

# Cedar Waxwing recoveries

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In response to my request to Mr. Brian Sharp of the Bird Banding Laboratory I received a listing of 781 recoveries of Cedar Waxwings (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) which were banded in California and subsequently recovered. Recovery dates run from October 1926 to March 1973.

One hundred fifty of the recoveries were from states and provinces outside of California as follows:

Washington	82	
Oregon	41	
British Columbia	21	
Saskatchewan	1	
Idaho	1	
Utah	1	
Arizona	1	
Alabama	2	California 631
Total	150	Grand Total 781



The chart indicates a normal south-north movement of this species. I note that Grinnell and Miller in their "Distribution of the Birds of California"

state for this species that "individuals and flocks may be essentially nomadic". This may at least account for the two Alabama recoveries. Both of these were banded by Feltes — one banded February 17, 1935 and recovered January 8, 1938, and the other banded April 14, 1935 and recovered in March 1937.

The bulk of waxwing banding in California (in excess of three-fourths of the recoveries) has been done by Mr. Charles Feltes and Mr. Irl Rogers in the San Joaquin Valley, in and about Modesto, Stanislaus County, California. Mr. Feltes has written an excellent article on their banding, done in that raisin-growing area (*Condor*, Vol. 38:18-23, 1936).

My total for banding of this species in the upper San Francisco Bay area at Benicia, Solano County, California is 5,663 from 1942 to 1973. Of this total, 59 have been reported as recoveries, making an average recovery rate of a little in excess of 1%.

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