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OPERATION RECOVERY AT OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

By Gladys H. Cole

The 1959 Operation Recovery at Ocean City started on September 4th, and lasted through September 27th. The nature of the terrain and the flora of North Ocean City is a little different from some of the other barrier beach stations. Our station is located in the first wooded area north of Ocean City, bordering a housing development. A bay, two miles wide at this point, separated the barrier beach from the mainland. The west side of the station is flat marshland with salt marsh grasses bordered with baccharis; on the east and south sides, vacant lots with a stand of dead loblolly pine. On the north there is one-fourth mile of low loblollies and then almost a mile of open country separating this O. R. station from the next woodlot.

In the center of our area there is a clearing, about the width of a four-lane highway, which was made several years ago to be a road for the development. It has some growth of sumac, blackberry bushes, etc., on it now. The large trees and stumps were pushed to each side of this opening and have become overgrown with catbriar, poison ivy, pokeberry bushes and grasses.

The rest of the territory is covered with loblolly pine, some large trees, black gum, holly, sassafras, swamp magnolia, poison ivy, and plenty of muscadine grape vines, loaded with fruit. The edges are bordered with bayberry.

We operate nets in three areas of a single woodlot, A, B and C in the illustration below. The net lanes have been used over a period of years and have been most productive. We started with 33 nets and gradually added three more: the last ten days, we operated 36 nets. We weighed, measured, and examined for fat on all days except one-half day on September 25th, when we did not have adequate help.

In 9638 net-hours, we banded 1848 birds of 79 species and handled 1148 repeats. The species in largest numbers were:

Redstart	181	Black-throated Blue Warbler	79
Baltimore Oriole	154	Cape May Warbler	57
Swainson's Thrush	136	Flicker	54
Catbird	109	Black and White Warbler	54
Red-eyed Vireo	103	Northern Water-thrush	54
Whitethroat	80		

On September 25th, the peak day, we banded 262 birds, including 59 Whitethroats. On September 4, 5 and 6, we banded 247 birds; during the week of September 7 through 13, 450 birds; September 14 through 20, 532; September 21 through 27, the peak week, 619 birds banded.

The following banders participated: Gladys H. Cole, Mrs. Philip Wagley, Mr. & Mrs. George Ballentine, Chandler S. Robbins, Gordon and Jim Meade, David Bridge, R. K. Burns, Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Fletcher, Elizabeth Peacock, Dr. & Mrs. E. W. Goodpasture, Arthur Fast, Elizabeth Slater, Friel Sanders, Erana Lubbert, Gilbert Cant, and Duvall Jones.

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