

I have often speculated how many I could have done on March 23rd had I been able to operate the traps all day and had I not at that time been low on bands. (New bands arrived from F & W on March 27th.) Without a doubt it would have been well over 500. Up until the 25th or 26th there were practically no repeats, which meant that the flock was constantly on the move. Late in the afternoon of the 23rd (the day I banded 209 in the morning) there were easily 1000 birds in an area 130' x 130' visible at one time on the snow.

The original attraction was my many birch trees and those of my immediate neighbors, but by the second day the seeds from the birch catkins were a minor interest apparently, if their flocking into the ground traps baited with a mixture of millet and canary seed was anything to judge by. They consumed pounds and pounds of that mixture in a week.

The six traps in use were a Modesto, a modified Modesto, a Middleton, a Mason, a Fluck 6 trap and a pull-string trap. No nets were in use during this operation.

REMINDER FROM THE BIRD-BANDING OFFICE

by Allen J. Duvall

We will appreciate it if banders forward schedules of dove bandings through August of this year. As you are well aware, game birds, which include doves, should be reported by the tenth of every month following banding.

Banders should also send in schedules of bandings for blackbirds through August. By "blackbirds" we include redwings, cowbirds, grackles and starlings.

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