

OPERATION RECOVERY --- 1957

More than 10,000 birds of about 130 species were banded during the 1957 Operation Recovery period at 12 stations ranging from Nova Scotia to Maryland, preliminary reports show. As a comparison, in 1956 some 5200 birds of 113 species were banded. All the 1957 reports are not yet in, since a great deal of time will be put on them in order to work up the data on weights, weather, measurements and other pertinent material. The final report, we understand, will appear in a future issue of Bird-Banding. It is hoped that every bander will make it his duty to seek out and study this valuable report.

The Island Beach, New Jersey, station, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, banded the most birds with a total of 2780. An informal report of the results from this and other stations follows:

Milbridge, Maine. Mr. & Mrs. G. Hapgood Parks banded 394 birds of 37 species. Most: 135 Olive-backed Thrush. Rarity: Alder Flycatcher.

Nantucket, Mass. John Dennis banded over 1900. Rarities: Noddy Tern, Saw-whet Owl, Warbling Vireo, Hooded Warbler.

Middleton, R.I. James Baird banded 804 of 52 species. Most: Catbird 221. Rarity: Summer Tanager.

Island Beach, N.J. Mr. & Mrs. Dickerson, aided by other New Jersey and Philadelphia banders, banded 2780 birds of 91 species. Most: 819 Catbirds, 166 Vireos, 996 Warblers of 32 species. Rarities: Kentucky W., Dickcissel (2), Summer Tanager, Prothonotary W., Philadelphia Vireo.

Glaiborne, Maryland. W. M. Davidson banded 227 birds of 40 species. Most: Redstart 37. Rarities: Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Blue Grosbeak.

Ocean City, Md. Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Fletcher first, then Chandler Robbins for two weeks, banded 865 birds of 60 species. Rarities: Dickcissel, Blue Grosbeak, Summer Tanager.

Other stations and their operators, from whom the reports are meager, included Mr. & Mrs. E. Alexander Bergstrom in Nova Scotia, Joseph Cadbury and Chandler Robbins at Cape May, N.J., Frederick R. Scott at Chincoteague, Virginia, and Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Dickerson at Kiptopeke, Virginia.

Much progress was made in this third year of our cooperative effort. More cooperators are needed. Any bander who wishes to take part in this important project next year should notify James Baird, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Middletown, Rhode Island, stating where and at what times he will be able to participate.
