mr. Roy H. Smith, 883 Bryce Road, Kent, Ohio, writes:

"Your account 'Had a Strike and lost the Fish' reminds me of an incident which happened to a close personal friend this past Spring.

"He cast a dry fly far down a trout stream in northwestern Ohio. A Mallard Duck swam out from the shore to look it over. To avoid complications, my friend started to reel in the fly. By some unaccountable circumstance, the hook caught on a band on the bird's leg.

"It was necessary to reel in the Mallard at some considerable difficulty in order to release the hook from its position under

the band. Unfortunately, he did not read the number before releasing the unharmed bird."

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Since most banders are also active birders, it will interest members of the Association to know that the Mirakel Repair Company has kindly offered to send a free copy of their booklet "KNOW YOUR BINOCULARS" to anyone who wishes it, provided he mentions membership in EBBA. This booklet tells how to choose, use, and check a binocular and is not biased in favor of any particular make. If you are interested drop a card to:

Mirakel Repair Company
14 West First Street
Mount Vernon, New York

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That not all birds with serious injuries come to a bad end is shown by this letter from Mrs. Christolla Butler:

"In June 1949, some boys brought me a baby Robin with its right leg broken above the knee. I made a kind of sling out of Scotch tape, and fastened the tape to the bird's feathers. After six days, the Robin removed the Scotch tape, and since the leg was used fairly well, it was released three days later.

"On April 30, 1951, the bird was recaptured and duly recorded, but I did not realize what particular bird it was until I checked the return. On July 28, 1952, she again returned to a trap, and this time, realizing what bird it was, I examined the right leg. The break had not healed in perfect alignment, but, being above the knee, it does not show and the bird uses the leg perfectly.

"Often times when I am hanging out the wash or working outdoors, a Robin will fly down very close to me. Since it is banded and since it seems unafraid, I believe that it is the same bird, and it is a real pleasure to have her back".

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