

COOPERATIVE REDWING BANDING PROGRAM
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The Cooperative Redwinged Blackbird Nestling Banding Program of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center had a banner year in 1961. As a result of extending the area of interest westward to include the Mississippi Flyway, 3,183 nestlings were banded. Total nestlings banded in 1960 were 2,134, and in 1959, 1,125. Such a large number of nestlings banded represents a great deal of hard work, and for many banders meant trudging through some marsh in 90° heat and slapping mosquitoes for a couple of hours.

The banding of nestlings is most important because they represent birds of known age and source of origin. In addition to gaining information on distribution and migration, we are able to estimate annual survival rates from banding recoveries.

We are grateful to all who participated in the nestling banding program for this outstanding effort. The program will be continued in 1962, and we will be shooting for 4,000 nestlings banded. A tabulation by states for the 1961 bandings follows:

<u>State or Province</u>	<u>No. Banded</u>	<u>No. Responses</u>
Alabama	11	
Arkansas	13	1
Delaware	98	2
Florida	154	2
Illinois	352	2
Indiana	6	9
Iowa	198	1
Kansas	128	2
Kentucky	0	2
Maine	105	1
Maryland	171	7
Massachusetts	83	8
Michigan	420	5
Mississippi	6	8
Missouri	32	1
Nebraska	0	1
New Jersey	183	1
New York	537	7
North Dakota	0	5
Ohio	0	1
Pennsylvania	91	1
South Carolina	102	8
Tennessee	27	2
Texas	2	3
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Vermont	2	1
Virginia	67	3
Wisconsin	113	4
Manitoba	89	2
Ontario	179	3
Quebec	14	1
TOTAL	3,183	95

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INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The XIII International Ornithological Congress will meet at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, beginning June 16, through June 23, 1962.

Bird banders will have a special meeting one evening during that period. We have applied for the evening of June 23.

Arrangements are being made for a seminar in which there will be audience participation. The topic or topics to be discussed are under consideration. It is hoped that all members of EBBA who have registered for the Congress will attend this meeting and take part in the discussions.

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