

in similar locations at regular intervals for a half-mile in three directions in which they never appeared. This suggests that the wandering of the young may be governed to some extent by the amount of food available. This hypothesis is supported by the behavior of a Vesper Sparrow which, having been banded in 1930 in a nest a mile and half from the trap-line, appeared in the traps two weeks later.

Abundant as the Vesper Sparrow is, apparently an extensive and intensive study of the species has never been made, for the literature on the behavior of young birds and their wanderings after they leave the nest is scarce. Systematic trapping and banding affords the most efficient method of securing data essential to conclusions, having the additional advantage of permitting the study of plumages without the necessity of collecting the birds.

North Eastham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

GENERAL NOTES

Recovery of a Banded American Eider (*Somateria mollissima dresseri*)

—On July 17, 1926, I banded an adult female American Eider Duck No. 301536, on the eastern St. Mary Island, in St. Mary Islands Bird Sanctuary, Saguenay County, Quebec, on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This sanctuary lies in Latitude 50° 18' N., Longitude 59° 38' W. The Eider was incubating at the time, and Mr. Fred W. Osborne, the caretaker of the sanctuary, who had visited this nest a few days before and had found this individual bird very tame, succeeded in lifting her from her nest and held her while I banded her.

Through a report which reached Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, of Ottawa, Ontario, while he was travelling in Nova Scotia recently, and which was investigated by him, it has now been ascertained that this bird died near Musquodoboit Harbor, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, in April, 1931. Further details as to its death are uncertain or unknown.—HARRISON F. LEWIS.

Some Song Sparrow Returns—At my banding station in Chilmark, Massachusetts, I have had the following Song Sparrow returns of interest, returns-1 to returns-4:

Band No.	Banding date	Returns-1	Returns-2	Returns-3	Returns-4
163303	Aug. 13, 1925	Nov. 22, 1926	Nov. 22, 1928	June 4, 1929	Jan. 6, 1930
A34177	Aug. 15, 1925	May 27, 1926	Mar. 29, 1927	Mar. 11, 1928	Mar. 16, 1929
167978	Sept. 19, 1925	July 5, 1927	Feb. 1, 1928		
180763	May 7, 1926	Feb. 22, 1927	Jan. 20, 1930		
180733	Feb. 27, 1926	April 4, 1927	Jan. 28, 1928	Jan. 15, 1929	
180773	June 26, 1926	April 4, 1927	Jan. 15, 1929		
194868	Oct. 18, 1926	July 11, 1927	Mar. 18, 1928		
194898	May 9, 1927	Feb. 1, 1928	Mar. 31, 1929	Mar. 6, 1930	
511438	July 16, 1927	April 10, 1928	April 11, 1929		
A71847	Aug. 18, 1927	April 14, 1928	April 4, 1929		
511439	July 18, 1927	April 28, 1928	May 9, 1929		
511458	July 22, 1927	May 8, 1928	April 27, 1929		
194884	May 23, 1927	April 12, 1928	April 27, 1929		
574177	July 20, 1928	July 2, 1929	July 12, 1931		
A136609	July 18, 1929	May 13, 1930	May 3, 1931		

—GEORGE D. EUSTIS, Hollyholm, Chilmark, Massachusetts.