

* * * * WHO IS BANDING THE MOST OF WHAT? * * * *

* Elinor McEntee, of Ridgewood, N.J., banded 560 red-polls this spring. . . Ralph Bell, of Clarksville, Pa., banded 534 robins in 1955. . . Gordon Hight, of Atlanta, Ga., rings thousands of chimney swifts each year. . . Eleanor Dater, of Ramsey, N.J., banded extraordinary numbers of warblers this spring. . . President Paul Fluck gets unusual numbers of red-eyed vireos, rose-breasted grosbeaks and other species at Washington Crossing, Pa. There must be many other worthwhile contributions by other banders large and small.

* It would be valuable for all banders to know who is banding the most of what. In that way intra-banding correspondence could spring up to the good of all concerned. To make this type of feature possible, it will be necessary to have each bander send to EBBA NEWS his last year totals. So send them along (a copy of the list you sent the Bird-Banding Office will be fine.) We plan to list the leading banders of each species in forthcoming issues.

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MIST NETTING - SOME NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS
 (In two parts - Part I)
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With mist netting becoming more and more popular today among the banders, there is a very definite need for a paper or papers on their uses and limitations. This present paper makes no pretense at answering all the questions but offers a few suggestions to the bander on the use of nets and brings up a few of the problems that the bander will meet. It is hoped that the Banding Office will soon have an instruction leaflet out on netting. Meanwhile, many banders are learning the intricacies of mist netting the hard way - by trial and error. This is particularly true of the bander who has had no opportunity to spend some time with an experienced netter.

A great deal of disappointment and frustration can be avoided if