

Yews. It was around for several weeks - the only one I ever saw.

"There was a Phoebe around for many weeks last winter.

"Last year House Wrens put up a noisy fight with large brown and yellow bees (hornets, I guess) for control of a small bird house at our back porch. The bees won and worked at their paper making. This winter I opened it and found five Wren eggs in the nest, which they had been compelled to leave.

"Please tell people to wear gloves when handling Cardinals. I made the mistake of taking the first one out of a trap with bare hands. Such a clamp!

"Last year I was looking to see if Crested Flycatchers were building yet in a hollow log house. They always finish their nest with a cast-off snake skin. But instead of a skin - there was a very large blacksnake - very much alive."

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Mrs. H. G. McEntee, 490 Fairfield Ave., Ridgewood, N. J. sent us the following statistics of her first two complete banding years, which should be of interest to other small or new banders. All her banding activities, some 15 traps of various designs, are confined to an area approximately 40' x 40', or about two-thirds of her backyard. For the most part the traps are placed around the edges and near the shrubs which outline the yard, and they actually detract very little from the general attractiveness of the yard.

February, March, and April are the heaviest banding months, as the following breakdown shows:

May - 98	August - 32	November - 54	February - 218
June - 40	September - 59	December - 104	March - 309
July - 20	October - 69	January - 101	April - 359

Banding Results from May 1, 1949 to April 31, 1951

Mourning Dove	5	Red-wing Blackbird	32
Screech Owl	1	Baltimore Oriole	1
Blue Jay	39	Purple Grackle	54
Chickadee	38	Cowbird	187
Titmouse	2	Cardinal	2
Nuthatch, Wh. Br.	2	Grosbeak, R. Br.	1
House Wren	2	Grosbeak, Evening	7
Mockingbird	1	Purple Finch	113
Catbird	31	Goldfinch	111
Brown Thrasher	7	Towhee	4
Robin	24	Junco	205
Wood Thrush	1	Tree Sparrow	288
Bluebird	13	Chipping Sparrow	30
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4	White-crowned	2
Starling	116	White-throat	24
Warblers -		Field Sparrow	3
Tennessee	1	Fox	2
Orange-crowned	1	Song	92
Yellow	2		
Magnolia	1	Total Species .....	40
Cape May	1	Total Birds .....	1463
Myrtle	11		
Bl.throated Green	2	Returns .....	83
		Recoveries .....	9

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APOLOGIES

Your Editor regrets that his absence made the February issue so late and has also delayed this issue beyond its normal mailing time. Arrangements are in process which will eliminate these delays.