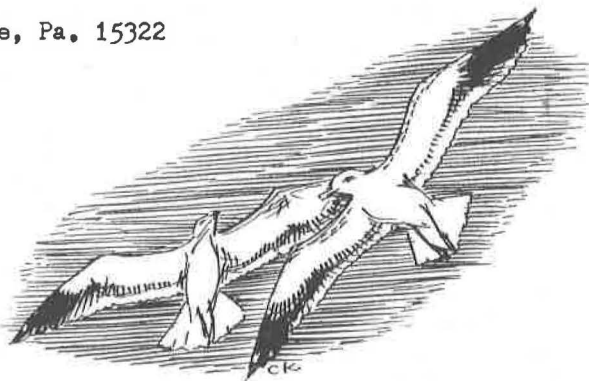


However, I have noticed that if the mother Bluebird stays on the nest and eggs as the box is opened, there is absolutely no nest desertion if she is firmly lifted off the nest and banded. I started experimenting with adult female Bluebirds in 1965 when two were banded that seemed to be especially reluctant to leave their nests. Three were caught and banded in 1966 and one of these was recaptured this summer in the same box. This summer two female Bluebirds have been captured for the second time so one can see they were not excessively frightened when banded.

The temperament of each individual varies greatly - not only as to different species but within a species. But if we pick species upon which our presence would not likely increase predation and if good judgment is used, I see no reason why we should not pick up and band the adults that choose to remain on the nest.

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SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER RECOVERED IN LOUISIANA
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Since rather few shorebirds are banded and subsequently recovered, it seems worthwhile to report the recovery of a Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Ereunetes pusillus*) banded September 27, 1965 (band #56-23058) on Duxbury Beach, Plymouth County, Massachusetts. It was one of 31 Semipalmated Sandpipers banded and blood-sampled on that date by the Encephalitis Field Station, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The bird was found dead, impaled upon a barbed wire fence, in May of 1966 (no specific date recorded) on a farm in Eunice, Louisiana (in south-central Louisiana, approximately 60 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico). Mr. W.L. Morton, who reported the bird, wrote that it was probably one of two or three dozen "peep" that had been feeding with larger birds about a temporary pond in an open field after a heavy rain.

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