



WHO SEZ I AM

NOT OLD ENOUGH ?

How old do birds get? This is a question asked by kids to their fathers, who generally can only guess at the answer. It is a question which can best be answered by the banders who are in the unique position by having a whole

array of records before them. In 1946, Editor Geoffrey Gill examined the problem and a certain "standard" of maximum ages was compiled in EBBA News, Volume 9, Number 3 (March 1946).

This was over 25 years ago. Since then, the only, and quite recent tabulation of maximum ages which reached us, can be found in Research Report #30 (July 31, 1972) of the Powdermill Nature Reserve, by Robert C. Leberman and Mary H. Clench.

In the hope of establishing a new and refreshing line of communication between EBBA banders/members, we're starting another such project. We're sure that over the last 25 years, many new records have come to our attention; you need but check your records, they are at your fingertips.

In the following pages, you will find the tabulations we have found in the 1946 opus, and those Powdermill records which surpass the ages found in the former. Let's use this as a base list! Send me YOUR interesting age records! All records submitted will be published, showing the name of the bird, the date banded and recovered/returned, the age of the bird at time of banding and your name and address. Further, if your contribution is a new record, we will so indicate.

A word about the banding lab is in order here. You've all read Brian Sharp's article regarding checking of recoveries.

The editors of EBBA News are convinced that the Banding Lab. is doing everything possible to check all outgoing recoveries. It is understandable, however, that they could miss a few due to the fantastic workload, so we will keep checking those for publication in EBBA NEWS before we publish them.

Now's the time to get out your postcards, and start checking your records. Since I expect to get hundreds of these reports, I will not attempt to answer all records submitted by a return letter, except when you have questions or feel like chatting! Then, at the annual meeting at Island Beach, we can exchange some more notes on this subject.

Lastly, if you feel you would want to write an article concerning a particular record you may find, or recollect, by all means do so. That's what EBBA News is for. It is your magazine...and it is open to you for whatever you have to contribute.

In the compilation below, we've left off the addresses because the addresses on file here, date back to 1946, so in all probability, they are in error now. Powdermill records are marked with an asterisk ().*

Species	Bander	Age: Years/Months
Common Loon	William Lyon	7/10
Leach's Petrel	O. Gross	8/0
Brown Pelican	R. Longstreet	13/0
Double-crested Cormorant	A. Lundquist	13/8
Gannet	H. Stoddard	16/9
Great Blue Heron	J. Higgins	15/4
Black-crowned N. Heron	L. Wilcox	9/8
Mallard	L. Walton	15/4
Black Duck	E. Smith	11/5
Cooper's Hawk	K. Bartel	1/11
Red-tailed Hawk	R. Carter	13/7
Red-shouldered Hawk	B.S. Bowdish	11/10
Osprey	Howard Cleaves	21/0
Piping Plover	Leroy Wilcox	7/10
Herring Gull	Olin Pettingill	36/0
Common Tern	O. Austin	18/0
Caspian Tern	F.C. Lincoln	13/3
Sooty Tern	G. Simmons	17/1
Black Skimmer	E. Burton	9/8
Mourning Dove	O. Austin	9/9
Barn Owl	K. Bartel	1/11
Screech Owl	H. Decker	8/1
Great Horned Owl	H. Angus	8/6
*Whip-poor-will	Powdermill N.R.	4/0
Chimney Swift	T. Musselman	11/9
*Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	Powdermill N.R.	4/0
Yellow Shafted Flicker	M. Magee	12/5

Species	Bander	Age: Years/Months
*Pileated Woodpecker	Powdermill N.R.	3/0
Red Bellied Woodpecker	E. McIlhenny	4/11
Red Headed Woodpecker	F. Labann, Jr.	5/1
*Hairy Woodpecker	Powdermill N.R.	6/6
Downy Woodpecker	B.S. Bowdish	9/9
Eastern Kingbird	Mrs. H. Gray	6/11
Great Crested Flycatcher	R.J. Middleton	8/0
*Eastern Phoebe	Powdermill N.R.	4/0
*Least Flycatcher	Powdermill N.R.	3/0
*Eastern Wood Pewee	Powdermill N.R.	7/0
Tree Swallow	L. Chapman	9/0
Bank Swallow	Dayton Stoner	6/11
Barn Swallow	W. Wharton	8/0
Blue Jay	R.J. Middleton	14/0
Common Crow	A. Holm	14/1
Black-capped Chickadee	W. Wharton	9/4
Carolina Chickadee	Burt Monroe	5/6
*Tufted Titmouse	Powdermill N.R.	8/0
White-breasted Nuthatch	D. Brokaw	9/10
Brown-headed Nuthatch	R. Fleetwood	3/11
*Brown Creeper	Powdermill N.R.	3/6
House Wren	R.J. Middleton	5/10
Carolina Wren	Mrs. A. Laskey	4/10
Mockingbird	Mrs. A. Laskey	8/11
Catbird	F. Labann	9/3
Brown Thrasher	M. Boggs	11/10
Robin	Mrs. A. Laskey	8/6
Wood Thrush	R.J. Middleton	5/11
Hermit Thrush	William Pepper Sr.	5/9
Eastern Bluebird	R. Fleetwood	6/6
*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Powdermill N.R.	3/0
*Cedar Waxwing	Powdermill N.R.	3/0
Starling	L.E. Hicks	10/9
*Red-eyed Vireo	Powdermill N.R.	9/0
*Golden-winged Warbler	Powdermill N.R.	7/0
Blue-winged Warbler	Geoffrey Gill	5/0
Yellow Warbler	J. Conkey	7/2
*Magnolia Warbler	Powdermill N.R.	6/0
Myrtle Warbler	Geoffrey Gill	6/8
Pine Warbler	Mrs. O. Jensen	5/9
Palm Warbler	H. Bailey	3/6
Ovenbird	H. Hann	7/0
Northern Waterthrush	R.J. Middleton	2/9
*Louisiana Waterthrush	Powdermill N.R.	4/0
*Kentucky Warbler	Powdermill N.R.	3/0
*Yellowthroat	Powdermill N.R.	7/0
*Yellow-br. Chat	Powdermill N.R.	6/0
Hooded Warbler	T. Carter	4/11
*American Redstart	Powdermill N.R.	4/0
*House Sparrow	Powdermill N.R.	4/6

Species	Bander	Age: Years/Months
Eastern Meadowlark	Mr & Mrs Gillespie	8/8
*Red-winged Blackbird	Powdermill Nature R.	10/0
Orchard Oriole	R. Thomas	7/2
Baltimore Oriole	O. Stevens	7/0
Rusty Blackbird	S. Weakley	8/7
Common Grackle	H. McCann	14/4
Brown Headed Cowbird	O. Bryens	7/10
Cardinal	A. Gainer	13/5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	R. Gulotta	7/0
*Indigo Bunting	Powdermill N.R.	8/0
Evening Grosbeak	M. Magee	8/7
Purple Finch	E. Morgan	8/10
*American Goldfinch	Powdermill N.R.	7/0
Rufous-sided Towhee	R. Ware	9/10
Slate-colored Junco	Mourice Broun	10/9
Tree Sparrow	Mrs. F. Dumond	8/8
Chipping Sparrow	S. Stringer	9/9
*Field Sparrow	Powdermill N.R.	7/0
White-crowned Sparrow	Mrs. A. Laskey	4/10
White-throated Sparrow	William Pepper Jr.	8/5
Swamp Sparrow	Mrs. H. Dumont	3/11
Song Sparrow	K. Harding	7/10
Snow Bunting	O. Bryens	8/8

.....THIS IS IT, FOLKS'....

IF YOU CAN BEAT THESE RECORDS, SEND A POSTCARD TO:

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Editor's note: The above tabulated records were based, as far as we know on normal, banded birds (Status code: 3.00). We thank Mary H. Clench for making the Powdermill records available to us.