

customers keep coming so fast, many have to drive up in the fields to pick one still standing. Some like to do this anyway and may spend several hours (on warm days) trying to pick the perfect tree. The ground was frozen this year, which was helpful. Last year there was too much snow and the year before too much mud.
Happy New Year ... banders all.

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WING-TAIL MEASUREMENTS OF BLACK-CAPPED AND CAROLINA CHICKADEES

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The following table shows the Wing-Tail measurements of Black-Capped and Carolina Chickadees banded at Monkton, Md., between 1954 and 1959. The measurements were to the nearest 0.5 mm. For convenience, in the table the 0.5 measurements were raised to the next 1.0 mm. (The 6 Carolinas and 9 Black-caps measured at Laurel by Robbins during the winter of 1957-58 fall in the same pattern as the Monkton birds.)

| Wing mm. | Tail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 |
| 56 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 57 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 1 | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 61 | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 62 | | | | | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | 4 | 5 | 1 | | | | |
| 63 | | | | | | | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 64 | | | | | | 1 | | | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 65 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 66 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 67 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 |
| 68 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |