

RETURNS & RECOVERIES

By Harmon Nodecker

In 1958 I had 75 returns of 18 species, my best being 27 Bank Swallows, 25 out of 450 banded in 1957, and 2 out of 48 banded in 1956. In Florida I had 10 Painted Bunting returns out of 22 banded in the 2 previous winters.

I trapped the following birds banded by others: 1 Cardinal, 1 Evening Grosbeak, 1 Tree Sparrow, 1 Bank Swallow, banded by Robert Waylandsmith, Oneida, N.Y., distance $\frac{1}{2}$ mile; 1 Evening Grosbeak banded by Clarence Sanderson, Oneida Castle, N.Y., distance 3 miles; 3 Evening Grosbeaks banded by Mrs. Sally Hoyt, Etna, N.Y., distance 75 miles.

Live recoveries of my birds: 1 Evening Grosbeak at Hloversville, N.Y.; 1 Evening Grosbeak at Huntsville, Ontario, Canada; 1 Bank Swallow at Penn Yan, N.Y.; 1 Tree Swallow at Oneida, N.Y.

1958 dead recoveries: 1 Bank Swallow, 1 Downy Woodpecker, 1 Purple Finch, 1 Cowbird, 1 Red-winged Blackbird, 4 Robins, 1 Cardinal, 1 Veery, 1 House Wren and 3 Mourning Doves.

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MOURNING DOVE BANDING - 1959

A Memo from Allen J. Duvall

Bird banders have played an important role in carrying on the mourning dove-banding program since its inauguration in 1955. In 1959, we again are urging you to band nestling and breeding adult doves. The 5-year banding program closes in 1960, and continued banding effort is needed in the last two seasons to attain the banding goals in all parts of the United States.

If each bander contributes at least 10 banded doves in 1959, some 10,000 bandings and 300 recoveries would be added to the national banding records -- a major contribution to the aggregate.

You will soon receive a report on a preliminary analysis of mourning dove banding which will show that our banding efforts are bearing fruit in that production areas can be related to wintering or harvest areas. Other information vital to sound management of the mourning dove resource is accumulating also.

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