

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