

Disregarding subspecies, I find that I have banded exactly 100 species of birds prior to 1957. My success with Laughing Gulls during the past summer (see EBBA NEWS "You Needn't Leave Your Traps Behind", Sept-Oct 1957) brings my species to 101.

I feel that there is a message of some value in a review of this report of minor banding activities over a rather extended period of time. Briefly it is this: Wherever you are, and whatever you do, keep on banding. There are almost always opportunities to band something. If you keep banding in mind, under diverse conditions, you will remain adaptable to the necessity of modifying your trapping approach in each new situation. This will aid you in avoiding the narrow approach of the "specialist," both locally and when you travel. You will attain greater proficiency both as a bander and as a naturalist in general.

GOLDFINCH FLOCKS

By Eleanor Dater

The returns recorded below are from two groups of Goldfinches, seeming to indicate that flocks stick together over an extended period of time.

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>
25-49661	A	M	9/13/56	2/19/58
664	A	F	"	2/11/58
667	A	M	9/15/56	2/15/58
669	A	M	"	2/11/58
686	I	F	10/28/56	3/4/58
24-18453	A	M	3/24/56	1/17/58
471	A	M	4/10/56	1/14/58
477		F	4/17/56	1/17/58

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