

RECOVERIES OF LAUGHING GULLS

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The following is a breakdown of 116 recoveries of a total of 5,493 Laughing Gulls banded in Cape May county, New Jersey, from 1951 to 1958. 41 were recovered in New Jersey, 31 were recovered elsewhere in the U. S., and 44 were recovered outside of the U. S.

NUMBER Banded EACH YEAR:	1951-52 - 63	1955 - 0
	1952-53 - 437	1956 - 97
	1953-54 - 373	1957 - 2,803
	1954 - 16	1958 - 1,704

RECOVERED OUTSIDE THE U. S. (North): Newfoundland - 7
Prince Edward Island - 1

RECOVERED OUTSIDE THE U. S. (South):

Ecuador	- 2	Nicaragua	- 2
Colombia	- 5	Guatemala	- 3
Panama	- 12	Honduras	- 3
Canal Zone	- 4	Cuba	- 3
Costa Rica	- 1	Mexico	- 1

Total South America : 7
Total Central America: 29

RECOVERIES, BY STATES:	Delaware	3
	Maryland	8
	Virginia	4
	North Carolina	5
	South Carolina	3
	Georgia	1
	Florida	7
		<u>31</u>

RECOVERIES IN NEW JERSEY, BY COUNTIES:

Ocean	2
Cumberland	1
Monmouth	2
Salem	1
Atlantic	1
Cape May	<u>34</u>
	41

AGE OF RECOVERED BIRDS:

Same Day	1	8 mo.	10
5 days	1	9 mo.	2
12 days	1	10 mo.	2
13 days	1	1 year	3
1 mo.	21	13 mo.	2
2 mo.	13	14 mo.	6
3 mo.	11	15 mo.	4
4 mo.	10	16 mo.	2
5 mo.	6	17 mo.	1
6 mo.	5	18 mo.	1
7 mo.	8		

Four years: No. 515-82351: July 3, 1953 to July 1, 1957

Five years and four months: No. 515-41159: July 25, 1951 to November 8, 1956, when it was caught on a fishing line and released, at Conch Key, Florida; this bird was reported found dead on November 20, 1956 15 miles north of Marathon, Florida.

BANDS FOR HUMMINGBIRDS Ralph K. Bell of Clarksville, Pa. writes: "With the increasing use of mist nets, more banders will be catching and attempting to band Hummingbirds. Old and worn size 0 or 1 bands are the best to use, as they are thinner and easier to read. Most stations will have some of these, taken from casualties or dead birds. Mold the cut-down band (leaving three legible numbers) around a 3" safety pin or wire of equivalent size. Then reopen with a penknife to place on the Hummingbird.

"Even by cutting the band down as close to the three numbers as possible, the band may still be too wide: the Hummer may not be able to open its hind toe properly due to the width of the band. Cut off two corners of the band as illustrated 123 in such a way as to give room for the hind toe: the toe fits in the notch created by removing the two corners. The band should be filed down with a nail file to make sure there are no sharp edges."

MIST NETS

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