

Chipping Sparrow returned for the third time this year at least four years old. Each year this bird nested in a different territory within a radius of half a mile and invariably returned in the spring to the one he vacated at the end of the previous nesting season. His mates, which were different birds each year, evidently enticed him away beyond his own limits. A male Myrtle Warbler was banded in May 1948 at the age of at least one year. He returned for the second time in 1950. In all three years he occupied almost the same nesting territory around the banding station.

"Recoveries of own and foreign birds have been few and far between. Most interesting is the only House Wren I ever banded, May 31, 1944, which four years later, September 23, 1948, killed itself against an electric pole at Walker, West Virginia. A young Pigeon Hawk which I raised by hand after the parents had been killed in 1948, (see Lawrence, Notes on nesting Pigeon Hawks at Pimisi Bay, Ontario, Wils. Bull. Vol. 61, No. 1, pp 15-25), was found dead in the summer 1949 at Eagle's Nest Resort, Stasca County, Minnesota. On February 10, 1948, I picked up a female Evening Grosbeak killed by a car 2 miles west of Pimisi Bay, which was at least 7 years old at its death, having been banded by Mr. Chamberlain, Presque Isle, Maine, on February 21, 1942."

The ladies are really setting the pace.

FROM THE FAR NORTH

EBBA member Maurice G. Street from Nipawin, Sask., wrote a very interesting letter dated October 1, 1950, in which he said:

"As I begin to write I suddenly realize this is my first letter to the Association since becoming a member several years ago. Your little publication is wonderful and I always look forward to receiving it.

"Just the other day I trapped my second foreign banded White-throated Sparrow, #44-101674, Sept. 28, 1950.

"The first one, #44-102440, was banded by Rev. Boeckle, at Collegeville, Ind. May 13, 1946 and trapped here October 3, 1946. That one gave me a real thrill, but I was really amazed to catch another, as I have not trapped any large number of White-throats. In fact, Boeckle's bird was my sixty-third White-throat and this new one my 202nd. You will note there are only 766 bands between the numbers. The band, while not badly worn, I replaced with one of my own, #47-171882, in the hope that when I learn who the bander

was I can return it to him as a memento.

"I have never had a return of my banded White-throats so far, but that is not so unusual, as previous to late last Fall I resided right in the center of town, but now have an ideal banding station across from a well wooded park and there were three pair (all banded) nesting not more than 100 yards from my station. So next year I have hopes of a return.

"Since January 1, 1950 I have banded 855 individuals, about 50 species. I hope to make it a 1000 before New Years if the Redpolls show up. The end of the southward migration is near at hand. Last night we had a light fall of snow. There are still lots of Juncos about, as well as a few Harris Sparrows, White-throats, Myrtle Warblers, etc.

"This summer a pair of Baltimore Orioles raised a family in a tall white poplar within sight of our kitchen window and directly over the trap in which I trapped the White-throat. One of the young Orioles (the only one I managed to catch) took a liking to the oatmeal porridge (that I had placed in the trap for catbirds) so well that after the adults had moved away with the rest of the fledglings it stayed right on, eating it until full grown, but having its diet supplemented by worms, bugs, wild fruit, etc. provided by an adult male Robin that faithfully fed it for several weeks. I wonder if any of you eastern banders ever tried oatmeal porridge cooked thick as bait for Robins, Carbirds and other ground feeding birds? I discovered it by accident and the birds here are fond of it.

"Later on I will send a complete list of birds banded this summer.

"I hope you eastern banders band lots more White-throats."

Seth Low has asked your Editor to refrain from publishing foreign capture records until they have cleared the Fish and Wildlife Service Office, but an exception was made in this case. If you banded 44-101674 please report to Mr. Low or your Editor's name will be mad!

NEW MEMBERS

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Incidentally, EBBA needs more new members. Lets start an "Every member get a new member" campaign with a goal of 350 by the next annual meeting.