



Kathleen S. Anderson, Director of Manomet Bird Observatory in Mass., writes, "We have had a good fall here... the 25 Boreal Chickadees have probably been the biggest surprise." (See page 47 for her station report.) It has indeed been a most interesting fall - a few of those Boreal Chickadees found their way to N.J. - we saw two, the

first we had ever seen away from Maine, and there have been other reports. Crossbills, especially Red but also a few White-winged, were conspicuous at hawk migration spots, and some O.R. stations, notably Paul Buckley's at Fire Island, report banding good numbers of them.



In the last issue (page 275) we accused Dr. Brooke Worth of being one of EBBA's founders. He writes, "I'll admit I'm old and venerable, but not that old and venerable!" Our apologies for confusing chronology - he's still a long-time EBBA member.



Blue Jay 553-73607 banded by Co-Editor Frank P. Frazier on May 5, 1955 was found in New Brunswick, Canada on Feb. 25, 1969 - aged over 14 years - possibly a record, if the "Report to the Bander" is correct.



Walter Bigger reports another Blue Jay experience - "Caught two Blue Jays on May 8, 1969, both had been banded on May 5, 1962 - How is that for togetherness?"



Two visits to Pennsylvania hawk-bander Chester J. Robertson this fall were both interesting and pleasant. He ended the 1969 season with 352 hawks banded including 35 Goshawks, a near record. We look forward to having an article from him in the near future, about his hawks and studies he is conducting with them.



A recent letter from Timo Tallgren, "EBBA's man in Finland", mentions some impressive European recoveries of birds banded in Finland. A Caspian Tern banded in summer was shot in Ghana in November; a Common Redpoll netted in Finnish Lapland in summer 1968 was caught in Omsk, east-central Siberia; three Common Sandpipers were found in France, Czechoslovakia and Italy.



Photographs have lately been scarce in these pages - readers are urged to send them, alone or accompanying articles. They will be returned after using if the sender so requests. Black and white prints are best - but color prints or slides (we have prints made for reproduction) can be used, particularly if they have good contrast.

Deadline for the next issue is March 1 - as that is a Sunday, it would be most helpful to have material for publication by Feb. 27. Material is needed...so why not get into print?