

OPERATION RECOVERY--1958  
(Preliminary Summary by Chandler S. Robbins)

In view of the general interest in the progress of Operation Recovery, we asked banders at the major stations to submit brief preliminary summaries of their bandings through the month of September. Some of the reports given below had to be prepared on short notice before official records were completed and verified; therefore, the figures that follow should be considered as tentative and subject to revision.

Once again, the Island Beach station on the New Jersey coast, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, netted by far the largest number of birds. As many as 15 licensed banders and 30 assistants participated in the operation of this well-organized station.

Milbridge, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. G. Hapgood Parks banded 253 birds of 36 species in 2,593 net-hours, 8/12 - 9/25. Most: 59 Myrtle Warblers.

Castine, Maine. Lt. and Mrs. M. C. Morse, Jr., banded 375 birds of 48 species in September. Most: 93 Swainson's Thrushes.

Medomak, Maine. Joseph M. Cadbury banded 84 birds of 35 species in 390 net-hours, 8/16 - 9/4. Most: 13 Song Sparrows. Rarities: Saw-whet Owl, Yellow-breasted Chat.

Gloucester, Mass. Mrs. Chandler Robbins II banded 71 birds of 13 species in 162 net-hours, 8/30 - 9/13. Most: 12 Northern Waterthrushes. Rarity: Yellow-breasted Chat.

Nantucket, Mass. John V. Dennis et al. banded 2,762 birds of 93 species in August and September. Rarities: Clay-colored Sparrow, 2 Blue Grosbeaks, 6 Dickcissels.

Middletown, R.I. James Baird banded 379 birds of 35 species in 1,917 net-hours, 8/1 - 8/31. Most: 107 Yellow Warblers.

Kingston, R.I. Douglas L. Kraus banded 270 birds of 35 species in 131 net-hours, 8/23 - 9/30. Most: 78 American Goldfinches.

West Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. E. Alexander Bergstrom banded 41 birds of 24 species in 519 net-hours, 8/22 - 9/29.

Island Beach, N.J. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson et al. banded 5,737 birds of 99 species, 9/5 - 9/25. Rarities: Blue Grosbeak, Summer Tanager, Clay-colored Sparrow.

New Lisbon, Burlington Co., N.J. Joseph M. Cadbury banded 31 birds of 9 species in 90 net-hours, 9/13 - 9/28. Most: 18 Rufous-sided Towhees.

Cape May, N.J. Seth H. Low, George Hitchner, et al. banded 843 birds of 50 species in 2777 net-hours, 9/10 - 9/21. Most: 264 Am. Redstarts.

Claiborne, Md. W. M. Davidson banded 130 birds of 29 species in 699 net-hours, 8/28 - 9/17. Most: 14 Eastern Wood Pewees. Rarity: Mourning Warbler.

Ocean City, Md. Chandler S. Robbins, Mrs. Richard D. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fletcher, et al. banded 1,122 birds of 66 species in 7,248 net-hours, 9/5 - 9/21. Most 186 Swainson's Thrushes. Rarities: Blue Grosbeak, 2 Summer Tanagers.

Chincoteague, Va. Frederic R. Scott banded 103 birds of 23 species in 1,000 net-hours, 9/14 - 9/19. Most: 26 Pine Warblers. Rarities: Orange-crowned Warbler, Summer Tanager.

It is evident from the above reports that total bandings during the 1958 O.R. period will be far in excess of last year's record of 11,613. So far, 2 foreign retraps have been reported: A Cardinal at West Hartford, and a Baltimore Oriole that went from Springfield, Mass. to Middletown, R.I. Needless to say, it will take several months to analyze the migration data and the weight records obtained during this study.

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