

these places might be fruitful for banding. The dump at Oviedo is partly encircled by heavy vegetation, while that at Orlando is amid open ground, with a marshy field adjacent, and it contains two ponds. Mist nets only were used.

At the Oviedo dump in eight visits in January, February, and March, 1954, I banded 93 birds representing 14 species; 5 species of sparrows and 3 species of warblers were among those banded. The dump at Orlando was visited three times in mid-February. Here 19 birds of 4 species were banded, and these included 8 Least Sandpipers feeding about one of the ponds. -- 1504 Bodell Street, Orlando, Florida

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A NEW DISEASE - AVIPHOBIA

Dr. Edward E. Wildman, 409 East Second St., Moorestown, New Jersey, submits the following:

"1953 is a red letter year for me because in it I discovered a new disease - aviphobia.

"Perhaps you know this disease, but in my long life, I've never met anyone who is deathly afraid of birds - any birds - before.

"One day last August (1953), a young lady who sat with us in the Nature Circle on the porch at Pocono Manor Inn suddenly jumped up and ran away from us. At the time, I supposed she wanted to catch friends whom she saw on the other porch, but later she apologized, saying a bird flew near the porch rail next to where she sat, terrifying her.

"Now, our landlady here (in Moorestown) is another, so I am not banding as I hoped to do last fall. Aviphobia - ever hear of it?

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NEWS FROM BANDERS

Mr. Oliver F. Irwin, 1789 Glenview Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, writes as follows:

"I am assisting Ben B. Coffey, Jr., in banding by ground trapping (with five Glenhaven six-cell traps) Bronzed Grackles and Starlings. At times, I am able to band all day while working in an

office at home. The station is in a crowded suburban subdivision with narrow forty foot lots but with many huge oaks, elms, and evergreens.

"No roost banding was done at the quarter million bird roost at Elmwood Park in a huge magnolia grove two miles west of the station which had moved from a willow-brake on the Mississippi River, but it was searched for roost casualties bearing bands without success. Two of my banded birds were found under such circumstances last year by others.

"To date, I have banded 3,300 Bronzed Grackles and 1,516 Starlings since January 1, 1950, using white bread for bait. 1,178 of the Grackles were banded from January 17, 1953 to March 1953, and 1,800 from December 1, 1953 to April 1, 1954, with 500 in February 1954 and 800 in March 1954 included in the 1800 total. Included in the grand total of Starlings were 358 Starlings in January 1954, with a total of 826 Starlings from December 1, 1953 to February 15, 1954, when they became scarce."

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Mrs. G. A. Dumont, Sr., DUMONT BANDING STATION, 311 Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, New Jersey, has this to say about getting birds out of traps:

"I read with great interest the letter of Mrs. E. E. Wanek of Ramsey, N.J., in the July-August issue, in regards to removing birds by hand from her traps in preference to cage-removal. I have followed her method for a good many years, since I also found that birds were easier to take by hand from the traps than trying to drive them into a gathering cage.

"At present, we have some trouble along this line with the comparatively new 'all-purpose' trap, it being too tall and large to allow one to allow one to catch the birds by hand. However, we are going to experiment with an arrangement to see if it can be adjusted to allow hand-removal."

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