

	HOUSE	MAZE	TRIP	DROP DOOR	NET	OTHER
Adults	19	21	33	11	4	12
Immatures	38	34	11	10	1	6
Totals	22	23	29	12	3	11
Comparative Figures for All Sp.	15	30	24	13	13	5

Table 6: Method of Capturing Blue Jays

More than 70% of the Blue Jay captures took place before noon; this compares with 57% for Robins and 55% for Hermit Thrushes. The percentage of all birds taken before noon at this station is under 60%.

--424 Highland Ave., Upper Montclair, New Jersey

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EBBA MEMBERS FLOODED OUT BY RAMPAGING DELAWARE RIVER

At least six EBBA members were affected to greater or lesser degree by the flooding Delaware River on August 19, the sequel to hurricanes Connie and Diane. Perhaps the most serious damage was sustained by Reverend Garrett S. Detwiler whose attractive and well-equipped Summer home at Carpentersville, New Jersey, disappeared without trace, except for the foundations. Your Editor and wife, who live about two miles farther downstream, on the Pennsylvania side, saw the Detwiler cottage float by Saturday afternoon.

On September 5, Mr. Detwiler wrote: "We were up looking for our cottage the other day, Wednesday of last week, and on the way up, we stopped in at Doc Fluck's. He was just finishing up with a bunch of typhoid shots, so we asked them to go along with us. Well, before we knew what had happened, Doc had us in his car, Jeanne was still in her uniform, his bag was on the front seat for camouflage, and we were heading up the river toward Point Pleasant. He said that he would be able to get through where we would be turned back, so we let him talk us into going in his car.

"Well, to make a long story short, we went all the way up to Carpentersville and didn't see a scrap of wood that we could identify.

"We are now satisfied that our place must have either floated down the river whole or else ground to kindling and deposited between Riegelsville and just below Point Pleasant. These two places were the only places where we saw any large amounts of debris."

From Lambertville, New Jersey, about thirty-five miles farther down the Delaware River, Dr. Paul H. Fluck writes the following. Although living a short distance from the river, the Flucks' home was not damaged by the water. He says:

"At least one EBBA member was rescued from the flooded Delaware Valley by helicopter. Norman Fisher of Washington Crossing Park watched the river come to his door -- and windows -- and then he spurned the conveyance of Washington and took to the sky. Mr. Fisher, whose bird photos you may recall seeing at the Hawk Mountain meeting in April, saved his camera and his wife.

"The Washington Crossing Park Bird Banding Station was hard hit. At midnight, while the flood waters were licking the doorstep of my own home in Lambertville, I took off for a hundred mile ride to the Park - via Trenton and numerous country roads. Normally, Washington Crossing Park is a short three minutes from Lambertville -- but with flooded roads and all bridges out north of Trenton, it was a wild ride.

"Working with my feet in ten feet of water, I saved two Gill-made Brenkles and a favorite top-opener. Then a dead cow came drifting by and I got cramps in my legs, so I gave up for the night -- and gave up a dozen traps forever. But, the next afternoon, the crowd arrived and the banding programs went on as always.

"The worst part about it", Dr. Fluck said, "is that the mud made the worms scarce, and the Woodcock that had been summering at the station in large numbers took off for warmer areas."

Some seven miles south of Easton, June and Albert Conway, situated some forty feet above the normal water-level of the Delaware River, were so sure that their house was above all danger, busied themselves with aiding less fortunate neighbors until such time as they realized that they, too, would be flooded. If the flood waters were still here, the

Editor would be writing this, seated as he is in his study, with water up to his waist.

Even now, some two months later, there is no hardwood flooring on the first floor of our house or any linoleum in the kitchen or powder room; in addition, it is only recently that any doors, interior or exterior, on the first floor would close, and even now the latter do so only because the bronze sill plates have been removed, allowing entrance for myriads of mice --- oh, for a few house-trained Barn Owls! However, as things slowly dry out, repairs can be made.

The night that the water was in our house, we spent on porch lounges some three hundred feet up in our yard from the house, in company with three Cocker Spaniels, 15 Parakeets, 2 Peach-faced Lovebirds, 2 Cockatiels, and one male Brown-headed Cowbird; the next morning, we walked three and a half miles to a farmhouse for breakfast, our first meal in twenty-four hours.

That we really can't complain would be evident to anyone who views the scenes of utter devastation at Stroudsburg, Foul Rift, or Carpentersville, or who realizes that only two hundred yards up the road from us, two-thirds of a house was washed into the middle of Route 611, while just a little farther down the road, a whole house was floated onto the highway.--A.E.C.

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1956 ANNUAL MEETING TO BE AT WASHINGTON CROSSING PARK

President Frank Frazier writes the following about the 1956 annual meeting:

"We shall have the 1956 annual meeting at Paul Fluck's banding station at Washington Crossing. I'd like to ask the members to write and let me know what dates they would prefer. Since the scientific sessions on Saturday will be held in a pavillion (half canvas sides, two fire places, plenty of electricity for showing pictures), it will be as cool as it was at Hawk Mountain. So the later in April we hold the meeting the better, I think. Therefore, members should choose between April 21-22 and 28-29."

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