

WHO IS BANDING THE MOST OF WHAT?
and
WHAT IS RETURNING THE MOST TO WHOM?

About a score of EBBA members, some of whom have not previously sent in their lists of birds banded, have forwarded their totals for 1957. We hope that many more (some 60 sent them in last year) will contribute to this feature of EBBA NEWS. Those of you who comply will, we trust, remind other banders to follow suit so that we can have a truly representative picture of EBBA banding during 1957.

No member has yet sent in his Return figures for 1957. This is an even more interesting and worthwhile feature than the banding totals. So send in your record of returns also. ★ ★ ★

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Howard P. Mahnken of Lambertville, N.J., writes that he banded 11 Common Terns and 59 Black Skimmers -- his first sea birds -- last summer. He adds, "My banding assistant, Mrs. Dorothy Hartmann, is feeding with her Blue Jays. They steal her suet. Mine are well behaved and never seem to touch the suet. Quite a contrast in Blue Jays living 3 miles apart. ★ ★ ★ E. Alexander Bergstrom, Editor of Bird-Banding, writes that he has a few extra copies of the July issue left, including Seth Lov's paper on nets, and will send one free to any of EBBA's readers who write him, while the supply lasts. His address: 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 7, Conn. ★ ★ ★ EBBA President Paul Fluck banded more than 5,000 birds of 92 species in 1957 and had about 500 returns ★ ★ ★ Mrs. Joseph Cardinali of Jamesburg, N.J. trapped and banded an immature Northern Shrike on January 12. The bird, which had killed a Tree Sparrow in the trap, was released many miles away ★ ★ ★ Oliver F. Irwin of Memphis, Tenn., writes "There are several records of Coturnix Quail, banded in Tennessee, being killed in other states. John S. Wilder, Mason, Tenn., killed a Coturnix Quail banded in Indiana." ★ ★ ★ James McCabe of Carthagena, Ohio (according to Inland Bird Banding News for December 1957) has replaced his one inch "c" clamps on the hoses of his water traps with aluminum alloy ones. The iron ones rusted too easily, but the aluminum ones are perfect. They can be bought through Sears Roebuck at 31¢ each. ★ ★ ★ Rev. Garrett Detwiler, EBBA Secretary, banded some 6,876 birds in 1957 and he tells us that Bennett Matlack stopped in and said that he had banded about 12,300 in 1957. Rev. Detwiler bands in Salem, N.J. and Bennett Matlack in Bridgeton, N.J. EBBA members who attended last year's Annual Meeting had the opportunity to visit the stations of both these banders. ★ ★ ★ Your Editor is most appreciative of the letters (in all too many cases unanswered, we fear) containing encouraging remarks about the progress of EBBA NEWS. But growth comes also through thoughtful and constructive criticism -- so letters calling attention to sins of omission and commission will be always welcome. ★ ★ ★ COME to the Annual Meeting - you will benefit! ★ ★