

A Red-bellied Woodpecker Six and a Half Years of Age.—On March 20, 1932, a return was obtained on female Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Centurus carolinus*) 427557. This bird was banded as an adult on May 20, 1926, consequently it was at least a year old when banded. The known history of this bird is as follows: banded on May 20, 1926;¹ a return-1 on December 10, 1927; repeated on February 14, March 5, and March 17, 1928; a return-2 on January 27, 1929; repeated February 23, 1929; and a return-3 on March 20, 1932. On the latter date the band was found to be abraded, rendering part of the number almost illegible, so band A220175 was substituted. The above records show the bird to have been at least six and a half years old in 1932. We shall anxiously anticipate the return of this bird during another season.—PAUL A. STEWART, Leetonia, Ohio.

Known History of Eastern Robin 626740.—An Eastern Robin, a male nestling, was given band 626740 on July 18, 1928, at my station in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He was taken as a return-1 on May 14, 1930 and as a return-2 on May 28, 1932. During 1932 he raised a brood within fifty feet of the nest in which he was hatched. His mate this past season was A322102, banded as an adult June 15, 1929, and a return-1 April 14, 1930, a return-2 April 20, 1931, and a return-3 April 23, 1932. It is not known that these birds were mated more than one year, though it should be noted that a male four years old was mated in 1932 to a female also at least four years old. Band 626740 was so badly worn that it was replaced by B329638. The original nest and the one this year were about ten feet up in a wild cherry tree.—RAYMOND J. MIDDLETON, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

A White-throated Sparrow Recovered in Maryland.—A White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) was banded as an adult with B116127 at Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y., on November 1, 1930. It was not again heard of until recaptured on November 11, 1932, at Silver Spring, Md., by Mr. Harold S. Peters of the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.—MARIE V. BEALS, 5833 85th Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y.

RECENT LITERATURE

News from the Bird-Banders, Vol. VII, No. 4. Published by the Western Bird-Banding Association, Berkeley, California. In the issue for November, 1932, of this mimeographed quarterly bulletin, appears an excellent article on "Territory,"² whose author is unfortunately hidden by anonymity. In the first paragraph of this article tribute is paid to the work of the bird-banders of to-day when the author states that "there are two ways of constructing our picture of the life of the bird—one is a mosaic, an effort to patch together a large number of fragments of observation, of many shades of significance and reliability, the other a direct and continuous drawing,

¹This record was obtained by Mr. L. B. Strabala, whose station is situated immediately adjacent to mine, the traps at times being, indeed, as close as a few feet. All other records are of my own capture.

²This article was written by Mr. T. T. McCabe, President of the Western Bird-Banding Association, who writes me that he started its preparation as "a mere editorial suggestion since our docket was quite empty at the time . . . and ended by carrying it perhaps farther than I should."—EDITOR.