

STATION REPORT

Arthur H. Fast, 4924 Rock Spring Road, Arlington 7, Va., reports the following banding results for the year ending April 30, 1954:

Mourning Dove	28	Oven-bird	2
Flicker	1	Northern Water-Thrush	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Yellow-throat	3
Downy Woodpecker	7	Purple Grackle	9
Blue Jay	54	Cowbird	9
Carolina Chickadee	11	Cardinal	55
Tufted Titmouse	17	Purple Finch	403*
White-breasted Nuthatch	5	Pine Siskin	16+
House Wren	1	Goldfinch	244
Winter Wren	1	Red-eyed Towhee	34
Carolina Wren	5	Slate-colored Junco	183
Mockingbird	8	Field Sparrow	1
Catbird	25	White-crowned Sparrow	1
Brown Thrasher	16	White-throated Sparrow	219
Robin	5	Swamp Sparrow	3
Wood Thrush	2	Song Sparrow	99
Olive-backed Thrush	1		
Veery	1		
Bluebird	1	Total Species	36
Myrtle Warbler	1	Total Banded	1,474

*This total is more than twice the number of Purple Finches that Mr. Fast previously banded in any one year; it is also 47.8% of all the Purple Finches he has banded since he began banding March 1, 1946.

+These Pine Siskins were banded in early May, 1953.

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BANDING AT CITY DUMPS

by W. M. Davidson

Picking one's way through broken glass, heaps of tin cans, and discarded furniture is not a popular pastime, but for the bird bander it is all in the day's work. I have had my eye on the dumps at Orlando and Oviedo, Florida, for some time before it struck me that

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