

## AN OFT-RETURNING CHICKADEE

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On September 18, 1955, I banded a Black-capped Chickadee at my home in Ashtabula, Ohio - number 24-39209. It has been returning consistently ever since, on the following dates:

1955: Oct. 16, 21, 24; Nov. 6, 27

1956: Jan. 13; April 13, 22; July 4; Sept. 9; Nov. 15, 25

1957: Oct. 17

1958: June 15; July 3; Nov. 9

1959: Jan. 18; Feb. 1

1960: Feb. 17; April 10

1961: March 17; May 18

I feel sure that this bird is coming back even now (June 28, 1961) regularly, as it was banded on the right leg and all other chickadees that are coming now are banded on the left leg. I have been banding a few years on one leg and then changing to the other for a few years.

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SEMI SANDPIPER Mrs. Betty Knorr of South Amboy, New Jersey, writes:  
FOREIGN RETRAP "While banding shorebirds here on August 18, 1961, I caught an adult Semipalmated Sandpiper wearing a 'foreign' band. The band was very worn and was removed and sent in with the report to the Banding Office. The band, no. 52-45141, was replaced with new band no. 61-01148 and the bird was released.

"I have just received word from the Banding Office that this Sandpiper was banded as an adult at Dundas Marsh, Ontario, Canada, on May 27, 1958, by Mr. Leslie R. Gray."

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EBBA'S MEMBERS ARE WIDESPREAD A compilation made while mailing the last issue of EBBA NEWS showed that EBBA membership was divided between 44 states and 10 foreign countries (21 members in foreign countries, 11 of which are in Canada). Most members live in Pennsylvania (97), New York (80), and New Jersey (77). Total membership was 509 (with several more added since), of which 355 live in the Eastern coastal states which comprise "EBBA's territory", and 144 elsewhere.

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