

Tally of Starlings captured and banded since 1958 (in box traps)

	Number caught in box traps up to June 10th	Known males captured and banded	Known females captured and banded
1958	75	55	15
1959	127	88	33
1960	57	40	15
1961	54	47	7
1962	91	79	12
1963	58	48	7
1964	98	87	11
1965	254	206	47
1966	126	107	7
1967	75	75	0
1968	107	107	0
1969	88	88	0

Seven females were captured in 1966 before I started my experiment on March 18. After that all females were eliminated. One non-breeding female was trapped as late as May 18, 1969.

Eye color is a reliable way to tell the sex of about 95 percent of the Starlings during the breeding season. However, bill color and length of feathers under the chin can be used as checks if necessary.

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FOOT POX - ISLAND BEACH OPERATION RECOVERY, 1968
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Island Beach banders working on Operation Recovery collected five specimens of tissue suspected of being foot-pox. Upon examination by Dr. Lars Karstad, at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, the samples sent were found to be pox lesions. Bird species having pox were: Yellow-shafted Flicker (Colaptes auratus) captured by Dorothy Bordner and not banded due to the condition of the tarsi; Swainson's Thrush (Hylocichla ustulata) banded by Bruce Adams; a hybrid Flicker banded by Bruce Adams; and two Black-throated Blue Warblers (Dendroica caerulescens) banded by Mabel Warburton. The Black-throated Blues were a new host record. In 1965 the Island Beach banders discovered four new hosts; in 1966 two more were added; in 1967 no samples were taken; and in 1968 one new record, or a total of seven new hosts.

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EBBA ANNUAL BANDING REPORT

EBBA's first Annual Banding Report appears on the following pages, in the form of a table of species with numbers banded in each state and province, followed by highest individual total. Thanks to the excellent response from New England EBBA members, these states are included although they are not, strictly speaking, in EBBA territory.

Response to this first effort was most encouraging; some 218 banders returned report forms, and ten negative reports were also received. This project was initiated by Robert Pyle, chairman of our Publication Committee, who then proceeded to undertake the enormous job of compiling the reports and preparing 14 pages of tables...all this while also having to move his family from Hawaii back to Maryland!

The Annual Report will continue in the next issue with an alphabetical listing of reporting banders and their totals, and a commentary by Bob Pyle. The tables have been carefully checked, but anyone detecting an error is encouraged to bring it to the Editor's attention, for correction in the next issue.

FOREIGN RECOVERY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

We have just received news of one of the recoveries listed in the last issue: Evening Grosbeak 69-114006 was banded as an adult female (local breeding bird) by Mrs. Wayne Chapman at Patten, Maine on June 14, 1965 and was trapped as ASY-F by Frank L. Lowden at Ferncliff Nature Reserve, Chiopyle, Pa., on January 14, 1969. New recovery reports follow:-

Blue Jay	763-40815	Evening Grosbeak	73-191386
Brown Thrasher	562-71482	"-	73-108953
Common Grackle	963-33419	"-	68-137941
Pine Siskin	119-82012	"-	72-177091
"-	108-83684	"-	70-195491
"-	112-67358	"-	74-128071
"-	120-07011		

