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Sight Record in North Carolina of House Finch Banded in New York.

—While collecting data on the winter finch invasion of 1969-1970, Mrs. Elizabeth Teulings of Chapel Hill, North Carolina learned of a color-banded House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*) sighted at the feeder of Mrs. Herbert Hampton in Gastonia, North Carolina, close to the South Carolina border. The bird, a female with a blue band on the left leg, aluminum band right, arrived there in the company of another female on November 17, 1969. Two males joined them in December and the maximum of seven House Finches was reached on February 17, 1970. No other member of the flock was banded and the color-banded female which apparently wintered in the area was last seen on March 26, 1970.

Mrs. Teulings traced the color-banded finch to our banding station in Atlantic Beach, Nassau County, New York, where since 1967 we have color-coded young House Finches according to year of hatch. In 1967 we used 400 red bands; in 1968 400 green prior to August 1 and 350 yellow after that date. In 1969 blue bands were used on the left leg of 726 young of the year prior to August 1, and 158 blue thereafter on the right leg.

With over 2,000 color-banded young House Finches and a total over 6,400 for this species we have had no recoveries further distant than the Washington, D. C. area. A direct flight from Atlantic Beach to Gastonia is 550 miles. The above record probably represents the longest documented flight of this new east coast migrant.—J. Richard and Shirlene Cohen, 133 Broome Avenue, Atlantic Beach, New York 11509.

Roseate Tern breeds during its third year.—On 16 June 1970 I captured a Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*) off a nest containing three eggs, on Ram Island (413-0704), Plymouth County, Mattapoisett Massachusetts. This bird had been banded (983-16531) as a non-flying young on Great Gull Island (411-0720), Long Island New York, by Dr. D. M. Cooper on 19 August 1967.

Little about the breeding age of the Roseate Tern appears to have found its way into the literature. However, Austin (*Bird-Banding* **3**: 137, 1932) states that "Most Common Terns (*Sterna hirundo*) reach sexual maturity and breed for the first time when three years old, though a few breed when two years old. We now know that Common Terns may breed, though they very rarely do so, when only one year old," and it appears that the same may well be true of the Roseate Tern. Therefore I offer this as a comparison for future reference.—Richard A. Harlow, Jr., P. O. Box 244, Marion, Massachusetts. 02738.

Duck band found in Golden Eagle casting.—I collected and identified 595 prey species remains found at 60 active Golden Eagle nests during June 1966 and May-June 1967 during a study of the nesting ecology and breeding biology of the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*) in southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon. I found a duck band in a Golden Eagle casting collected on 22 June 1966 at a Golden Eagle nest near the east end of Harney Lake at the edge of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge approximately 35 miles south of Burns, Oregon. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's Bird Banding Laboratory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center reported the band came from a male American Widgeon banded on 6 February 1966 at the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge near Westmorland, Imperial County, in southern California. The duck band was carried from bander to eagle nest, a linear distance of 984 miles, in less than 5 months.—Gary L. Hickman, Division of River Basin Studies, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 1031 Miracle Mile, Vero Beach, Florida 32960.