

## INTERESTING RECOVERIES

By William E. Savell

Here is a recovery we consider interesting. Yellow-breasted Chat banded 09/28/65 by Mrs. Roy Larsen at Siasconset, Nantucket, Mass., and recovered at Linwood, New Jersey, five days later on 10/03/65. As we were participating in Operation Recovery it was weighed and measured. (Wing = 074 mm, Weight = 27.8 grams, Fat = 3.)

It is interesting to speculate whether or not the bird flew directly to Linwood over water or took a northwesterly course and followed the coast. Also if this bird was not a native of Siasconset, how and why did it get so far east and so distant from the continental mainland.

We have also received recovery data from the Banding Office concerning a White-throated Sparrow (#33-145361) which we recovered in Linwood, New Jersey, on November 12, 1965. This bird was banded on October 14, 1963, at Fairfield, Connecticut by (and this is the interesting part) Mrs. Roy Larsen.

Our records now contain several instances in which two birds (and one instance of three) banded by the same person at the same location have been recovered at our station; but this is our first experience in which we have recovered two birds, banded by the same bander at different locations (in this case approximately 160 air miles apart).

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## CHAT RECOVERY

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On January 6, 1966 I caught a Yellow-breasted Chat (31-126939) in a Chardonneret trap up 3 feet on my garage next to a syringa bush. The trap was baited with wild bird food, extra sunflower seeds and bread. It was raining and the bird was soaking wet. The white line from the bill to the eye was not very distinct even when I dried him off so I believe he was sub-adult. His wing measured 75 mm and he weighed an ounce. No chat was recorded on our Christmas count.

I remembered having caught a chat before in the winter (30-151077) on December 13, 1963 which I thought to be immature. Its wing was 76 mm. I did not weigh it. It was caught in a 3-cell Potter trap on the driveway with the same kind of food. I wonder if other banders around here have had winter chats.

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