

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY
NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

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THE record of birds banded during the year 1926 stands as follows:

Number of birds banded.....	14,055
Number of species banded.....	114
Number of returns.....	533 ¹
Number of species returning.....	32

The seven species composing the majority of the birds banded are:

Common Tern (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>).....	447
Song Sparrow (<i>Melospiza m. melodia</i>).....	1062
Roseate Tern (<i>Sterna dougalli</i>).....	1019
Tree Sparrow (<i>Spizella m. monticola</i>).....	948
Purple Finch (<i>Carpodacus p. purpureus</i>).....	757
Chimney Swift (<i>Chaturya pelagica</i>).....	657
Slate-colored Junco (<i>Junco h. hyemalis</i>).....	590

During the year six new species were banded. Since our organization in 1922, sixty-four species have been recorded as returns, while the number of birds banded reaches a total of 53,360, the total returns being 1842.

The eight members banding the largest number of birds were:

Mr. Charles B. Floyd.....	5037
Mr. Laurence B. Fletcher.....	934
Mr. E. O. Grant.....	856
Dr. Edward Gould Rowland.....	545
Mr. Harry E. Woods.....	443
Mr. William P. Wharton.....	429
Mr. Charles L. Whittle.....	419
Mr. Willis H. Ropes.....	397

The five members securing the largest number of returns were: Mrs. H. G. Whittle,² 109; Mr. Charles L. Whittle, 61; Dr. Edward Gould Rowland, 39; Mr. E. C. Weeks, 32; and Mr. Laurence B. Fletcher, 30.

¹ Included in this total are 44 Chickadees whose status as returns is often in doubt since some are permanent residents and others are migrants.

² Mr. and Mrs. Whittle's returns comprise only those birds which made their seasonal migrations between takings and came back to their place of banding. *Editor.*