

PILEATED WOODPECKER

Photographed by William E. Savell, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Geffken, 635 Andover Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. This bird and his mate visit the suet feeder several times daily. On occasion of this photograph he lingered long enough to be photographed fifteen times. The light was poor, however, as the sun was setting, and shutter



speeds of 1/5 second at f5.6, using Ektachrome X film were utilized. The lens was a Kilfit 400mm telephoto. Only two of the fifteen exposures were satisfactory, due to movement. Nine hours were spent in a blind before this photograph was taken, although at least one earlier opportunity was missed. Thirteen other species visited the feeder before the Pileated Woodpecker returned. We were unsuccessful in luring him into the nets for banding.

BLACK SKIMMER (below) photographed by William E. Savell, on Great Usland, in the city of Atlantic City. The island is a land filled with salt marsh island on U.S. Highway #40, and has produced a great variety of shore area nesting birds. The Black Skimmer predominates, with several

hundred nesting pairs, followed in order by the Least Tern, Piping Plover, Common Tern, Spotted Sandpiper, Horned Lark and finally two pairs of Gull-billed Terns. The photograph was taken from a blind after a wait of only fifteen minutes, utilizing Kodachrome II film exposed 1/100 second, at f11, using a Kilfit 400mm telephoto lens.

MID-WINTER VACATION
By William E. Savell

We spent two delightful days on Jekyll Island, Georgia, where we made final arrangements with the Jekyll Island Authority for banding privileges on the island. We were shown some very interesting locations for netting lanes by Mrs. Carl Masters who is keenly interested in nature and birding in particular. While strolling one of these areas, we surprised three resting deer. There are many wild turkeys on the island also. Both creatures may prove problems to banders with nets.

From there we went to the Okefenokee Swamp Park where we spent the day, continuing from there to St. Augustine, Florida, where we stayed six days. We thought the Matanzas River section very interesting and devoted a great deal of time to an area near Marineland between route A1A and the ocean, a distance of about a mile, where the live oaks give way to the scrub palmettos. The section was alive with birds of a goodly number of species, of which the myrtle warbler predominated. Large numbers of blue-grey gnatcatchers were observed. The white-eyed and red-eyed vireos were common along with catbirds, towhees, thrashers, etc. If we can get our permit extended to include Florida, I would like to try some spring-time netting/banding at this location. Good sites, relatively well protected from the March winds are available in places isolated from the general public and should prove very productive. It seems to me some of the Operation Recovery birds might be intercepted. The area is still unspoiled by the chain saw and bulldozer and is a beautiful natural wilderness.

From St. Augustine we migrated to Georgia where we visited India's sisters in Atlanta and Murrayville. In Atlanta we were fortunate in obtaining two excellent photographs of the pileated woodpecker on a suet feeder. Other photographs included the bluebird, cardinal, brown-headed nuthatch and purple finch. Thirteen species were noted feeding on this particular suet feeder, and I was rather surprised to see a large number of myrtle warblers feeding all day long.

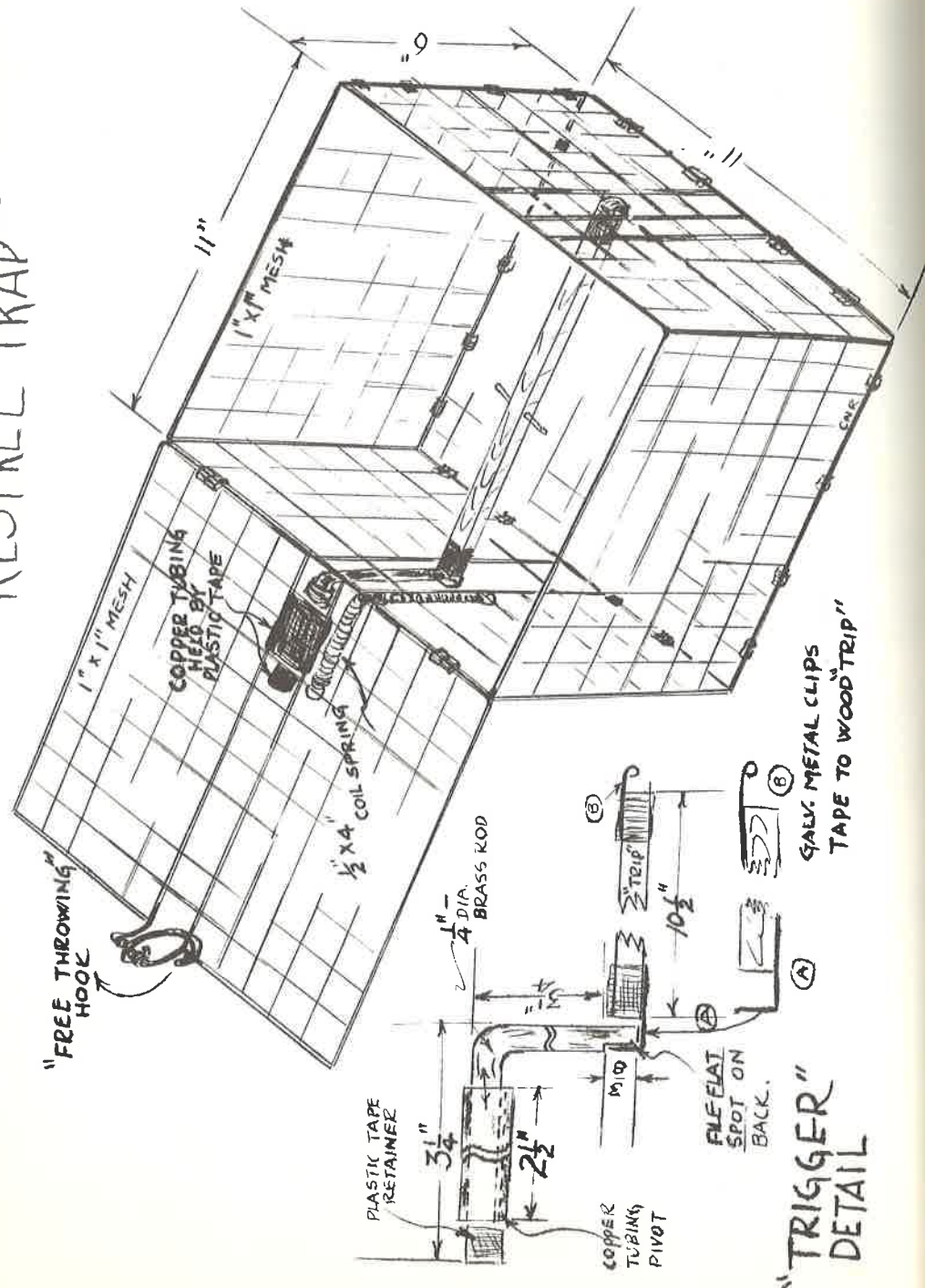
Banding at both Georgia locations fell below other year's totals due to curtailed activities due to photography, weather and a shorter visit, but in spite of everything results were gratifying.

Back in Pleasantville we continue to find large numbers of grosbeaks, having banded 1,125 thus far this winter.

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-KESTREL TRAP-



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Designed by C. Howard Channing
 Drawings by Christopher N. Rose

Another of the traps which Howard Channing sent to EBBA News. His description of it follows:

For Kestrels, Sharp Shins and Shrikes. In larger size (than sample) have taken Sharp Shin, Jack Coopers and Short-eared Owl. Operation is obvious, I believe. Keeper cage is for mouse. Larger sized trap can be employed with English Sparrows for bait, using larger keeper.

This trap has caught over 100 Kestrels, 15 Shrikes, and two Sharpies. To remove caught bird, disengage spring from cover before opening top. Could be used for Jays, etc. with lighter spring and appropriate bait. Trap closes sharply and with much force, but has never yet hurt a bird.

Lid must obviously be depressed 180 degrees so brass rod can drop down to engage trigger stick. Hook must be hanging free so it will throw and engage itself when trap top closes.

Plastic tape may be used for hinges as in Snap Trap. It works well, installs easily, and lasts for years.

JAR--BAL CHATRI

Suggested by C. Howard Channing
 (not illustrated)

It sounds silly, but a Kestrel trap is fairly successful made with a quart jar. Do not use smaller jar as body heat of mouse or sparrow will fog the glass.

Use jar with mason ring screw top. Cut and insert firmly a circle of 4" hardware cloth. Take 15 to 20 prepared nooses of 8 or 10# test nylon filament and fasten to jar on top and two sides by fastening leader nooses to jar with four or five complete turns around jar with scotch tape.

Put bait in jar, and you're in business.

Jar is heavy enough so no weights are needed. Jar protects bait from wind and rain. Some birds shy away from glass -- some don't.





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