

FOREIGN RECOVERY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Once again, we have heard from just one of the birds listed in the May-June issue: White-throated Sparrow 101-183411 was trapped and reported to us by Ted Pettit, at Somerville, N.J. on March 2, 1968. It had been banded by Elise Dickerson at Martinsville (near Somerville) on April 8, 1966, and had returned to her station on March 5, 1967.

Six more foreign retraps have been reported:-

Bank Swallow	114-26151
Common Grackle	713-20800
Red-winged Blackbird	562-32283
Song Sparrow	101-123530
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The three Song Sparrows, as might be suspected, were trapped at the same place, and had presumably been banded there by another bander.

"MTAB-10" from the banding office, dated June 17, 1968, arrived shortly before this issue goes to press and it would appear that this column may soon become unnecessary. For the benefit of those readers who may not have seen this memorandum, the good news is that most of the backlog of work which has been delaying reporting of recoveries to banders and recoverers, is largely eliminated. Furthermore, information on birds banded subsequent to January 1, 1967 will be (or is being) computerized, so that information on recoveries will be available almost immediately on these birds, and more quickly, at least, on birds banded prior to that date.

Our hearty congratulations to the banding office!



COVER PICTURE The late Bennett K. Matlack took this photograph of young Screech Owls, one of the best we have ever seen. Many EBBA members will already be familiar with it, since it appeared on brochures for Mr. Matlack's well-known lectures, on his stationery, and on the stationery of our Treasurer Elise Dickerson and possibly of others to whom he gave it. We are very grateful to Mrs. Matlack for lending us the original and allowing us to use it.