

and all the fields. The house across the road is all gone and they are busy building the gas station there. Traffic on the front road is terrific with never a lull. Birds here are practically nil."

April and May of 1967 totalled only 102 birds compared with 706 of that period in 1965. In May of 1967 I again noted: "The men are working on opening the ditch and grading the land for the apartment. There is now a road running to the building and they are constructing a swimming pool only a few feet from where my two tree-traps hung, and where my best net land was! There is noise, dirt, activity all day long. Birds are scarce. Only my patch of woods and that of one neighbor is intact. Everything else is gone."

During our years at Woodhaven we sighted 116 species of birds, and of these 108 species were banded. Total banded from 1955 through 1968 was 13,404.

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KIPTOPEKE BANDING STATION 1973

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At the invitation of Walt and Doris Smith of Hampton, Va., I spent a wonderful week at Kiptopeke Banding Station. The station is located at the southern end of the "Delmarva" Peninsula, near Route 704 West on the

Bay side. Now that you know where it is, I hope you'll pay them a visit in the Fall of 1974!

The station is manned for a week at a time and during the week of September 24th, Walter P. Smith was the "BIC". For the uninitiated, that means "Bander-in-Charge" and that's the person vested with the awesome powers so vividly described by Walt himself in "Kiptopeke: October 6-15, 1972" (Ebba News, 36(1): 40-50).

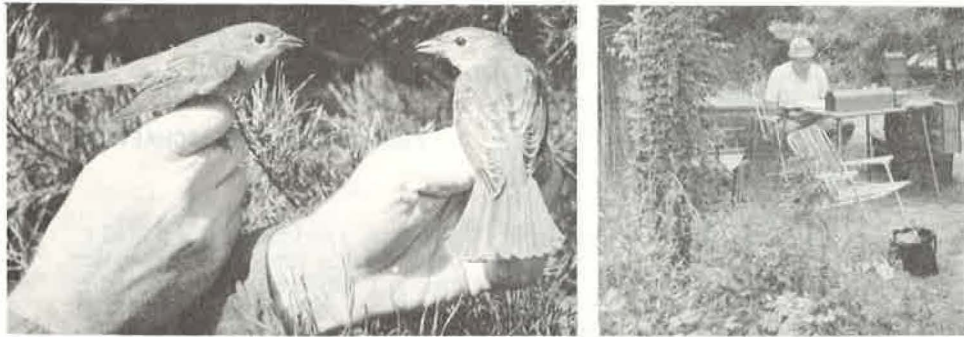
On this page at the top is a Merlin, a "first" for the station! On the opposite page, we find three rows of photos. At the top, left, two Tanagers: females both, a Scarlet and a Summer Tanager. On the right, the BIC hard at work. Middle Row: The BIC with Mary Scott. Note that he's sitting in a director's chair, plainly marked BIC. On the right, "Mike's Castle", the hub of activity (usually) where all banding is done.

Bottom Row: Left: Dorothy Mitchell holding the prized Merlin. To the right of her is Elizabeth Bell, Ruth Brown (holding Sharpie), Charlotte Lombardi and Hugh Bell. Right: Smiling at us is a beautiful Sharp-shinned Hawk!

Accommodations were close at hand. The Peacock Motel on Rt. 13, served as headquarters motel, and around 5:30 P.M. each afternoon, it was time for the "Attitude Adjustment Period", also known as the "Happy Hour." This rite was always followed by a 15 minute drive to Cheriton for a superb dinner at Paul's. If any of you happen to be on the road near there, do stop in at Paul's for Crab Imperial or their other famous seafood dishes! I must have gained 15 pounds, but I'm not at all sorry about it.

A possible foreign retrap came our way. If #1280-63808 on a Yellowthroat is yours, please get in touch with Walt Smith!

--84-55 Daniels Street (#1k), Jamaica, New York 11435



DOES BANDING SCARE BIRDS AWAY?

By J. D. Copeland, Ph.D.

I have been refused by neighbors who were feeding birds to get permission to put traps in their yards. They did not want to scare the birds away. I decided to find out by studying my records of returns; here's the record: Records are based on a 100 birds or multiples of a 100; therefore the numbers are percentages.

Species	Returned Within 3 days	Returned Within 10 days	Returned Within 30 days
White-throated Sparrow	28	48	64
Purple Finch	21	28	53
Field Sparrow	16	40	77
Junco	17	20	40
Chipping Sparrow	6	10	34
Rufous-sided Towhee	11	14	24
Cardinal	9	13	24
Blue Jay	3	6	12
Mourning Dove	8	12	17
Cowbird	2	3	10
Common Grackles	1	1	1

Once I started trapping, I had much less trouble with Grackle and Blue Jay getting in my corn field at harvest time--my garden was much safer!

--Erskine College, Due West, S.C. 29639