

WHERE ARE THE WHITE-THROATS?  
by Rev. Garrett S. Detwiler

With the White-throated Sparrow banding period in this area rapidly coming to a close, I am greatly puzzled. I am writing, therefore, to ascertain whether the same conditions I have noticed this year have prevailed elsewhere among other banders.

During the Winter of 1953-54, I banded 44 White-throats, with 24 birds repeating during that period; some, as is their custom, making regular pests of themselves.

As the Winter of 1954-55 approached, I diligently prepared, with better traps and a lot more experience, to band a goodly number of White-throats, one of the few species that visit my backyard.

Now that the banding period for this Winter is almost concluded, I find I have banded only 17 new birds, having had 9 to repeat. During this time, I have had 8 returns from last year.

If this ratio continues, the Winter of 1955-56 does not look too promising. Has this decreased number of White-throats been noticed by other banders? --323 Fenwick Ave., Salem, New Jersey

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NOTES AND NEWS

Rev. Garrett Detwiler observed on March 4 that "banding, here in Salem (New Jersey), has gone into a slump since the weather has moderated, but I have added several more species and totaled 2,328 banded since 1 January 1955.

"Dr. and Mrs. Fluck visited me several weeks ago and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stone, Jr., of Forked River, N.J., were here on Wednesday. With both couples we had a wonderful time talking birds and looking over the flocks of birds wintering in this area."

Treasurer Merrill Wood advises that EBBA member J. Stanley Quickmire, Jr., of Vineland, New Jersey, is expected home some time this month from Heidelberg, Germany, where he has served in the armed forces for the past sixteen months.

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