

EVENING GROSBEAKS

Stephen C. Fordham, Jr. of Delmar, N.Y. writes that once again spectacular flights of the Evening Grosbeak are appearing in the Northeast. Generally over the New England States and New York, records are coming in showing arrivals in early November. Scattered reports from as far south as Laurel, Md., have been forwarded to the Connecticut Valley survey. Edwin A. Mason of the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary at Easthampton, Mass., with the cooperation of both banders and observers throughout the Connecticut Valley, organized the Connecticut Valley Evening Grosbeak Survey in 1947. Their earlier work is reported by Edwin A. Mason and Mary S. Shaub in Bird-Banding, Vol. 20, Oct. 1949. Various color bands are again being applied at some of their key stations as well as in Upstate New York. Because of the wanderings of Evening Grosbeaks, Mr. Fordham urges that others not use color bands on this species.

Prof. G. Hapgood Parks of Hartford, Conn., also reports on Evening Grosbeaks. A female 46-218996 was banded at Hartford, Conn., on March 5, 1949. She was trapped by Mrs. Howard A. Drew at Barre, Vt., on November 24, 1949. After having repeated there on Dec. 3, 1949, she returned to Hartford on Feb. 5, 1950. The invasion which Mr. Fordham describes found Prof. Park's station on Feb. 4, 1950. In five days he has banded 120 of them to bring his station's total for the species to 1,701. Recovery records on these birds have ranged from New Jersey to Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick. He states that immature males of this species may be determined from adults by black areas on the white shoulder patches, accompanied by white areas (more or less distinct) on the black tails. Adults do not show these areas.

A flock of 38 Evening Grosbeaks was seen by your Editor and another observer on his farm near Bridgeton, N.J., on Jan. 15, 1950. They have not been seen since and managed to completely avoid his banding station.

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