

WHAT IS RETURNING THE MOST TO WHOM?

Only 10 banders have sent us their 1956 return figures, although 44 have sent their banding totals. The July-August issue will carry banding totals of species not previously reported. Here are some of the higher return figures thus far received:

477	Blue Jay	Frank P. Frazier, Upper Montclair, N.J.	14
511	Purple Grackle	Dr. Paul H. Fluck, Washington Crossing, Pa.	74
519	House Finch	Mrs. Willis Geis, Riverside, Conn.	10
563	Field Sparrow	Ralph K. Bell, Clarksville, Pa.	20
581	Song Sparrow	" " " " " "	46
587	Red-eyed Towhee	W. A. DuPre, Rome, Georgia	22
593	Cardinal	" " " " " "	28
624	Red-eyed Vireo	Dr. Paul H. Fluck	15
704	Catbird	" " " " " "	38
705	Brown Thrasher	Mrs. Mabel Warburton, Morrisville, Pa.	9
731	Tufted Titmouse	Miss May S. Laudan, Glen Echo Heights, Md.	13

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NEWS IN BRIEF Have you discovered Squeeze-Klip? It is a multi-purpose fastener, ideal for joining chicken wire or hardware cloth and for many other uses. 500 rings plus clinking pliers cost \$2.00 - Mrs. Stanley Dickerson, EBBA Treasurer, has a supply. We suggest banders get a box whether they are old hands or new banders. \*\*\* The annual report for 1956 of the Western Bird Banding Association lists 115,041 birds banded of 276 species. Reports (other than some 60 "negative reports") were sent in by 181 banders. \*\*\* Raymond Fuller, Editor of EBBA NEWS some years ago, is doing little banding and has some traps that could be had for a token amount, writes Mrs. Fuller. EBBA editor and Mrs. Frazier visited the Fullers, had a delightful time, and came away with a sparrow trap, a Mason trap and a two-celled false bottom trap. Their address is Bloomingburg, Sullivan County, N.Y. \*\*\* Mrs. Elinor McEntee, of Ridgewood, N.J., took a Tree Sparrow March 8, 1956 that she had banded March 5, 1949 and that had returned seven succeeding winters \*\*\* Mrs. Stanley Dickerson, of Spotswood, N.J., wants information as to how long birds of different species can wear bands without the bands getting worn to the point where they require replacement. She has found that bands wear paper thin on grackles and jays (at the end of the band next to the foot) in about three years \*\*\* The Dickersons banded 274 Myrtle Warblers between April 22 and May 8 this year - and had many repeats and returns and one foreign recovery \*\*\*

This is the first 20-page issue of EBBA NEWS. We plan to keep on with 20 page issues if we receive enough material to warrant it . . . AND . . . if the members wish it enough so that more members send in the extra \$3.00 that makes them Sustaining Members (cash or checks will be gratefully and cheerily received by EBBA's treasurer and names of the new Sustaining Members will be featured in future issues) \*\*\*