

OPERATION RECOVERY, CAPE MAY POINT, N.J.
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As in prior years, a continuous line of nets was run down the center of an old trail through the woods north of Lighthouse Pond. The first nets (10) were strung Friday evening, September 8, 1956. The number of nets was increased on Saturday to 21 and on Sunday to 26. All nets were taken down on Sunday afternoon but the support posts were left in place.

Returning on Friday afternoon, September 14, we strung 10 nets; added 10 more on Saturday and another 6 on Sunday. The 26 nets, approximately 750 lineal feet, were operated until noon on September 21. One other net was operated for a few hours in a garden behind Shaffer's Guest House. Six nets were run on September 23.

Altogether 887 birds of 59 species were banded and a few returns taken from prior operations. The species banded in the most numbers were:

Redstart	179	Yellowthroat	65	Brown Thrasher	21
Catbird	145	Ovenbird	59	B. & W. Warbler	21
No. Waterthrush	77	Goldfinch	30	Chat	18
Veery	69	Olive-backed Thrush	21	Towhee	18
				Red-eyed Vireo	18

Interesting species included Dickcissel, Philadelphia Vireo, and Worm-eating Warbler. Incidentally, 6 Sharp-shinned Hawks, 1 Cooper's Hawk, and 1 Red-shouldered Hawk did less damage to the nets than the public.

Participating banders were: Mary L. Arny, Rev. Garrett Detwiler, Arthur H. Fast, J. George Hitchner, Seth H. Low, Bennett K. Matlack, and William Middleton. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Moore, Jr., assisted on several days.

The weather was generally unfavorable and produced only one moderate flight. On the 18th we banded 174 birds and on the 19th, 164.



Plan NOW to come to the Annual Meeting at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa. April 6 & 7. Bring your opinions on the use of nets, new kinds of traps or come to learn by exchanging ideas with your fellow banders.