

"The most interesting birds I have banded recently were the Philadelphia Vireo, Common Redpoll, Summer Tanager, and White-winged Crossbill."

Note: The story is going the rounds that Mr. Groskin really proved his point when he announced the capture of the Summer Tanager at a meeting of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, which organization is noted for the good-natured going over that members get when they announce records of rare birds such as the Summer Tanager.

As I heard it, Mr. G. stood up and announced the occurrence of a Summer Tanager on a certain day in April (1952). "Hah, hah!", said a member; "Toll us another", said a notorious razzor. "And what's more, I banded it", said Mr. G. "Probably was a Cardinal", said a doubting Thomas. "And furthermore, here it is in this box", triumphantly concluded our former president!

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CONCERNING BAND SIZES

In a previous issue of EBBA NEWS, a letter was published from the Reverend Charles Stochr, of Annapolis, Maryland, concerning the discrepancy between suggested band sizes and those which many banders find to be better fits. In response to a plea for such data as members may have accumulated in this connection, the following from Dr. Charles H. Blake, Lincoln, Mass., is the only communication received. If any other members have any information at all concerning better band fits, please send it in immediately. This topic is of even greater importance now than it was several months ago, since, as readers know, the banding office, in connection with issuing a manual in loose-leaf form, plans to revise its list of recommended sizes, so why not send Seth Low a copy of what you send to EBBA NEWS so that he may have it to use when they work on their revision of the present list?

Dr. Blake write as follows: "Pending the completion of a study in progress, I submit the following suggested changes in the list of band sizes:

Crested Flycatcher	1B
Cowbird	1B (nestlings need 2)
Redwing	1B
Baltimore Oriole	1B
Evening Grosbeak	1A
Eastern Purple Finch	1
White-winged Crossbill	1 (one bird)
Tree Sparrow	1
Slate-colored Junco	1
Eastern Song Sparrow	1B
Eastern Fox Sparrow	1B
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1A
Dickcissel (one bird)	1 (one bird)
Scarlet Tanager	1B
Black and White Warbler	0
Blackpoll Warbler	0
Yellow Palm Warbler	0
Yellow-breasted Chat	1B (one bird)
Catbird	1B
All Hyllocichla thrushes	1B
Eastern Bluebird	1B

"The extent to which leg sizes may vary from one population of a species to another has never been determined." (Wouldn't this make a worthwhile cooperative research project?--Ed.)

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WHITHER GOEST HE?

On April 19, 1952, while banding under the permit of Dr. Paul H. Fluck, Mr. W. A. Jarvis, of Pemberton, New Jersey, now a very active bander in his own right, banded an adult male Red-eyed Towhee. Six days later, on April 25, 1952, it was reported killed about 20 miles away, the interesting thing being that, although it should have been migrating northward, it was taken southwest of its place of banding. It is also of interest to note that the imaginary line connecting Pemberton and Laurel Springs (the place of recovery) almost exactly parallels the southwesterly course of the Delaware River which lies some ten miles to the northwest, although the flat topography of the coastal plain makes it seem unlikely that the bird could have been