

warblers and other birds are with them. The chickadees usually begin scolding and other birds such as Redstarts and Myrtle Warblers begin chipping loudly and this coupled with the continuing calls of the owl bring even more birds. As soon as the first bird hits the net and begins to struggle the other birds around quickly get caught as they come in to observe what has happened to the netted bird. Other birds that respond quickly to the owl call are the White-throated Sparrow and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

The system seems to work much better in the fall than in the spring, and I have found that it is most effective in the morning although I have had birds drawn in at all times.

In addition to the banding success one has, it gives one an excellent opportunity to observe the birds as they are being caught. They pay virtually no attention to me as I stand at the end of the net and I have experienced all ranges of emotion as I watch a rare bird get caught, fly just over the net, hit the net only to get out through an unrepaired hole, or just watch several birds all hit the net at once. If you have never attempted this method of getting birds to your lanes, it might be well worth a try.

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Would those EBBA members who joined late in the year [1973] for calendar year 1973, please let the EDITOR know if you're missing any copies of EBBA NEWS? Of course, this does not apply to persons who joined us for 1974 but who paid in 1973. Thank You.

Attention Coordinators of Atlantic Flyway Review: regardless of the deadlines given you in the Supplement issue, please try to have your material in much earlier. If you would mark your calendar for as much as ONE MONTH ahead of the deadline, things could work out just great. Editor.

A NOTE ABOUT PINE SISKINS

By Dorothy Briggs

Pine Siskin #115-30432 appeared in one of my three-cell Potter traps on 03-13-72. I banded this bird on 01-20-70. This is the first time that I have had a siskin return after a migratory period. At time of banding the wing measured 70 mm., and upon return measured 72 mm. This bird was aged at banding as SY as it had buffy wing bars. Upon return it had white wing bars. The plumage was apparently much the same at both banding and return. I noted that it had extensive yellow at both times. The crown was noticeably darker than the rest of the head on the March return.

Pine Siskins did not appear in my traps here in Middleboro until 02-01-69, although I have banded at this same station since 1963. Since then I have had only four siskins return after a three month period in the same winter through spring period, but this is the first to make "history!" I have only banded 334 siskins in all, although my traps are open most of the time, and I have nets up in good weather. I use sunflower and thistle seeds all the time, and have just added rape seed.

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A CURIOUS OBSERVATION

By Charles H. Blake

Recently I caught on separate days, two juvenile Tufted Titmice (Parus bicolor). On each occasion I noted while taking the bird from the net that the bare edge of the eyelids (forming the rima oculi) was pinkish. In both cases when the bird was brought indoors for banding the lids were the expected light, somewhat greenish gray. The first instance was considered an error of observation. The second instance suggested a need for more careful examination. It is well known that the behavior

of the species while being removed from a net might be called "enraged." When teased with the tip of a finger, the bird bit but did not give voice. Nevertheless, parts of the lids did clearly turn pink. These observations were made on 6 and 7 July 1972. My notes indicate that the lids may be greenish into October or become light brown by early August. They are dark brown in fully adult birds. The pink color probably would not be detected once the lids have turned brown.

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SOME MEMBERS AT THE 50TH ANNUAL MEETING (From left to right): Bob Leberman, Bob Pantle(front), Bill Savell, Mary Clench. The next two gentlemen are unknown to ye editor (Sorry). Then-Fred Scott (with binocs), Bill Clark, Dr. Isabelle Tipton, (The gentleman with glasses behind Dr. Tipton is unfamiliar to me too), India Savell(just barely visible), Dr. Charles Blake, Dr. Sam Tipton(his back to us) and Betty Downs.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - Eastern Bird Banding Association, Elementary School Building Seaside Park, N. J. April 28, 1973

Meeting called to order at 2:15 p.m. on the above date by Dr. Jeff Swinebroad, President.

Minutes: Minutes of the 1972 meeting were accepted as published in the August, 1972 issue of EBBA News.

A brief summary of the council minutes was read.

Old Business: Dr. Charles Blake presented a revision of the by-laws of the association. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the by-laws as presented.

New Business: The nominating committee presented the following slate of the nominees for the coming year:

President:	Jeff Swinebroad
1st Vice-President:	Chris Rose
2nd Vice-President:	Ron French
3rd Vice-President:	George Lakata
Secretary:	Mrs. Eugene T. McDonald

Council:	(expiring in 1976)
	Constance Katholi - W. Va.
	Waldron Kennison - N. J.
	Frank Newman - Pa.
	Robert Pantle - N. Y.

After an invitation for nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the secretary cast the ballot electing the slate as nominated.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Marie R. McDonald, Secretary
(Mrs. Eugene T. McDonald)