

EGGS IN THE GATHERING BOX

By Dave Corkran

Early on the morning of May 23rd, 1970, a female Towhee was taken from our nets at Island Beach, N.J. She was put in a gathering box and taken to our tent for processing. Upon reaching into the box, my hand hit what I thought was a small pebble. I removed the object only to find that it was an egg that had been deposited by the Towhee. Needless to say this created quite a flurry of activity to get the bird processed and on her way - before she made another contribution!

Unfortunately, in the excitement, Merrill Wood's book got dropped on the egg and Mrs. Towhee's mark was left for posterity on our record sheets. For the record, the bird was already banded by us at Island Beach on September 27, 1969 as a Hatching Year Female.

I wonder if other banders have had the experience of being rewarded by a captured bird.

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Operation Recovery Progress Report - By Chandler S. Robbins, Chief,
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Following paragraphs were sent to former cooperators in a letter, dated September 18, 1970:

The individual records for years prior to 1969 are now on magnetic tape and the preliminary editing is almost finished. Punching of the 1969 material is nearing completion.

If you have any daily summaries that you have not sent us, either on form 1.2 or as monthly or seasonal tables, please send them so we can put your entire station record on tape. We have made good progress this summer in getting computer programs written for analyzing O.R. data and can provide you with tables showing number of birds per 100 (or 1000) party-hours with summaries showing peak periods of migration for each species, and with tabulations comparing banding totals with weather conditions (wind, sky, temperature, dew point, barometric pressure and elapsed time since cold frontal passage).