

On November 2, I was up bright and early to make good my threat to put all my first allotment of bands on birds the first day. About 6:30 A. M. I saw the nuthatch go to a feed table in a dead prune tree near the back of the house. It started near the ground and went up to the table, but a Gambel Sparrow had beaten it to that trap. It was not seen again until about noon, when it was caught in the trap on the grevillea tree soon after the trap had been moved there from another location. It was given band no. A-14369, and the accompanying photographs were taken with a no. 1 Kodak and portrait lens while the bird was inside a cage having one glass side.

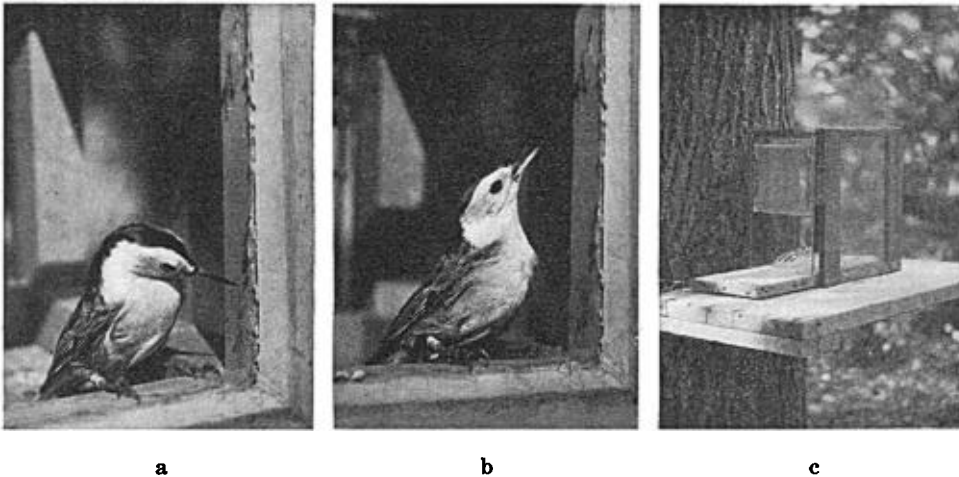


Fig. 15. a, b, SLENDER-BILLED NUTHATCH (A 14369) BANDED AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. PHOTOGRAPHED THROUGH GLASS FRONT OF CAGE. c, TREE TRAP IN WHICH NUTHATCH WAS CAUGHT.

This bird was not seen or heard for several days, and we feared that something might have happened to it; but on the morning of November 11, soon after daybreak, we heard it again. A few minutes later I put sunflower seeds on the shelf on the grevillea tree. While there I saw the nuthatch 10 or 15 feet above me and by the time I had backed away 30 feet it had come down and taken a sunflower seed away. I wanted to see that the band was not hurting it, so set the trap and in a few minutes the bird was in it. It was a sensible little bird and did not lose its head while in the trap or while being banded, and seemed to know where it was going every time it made a move.

The only other time I have seen a Slender-billed Nuthatch at this station was on October 10, 1919.—HAROLD MICHENER, *Pasadena, California, November 26, 1924.*

The Sprot Trap.—In the Canadian Field Naturalist¹ for September, 1924, Mr. G. D. Sprot describes a trap with a detachable funnel which should be a great success, and is very simple to make. When idle it is a low box of screen with a wide opening on one side, through which birds come and go at will. For trapping, a funnel made to fit the opening is shoved into place.

It occurs to me that if, in lieu of the funnel, one used a shutter door (as described for the Vest-pocket Trap, Condor, vol. xxvi, 1924, p. 198) supported by a stick to which is attached a pull string, he should be able to overcome the hesitation of the most refractory robin, thrush, or fox sparrow. The shutter door need not interfere with the use of the funnel when desired.

Returns at Stations in Southern California.—"To November 1" for this report, allowed little over a month for the returning *Zonotrichiae* to register, and the time given for banders to send in their lists was too short. But it was well, in both cases,

¹ Ottawa, Canada. Send 20 cents for the September number.