

WHO IS BANDING THE MOST OF WHAT?

Every day, as we go to press, copies of members' banding totals for 1956 are coming in the mail. The figures shown below are the results to date for certain families of birds. We shall follow this up in succeeding issues with other families. . . .and, of course, "toppers".

AOU	GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS	
51	Herring Gull	William Pepper (at Martha's Vineyard) 233
58	Laughing Gull	Bennett K. Matlack, Bridgeton, N.J. 97
70	Common Tern	John C. Miller, Phila., Pa. 124
		Harry T. Davis, Raleigh, North Carolina 28
		William Pepper 26
74	Least Tern	William Pepper 12
80	Black Skimmer	Harry T. Davis 148
		John C. Miller 62
	DOVES, HAWKS, OWLS	
316	Mourning Dove	Mrs. Willis Geis, Riverside, Conn. 53
		Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Gill, Huntington, L.I., 32
		Dr. Paul H. Fluck, Washington Crossing, Pa. 32
337	Red-tailed Hawk	Prof. Benjamin P. Burt, Syracuse, N.Y. 32
360	Sparrow Hawk	Ralph K. Bell, Clarksville, Pa. 7
365	Barn Owl	Prof. Burt 4
373m	Screech Owl	Ralph K. Bell 5
375	Great Horned Owl	Prof. Burt 8
	FINCHES, etc.	
514	Evening Grosbeak	Dorothy L. Bordner, State College, Pa. 654
		Prof. Burt 449
		Dr. Fluck 119
517	Purple Finch	Dr. Fluck 485
		Arthur H. Fast, Arlington, Virginia 372
		William Pepper, Philadelphia, Pa. 330
519	House Finch	Donald H. Warren, Amityville, N.Y. 115
		Mrs. Willis Geis 65
529	Goldfinch	Mrs. Willis Geis 265
		Arthur H. Fast 255
		William Pepper 213
533	Pine Siskin	Dr. Fluck 157
		William Pepper 51
593	Cardinal	Bennett K. Matlack 78
		Ralph K. Bell 72
		Orville Crowder, Chase, Maryland 64
595	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Dr. Fluck 78

598	Indigo Bunting	Orville Crowder 27
		Dr. Fluck 12
		Frank P. Frazier, Upper Montclair, N.J. 9
608	Scarlet Tanager	Mrs. F. L. Bower, Basking Ridge, N.J. 49
	THRUSHES	
755	Wood Thrush	Dr. Paul H. Fluck 69
		Frank P. Frazier 57
		Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Gill 31
756	Veery	Frank P. Frazier 33
		Dr. Paul H. Fluck 13
757	Grey-cheeked Thrush	Dr. Paul H. Fluck 9
		Frank P. Frazier 9
758a	Olive-backed Thrush	Dr. Paul H. Fluck 54
		Frank P. Frazier 42
759b	Hermit Thrush	Mrs. Mabel Warburton, Morrisville, Pa. 42
761	Robin	Ralph K. Bell 363
		Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Gill 147
766	Bluebird	Ralph K. Bell 30
		Arthur H. Fast 13



"Last year in Ontario we formed a Banders Association," writes its Secretary-Treasurer, W. J. (Bill) Wasserfall, 22 Roycrest, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, "and are gradually getting it whipped together and also publishing our own Newsletter, a copy of which is enclosed."

And a fine newsletter it is. See the drawing and instructions for making a modification of the Baldwin Woodpecker Trap elsewhere in this issue. The new association plans correlated banding stations for cooperative banding during spring and fall migrations and want help from Ohio and Michigan banders.

The new association manned the Point Pelee Banding Station during May, 1956, and banded 2837 individuals of 102 species in 28 trapping days. The main trap was a Heligoland trap, with mist nets used as auxiliaries.

IMPORTANT * If you plan to attend the annual banquet April 6th, you must make your reservation now by writing William Pepper, 20 E. Bells Mill Road, Phila 18, Pa. The cost is \$3.00. Bill must know by March 29 - so mail him a card TODAY!