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### Birds Returned - 1983

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| SPECIES                 | BANDED<br>IN 1983 | TOTAL FOR 50 YEARS | RETURNS FOR 1983 | AGE OF OLDEST BIRD              |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Am. Kestrel             | 7                 | 110                | 1                | 3 Mo.                           |
| Mourning Dove           | 72                | 1496               | 4                | 2 Years 5 Mo.                   |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker  | 7                 | 167                | 3                | 2 Years 10 Mo.                  |
| Hairy Woodpecker        | 6                 | 155                | 8                | 4 Years                         |
| Downy Woodpecker        | 83                | 1571               | 75               | 7 Years 2 Mo.                   |
| Tree Swallow            | 117               | 1010               | 11               | 3 Years 1 Mo.                   |
| Blue Jay                | 39                | 1318               | 4                | 3 Years 1 Mo.                   |
| Black-capped Chickadee  | 203               | 4131               | 200              | 6 Years 2 Mo.                   |
| Tufted Titmouse         | 1                 | 220                | 2                | 10 Mo.                          |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 34                | 598                | 28               | 6 Years 10 Mo.                  |
| Brown Creeper           | 35                | 102                | 1                | 3 days 8 mi. from first station |
| Am. Robin               | 260               | 4083               | 6                | 2 Years 6 Mo.                   |
| Wood Thrush             | 29                | 135                | 2                | 3 Years                         |
| Starling                | 105               | 1391               | 3                | 1 Year 4 Mo.                    |
| Co. Grackle             | 126               | 8559               | 1                | 10 Mo.                          |
| No. Cardinal            | 65                | 1018               | 5                | 5 Years 10 Mo.                  |
| Am. Goldfinch           | 307               | 1053               | 16               | 3 Years                         |
| Slate-colored Junco     | 625               | 15703              | 29               | 4 Years 5 Mo.                   |
| Tree Sparrow            | 334               | 1323               | 11               | 2 Years 1 Mo.                   |
| White-throated Sparrow  | 341               | 13405              | 1                | 1 Year                          |
| Northern Shrike         | 0                 | 13                 | 1                | 1 Year 2 Mo.                    |

#### Needed:

Dr. M. Smrcek of Czechoslovakia has indicated a real need for mist nets. He is unable to purchase them. If any of you have any used nets in good condition you would be willing to donate please send them to me and I will send them to him:

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#### Catching Cats More Effectively

If cats are a problem at your urban banding site as they are at mine, you have probably tried a Havahart live trap. I was initially disappointed by the apparent lack of effectiveness (bait gone, but no cat in the trap), but my neighbor (R.M. Victor) made a suggestion that increased trapping success by a factor of at least 5. Placing a 5-10 pound rock on each door and setting the tripping mechanism so the trap just stays open increases the effectiveness. Without the rocks, apparently the doors do not close fast enough to catch an agile cat. R.C. Tweit.