

23 RETURNS IN ONE WEEK

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Arthur Fast, 4924 Rock Spring Road, Arlington, Virginia, reports the 23 returns tabulated below, at his home banding station, during the week January 4 to 10, inclusive. Many of these birds had attained an age worthy of note, including a White-throated Sparrow at least $7\frac{1}{2}$ years of age, the oldest bird of that species to return to this station. Some of these returns also indicate that flocks stay together for several years. During that week, there was a veritable convention of birds banded at this station in previous years.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date Banded.</u>	<u>Date last retrapped.</u>	<u>Minimum age, years.</u>
Blue Jay	Sept 9, 1954	Jan 6, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	Jan 16, 1955	Jan 6, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	Jan 20, 1955	Jan 5, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	Feb 14, 1954	Jan 7, 1959	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	Feb 19, 1955	Jan 4, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	March 15, 1955	Jan 6, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	Jan 2, 1958	Jan 7, 1959	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Goldfinch	Jan 28, 1958	Jan 7, 1959	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Slate-colored Junco	Jan 2, 1955	Jan 10, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Slate-colored Junco	Dec 21, 1957	Jan 8, 1959	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Slate-colored Junco	Jan 18, 1958	Jan 8, 1959	$1\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Dec 11, 1951	Jan 8, 1959	$7\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Oct 30, 1952	Jan 9, 1959	$6\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Jan 31, 1954	Jan 8, 1959	$5\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Nov 9, 1954	Jan 6, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Nov 16, 1954	Jan 6, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Dec 19, 1954	Jan 6, 1959	$4\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Nov 4, 1955	Jan 9, 1959	$3\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Nov 5, 1955	Jan 7, 1959	$3\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Nov 13, 1955	Jan 9, 1959	$3\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Nov 29, 1955	Jan 6, 1959	$3\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Dec 14, 1955	Jan 7, 1959	$3\frac{1}{2}$
White-throated Sparrow	Oct 26, 1957	Jan 6, 1959	$1\frac{1}{2}$

It seems proper to append a note that on March 7, 1959 a male Cardinal was retrapped and released, in apparent good condition at this station, which was banded as an immature on September 7, 1946; he was $12\frac{1}{2}$ years of age, this bander's oldest Cardinal.

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