

VISITS TO BANDING STATIONS

by Elinor McEntee

Contrary to all weather predictions, Sunday turned out to be a beautiful warm spring day, and at nine-thirty the group staying in Philadelphia and those coming from other directions met at the home of Herman and Ilse Kuch in Penfield Downs. The unusual thing about the Kuch banding station, conducted in a built-up suburban area, is that they use not only their own yard but that of their neighbor, too. Few of us are lucky enough to have neighbors tolerant of traps hidden here and there in their garden! After everyone had had time to inspect the traps--most, if not all, made by Herman Kuch himself--make notes, take pictures, and hunt up a White-winged Crossbill someone saw in the neighbor's tree, the nine car caravan was guided over to Horace Groskin's home in Ardmore.

Mr. Groskin, who has banded many hundreds of Purple Finches and Goldfinches, does most of his trapping with small single or double cell Potter-type traps placed on the wall of his terrace just outside the house. That morning was no exception, and Mr. Groskin had a number of birds in his traps to prove it. There, too, many pictures were taken, and everyone had a chance to observe two White-winged Crossbills eating on the feeder.

Next, the caravan made its way to Norristown, and here, at Raymond Middleton's, everyone--some thirty or more persons--had a good time roaming through the woods and gardens looking at his many traps. Here, of course, were several samples of the well-known "Middleton thrush trap", popular with many banders. All present had an opportunity, too, to see a little of the Middleton's squab farm. Here, in one of the units, squabs in all stages of development were seen--adults, young birds, newly hatched chicks, and eggs just cracking open.

By this time, everyone was getting hungry, and the delicious sandwiches, cake, and coffee served by the committee were more than welcome. If, by this time, the banders still hadn't had time enough to say all they wanted to, this was a perfect opportunity to do so while sitting out on the porch in the warm sun eating lunch. No one ever seems to run out of things to say! It is this friendly exchange of informa-

tion and ideas which makes these get-togethers so enjoyable. The fitting end to the weekend was a visit to the home of John James Audubon, "Mill Grove", which is now being preserved as a sanctuary. --Mrs. Howard G. McEntee, 490 Fairfield Ave., Ridgewood, New Jersey

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LIST OF GUESTS AND MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The following list of some fifty-one persons from seven states who attended is presented herewith chiefly to show those who did not attend how far many persons are willing to go attend our meetings, and furthermore, many of these persons can be counted on year after year. The Editor has prepared this list from memory, and his apologies will be due to anyone whose name is inadvertently omitted.

CONNECTICUT: Mr. and Mrs. E. Alexander Bergstrom, West Hartford. DELAWARE: H. F. Farrand, Wilmington. MARYLAND: Orville W. Crowder, Chase; Dr. Carlton M. Herman, Patuxent; Seth H. Low and Chandler S. Robbins, Patuxent. NEW JERSEY: Mrs. John Y. Dater, Jr., Ramsey; Howard Drinkwater, Whitehouse; Dr. Paul H. Fluck, Lambertville; Frank P. Frazier and Frank P. Frazier, Jr., Upper Montclair; Thomas Byers, Sewell; J. George Hitchner, Pitman; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jarvis and Robert Jarvis, Pemberton; Bennett K. Matlack, Bridgeton; Mrs. Howard G. McEntee, Ridgewood; J. Stanley Quickmire, Jr., Vineland.

NEW YORK: Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Gill, Huntington; Mrs. Louis C. Owens, Jr., Mt. Kisco. PENNSYLVANIA: James Bond, Philadelphia; Maurice Broun, Kempton; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril K. Bryan, Kimberton; Joseph M. Cadbury, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Conway, Easton; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gillespie, Glenolden; Margaret S. Goodwin, West Chester; Forrest C. Grimm, Carlisle; Horace Groskin, Ardmore; Frederick V. Hebard, Philadelphia; Mrs. Donald Kitchen, Kimberton; Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Kuch, Jr., Penfield Downs; Raymond J. Middleton, Norristown; Carl E. Montgomery, Allentown; Mr. and Mrs. William Pepper and Mr. and Mrs. John Dornan, Philadelphia; Dr. and Mrs. Harold B. Wood, Harrisburg; Merrill Wood, State College. VIRGINIA: Arthur H. Fast, Arlington.

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Reserve Saturday, April 4, 1954, for the next annual meeting at Baltimore, Maryland.