

748	G.C. Kinglet	John V. Dennis	23
749	R.C. Kinglet	Stephen W. Simon	76
		Seth H. Low	41
718	Carolina Wren	James Baird	20
721	House Wren	Seth H. Low	55
<u>SWALLOWS, SWIFTS</u>			
423	Chimney Swift	Ralph K. Bell, Clarksville, Penna.	1060
611	Purple Martin	Ralph K. Bell	133
613	Barn Swallow	Charles J. Spiker, Branchport, N. Y.	379
		Ralph K. Bell	220
614	Tree Swallow	Mrs. Sara F. Hoyt	75
		Chandler S. Robbins	58
616	Bank Swallow	Orville W. Crowder, Fawngrove, Pa.	102
		Chandler S. Robbins	78
		Seth H. Low	75

RETURNS

477	Blue Jay	Geoffrey Gill, Huntingdon, L.I., N.Y.	20
514	Evening Grosbeak	G. Hapgood Parks	5
517	Purple Finch	G. Hapgood Parks	6
567	Junco	Frank P. Frazier	25

HOW MANY WHITE-THROATS?

By William A. Tompkins

One of the thrills of banding happened to me in the spring of 1956 when a very obvious fact was proved to be false through the medium of banding. Had I been merely a bird lover with a winter feeding station, I would have said that a flock of from 25 to 30 white-throats spent a month at my feeder during April and May. However, since my feeder is in reality a trap A picture and description of the trap appear elsewhere in this issue. -Ed. my banding records show that there were six separate flocks and a total of 111 individuals. Here is the break-down:

- April 23 Trapped and banded 16 white-throats.
 24 Only one new bird banded but 9 repeats of birds banded on the 23rd.
 25 One bird banded, 10 repeats of those banded on the 23rd.
 27 15 new birds banded, only one repeat from the 23rd. The first flock has moved on.
 30 21 new birds banded, still one holdover from the 23rd, no repeats from the birds banded on the 27th. The second flock must have moved on over the weekend.
 May 1 14 new birds banded, 10 repeats from April 30, no other repeats. These two days must be the third flock of at least 35 individuals.

- 2 13 new birds banded, only one repeat from those banded April 30. Flock #3 has moved on, flock #4 is here.
 3 7 new birds banded, one repeat from the 30th and one from the 1st but 8 repeats from those banded on the 2nd. Still flock #4.
 4 7 new birds banded, one holdover from the 30th, still 8 repeats from the 2nd and 2 from May 3rd.
 7 No new birds, 2 holdovers from May 2nd. Flock #4 has gone.
 8 5 new birds banded, still 2 birds from May 2nd repeating.
 9 One new bird banded, 4 repeats of those banded on the 8th. This must be flock #5.
 10 No new birds, 2 repeats from the 8th.
 11 No new birds, 3 repeats from the 8th.
 14 5 new birds banded, no repeats at all. The start of flock #6.
 15 2 new birds banded, one repeat from the 14th.
 18 2 new birds banded, one repeat from the 15th.

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BRIEF

"While in Mr. Hitchener's yard," writes Mrs. B. J. Warburton, I heard him say he got his trap identification tags from one of those machines where you stamp out your name and address. These cost a nickel when I was a girl ... so they must be at least ten cents now. You can purchase identification tags from Sears for 3¢ apiece in lots of 40 -- Item #6GR521F *** Writes Mrs. Earl W. Smith, "Wonder why goldfinches, since they are seed-eating species, won't enter ground traps. I've used all sorts of bait - mostly millet, but to no avail." Who has an answer? *** Turn to page 51 in this issue if you want to know how to buy nets at cost *** The Reichert's, those wonderful binocular experts, had a letter praising their binoculars from Mrs. Brantley Peacock, of Fairfax, Va., and saying that she had trapped and banded a hybrid between a white-throated sparrow and a junco - verification made by no less a trio than Alexander Wetmore, Frederick Lincoln and John Aldrich *** "Our oldest Lady Cardinal checked in last week," writes Mrs. J.E.M. Wood, of Annapolis, Md. "She was banded 8 years ago and this was her first return. Her bite is just as good as it was when she was banded." *** Raymond Middleton, former EBBA president, has noted that redstarts and yellowthroats are the best callers among warblers -- lure others into traps. He takes many warblers in the Middleton Thrush Traps he invented *** Norman Fisher, who gave a wonderful talk on photographing for banders at the Annual Meeting, is doing an article on the subject for EBBA NEWS *** EBBA V.P. Joseph Cadbury has banded over 12,000 cormorants and has a 10% recovery record as a result *** The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its 75th Annual Meeting at Cape May, N.J., September 10-15 *** Osage orange makes fine bait for pine siskins, pheasants and other birds, says EBBA President Paul Fluck ***