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### MANOMET BIRD OBSERVATORY

Banding 1 Jan. - 30 June 1978

1977 was an excellent spring migration through MBO and by comparison this spring can only be described as poor. Although the 96 species banded approximate the 101 of last year, and repeats were only 408 down due to increased effort, the drop in new bandings of 1,299 birds represents a 38% decline!

Powdermill, Penn., on the west of the Eastern Flyway, also had a low spring so the decline may have been general. After two severe winters numbers of the more northern sparrows were low, but so were warblers, catbirds and thrushes generally. Species which were more numerous than usual this year included male Sharp-shinned Hawks, Mourning Doves, Acadian Flycatchers, Traill's Flycatchers and Blue Jays; while the birds of the year for our banding operation were a Blue Grosbeak male on May 9 and a male Yellow-throated Warbler on May 29.

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Sharp-shinned Hawk	12	Yellow Warbler	25
American Kestrel	1	Magnolia Warbler	31
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	Black-throated Blue Warbler	6
American Woodcock	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	19
Mourning Dove	144	Black-throated Green Warbler	2
Screech Owl	1	Blackburnian Warbler	1
Saw-whet Owl	1	Yellow-throated Warbler	1
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	(21)	Chestnut-sided Warbler	4
Common Flicker	11	Blackpoll Warbler	22
Eastern Kingbird	11	Prairie Warbler	3
Great Crested Flycatcher	5	Palm Warbler	2
Eastern Phoebe	4	Ovenbird	22
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5	Northern Waterthrush	31
Acadian Flycatcher	6	Mourning Warbler	3
Traill's Flycatcher	38	Common Yellowthroat	103
Least Flycatcher	6	Yellow-breasted Chat	4
Eastern Wood Pewee	4	Hooded Warbler	1
Tree Swallow	21	Wilson's Warbler	8
Bank Swallow	17	Canada Warbler	23
Rough-winged Swallow	1	American Redstart	75
Barn Swallow	1	House Sparrow	1
Blue Jay	107	Redwinged Blackbird	17
Common Crow	1	Orchard Oriole	1
Black-capped Chickadee	23	Northern Oriole	20
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	Common Grackle	44
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	Brown-headed Cowbird	9
Brown Creeper	5	Scarlet Tanager	1
House Wren	11	Cardinal	7
Winter Wren	1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
Carolina Wren	1	Blue Grosbeak	1
Mockingbird	4	Evening Grosbeak	6
Gray Catbird	438	Purple Finch	11
Brown Thrasher	9	House Finch	8
American Robin	50	Common Redpoll	1
Wood Thrush	6	Pine Siskin	30
Hermit Thrush	19	American Goldfinch	16
Swainson's Thrush	15	Rufous-sided Towhee	55
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	Savannah Sparrow	5
Veery	5	Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	Dark-eyed Junco	33
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	17	Tree Sparrow	21
Cedar Waxwing	12	Chipping Sparrow	1
Starling	27	Field Sparrow	1
White-eyed Vireo	3	White-throated Sparrow	180
Solitary Vireo	4	Fox Sparrow	26
Red-eyed Vireo	13	Swamp Sparrow	15
Black-and-White Warbler	56	Song Sparrow	68
Tennessee Warbler	2		
Northern Parula	4		
		<u>SPECIES BANDED.....96 + (1)</u>	

Birds Banded: 2,098

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds: 21 Repeats; 2,015

TOTAL HANDLED.....4,134