

Having decided which gull it is, be sure and place the band on a leg with the band numbers upright when the bird is standing, so those reading bands by sight, i.e. binocular experts, won't have to circle the gull on their heads through the garbage dumps. They too must, sometimes, be just what the "Oceanview" enjoys as guests! - "We hope you enjoyed your stay here as it will be your last!"

I wish I knew all the answers - if you do let me know - and don't forget the poison ivy lotion. Perhaps I'll stick to banding robins hereafter - there's much less of a problem.

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MORE . . . ON ADULT OYSTERCATCHER
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I have more information on adult Oystercatcher, band 575-25607, as reported and illustrated in Jan-Feb issue of EBBA News. I first caught this adult on June 7, 1963 and again caught it on its nest on June 26, 1964. This pair raised one young which was flying by August 7. They apparently remained in the Moriches Inlet area until October.

Then on October 20, 1964 the three were flying west on the south side of Great South Bay, opposite Patchogue, when the above adult was shot by a duck hunter. This is about 14 miles west of Moriches Inlet. The gunners had never seen an Oystercatcher before and thought they were Buffleheads.

They apparently were on their way south to spend the winter in the Carolinas or Georgia. The question now arises -- will the surviving adult return with another mate to again nest at Moriches? I believe the same nesting area will continue to be used provided that at least one adult survives.

I believe it is rather unusual to get 2 recoveries on the same shorebird in one year.

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