

OURS IS A SAMPLING STATION
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After having conducted a netting station for six seasons at Mil-bridge, Maine, in cooperation with the Operation Recovery program, we have come to the conclusion that ours should be considered a sampling station only.

Situated, as it is, on an isolated point of land which is almost a tiny island it is not located in any dependable migration route. Very tall spruces form a canopy for the safe conduct of most of the birds which chance to pass our way far above any net installation we may contriv

Our nets are afforded only sparse shelter by their environment from any movement of the air, least of all from the bird-bearing northwesterlies. Too often we are plagued by persistent fogs which drench the nets and load them with water droplets at every mesh. But we have accumulated a total of 21,500 net-hours. This amount of effort has captured only 2,955 individual birds of 84 species. Of the 84 species, 59 are represented by a single individual each during one or more of the seasons.

Summarizing:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Net-hours</u>	<u>Individuals Banded</u>	<u>Species Banded</u>	<u>One-of-a-Kind Species</u>
1957	2449	394	37	13
1958	2593	253	36	11
1959	4257	839	57	16
1960	4702	724	54	15
1961	3587	258	53	11
1962	<u>3912</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>19</u>
Totals	21,500	2,955	84	59

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