

## SOME AGE RECORDS OBTAINED AT MILBRIDGE, MAINE.

By G. Haggood Parks

Of the birds included in the following table the Herring Gull was banded as a local nestling on Jordan's Delight Island less than 3 miles from our Monhonon's Cove (Milbridge, Maine) banding station. This bird was found, on July 30, tangled in the twine of a weir at Monhonon's Cove, by a local fisherman. The remaining birds were trapped or netted for banding, and also, as returns, at the station.

Band No.	Species	Sex	Banded	Recaptured (1965)	Time Elapsed		
					Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
37-603529	Herring Gull	U	Jul 15, '48	Jul 30	17	0	15
57-40145	Song Sparrow	M	Jun 20, '58	Jul 5	7	0	15
55-129743	Hairy Woodpecker	M	Sep 6, '58	Aug 24	6	11	18
28-42930	Magnolia Warbler	M	Jul 4, '60	Aug 5	5	1	1
28-42966	Traill's Flycatcher						
		U	Aug 3, '60	Jul 19	4	11	16
28-107356	Hermit Thrush	U	Oct 2, '60	Jul 19	4	9	17

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## LIVE ALBINO BIRDS WANTED

The several short articles in the last issue of EBBA News concerning the discovery and banding of albino birds was of special interest to me. In the course of the years, of course, numerous accounts of partial and complete albino birds have reached the pages of ornithological journals. At the present time, I am working on ideas concerning the significance of black colorating in starlings and blackbirds. It is difficult or impossible to test some of these ideas directly without white individuals. So far, no one has come up with a satisfactory mechanism for bleaching birds without breaking down feather structure as well. Therefore, natural albinos are our only source of experimental birds. I wonder if it might be possible to place a request in the pages of your publication for white starlings or blackbirds. I would be glad to pay the cost of having the birds shipped alive by air to me. The best way to make adequate shipping arrangements is to call me at the University of California at Davis; the number here is Area Code 916, 753-4011, ext. 2364. On weekends or at night I can be reached at my home phone, Area Code 916, 753-3281.

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