

be made. Week-end recreation in the area causes such heavy boat and auto traffic that it is not profitable to attempt netting then. Unfortunately few people have time for aiding in this venture during the week.

As yet only the nine meter net has been used, but an attempt should be made to use the 18 meter net next time; however, it is doubtful that it can be handled as successfully as the shorter net.

On the bridge is posted a sign "No Fishing from the Bridge". An officer who might stop to question the use of bamboo fishing poles hanging over the bridge railing would likely be quite surprised to see the catch. Fortunately as yet no officer has stopped.

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OPERATION RECOVERY IN POLAND

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From September 15 to October 14, 1961, a first experimental "Operation Recovery" was carried out along the Baltic coast of Poland. Six points manned by three people each, working with a few mist-nets only (43 nets altogether), succeeded in trapping and banding 10,534 birds of 82 species, with 1604 local retraps. Each bird was weighed, measured, and examined for external parasites.

The list of species was headed by the European Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) with 3768 birds banded, Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) 2313, and Great Tit (*Parus major*) 886. Among the rarer species were one Siberian Thrush (*Turdus sibiricus*) and a Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*), both being the first definite evidences for the Polish list.

Among the birds trapped two Great Tits bore Moscow bands, one Robin had a Swedish band, and one Blackbird had a British band.

The most interesting recovery, however, was that of a Robin banded on September 5 at the easternmost point of the chain of stations and re-trapped after 12 days, i.e. September 17, at the westernmost station, a distance of 230 km. (about 144 miles) as the crow flies.

The results of this first experimental operation are encouraging and it is planned to repeat the operation next year if the necessary equipment (mist-nets) is available. It should be mentioned that the operation has been organized by three young enthusiastic undergraduates of the Warsaw University who, helped by their friends and colleagues, carried out successfully this experimental project.

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