

these places might be fruitful for banding. The dump at Oviedo is partly encircled by heavy vegetation, while that at Orlando is amid open ground, with a marshy field adjacent, and it contains two ponds. Mist nets only were used.

At the Oviedo dump in eight visits in January, February, and March, 1954, I banded 93 birds representing 14 species; 5 species of sparrows and 3 species of warblers were among those banded. The dump at Orlando was visited three times in mid-February. Here 19 birds of 4 species were banded, and these included 8 Least Sandpipers feeding about one of the ponds. -- 1504 Bodell Street, Orlando, Florida

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A NEW DISEASE - AVIPHOBIA

Dr. Edward E. Wildman, 409 East Second St., Moorestown, New Jersey, submits the following:

"1953 is a red letter year for me because in it I discovered a new disease - aviphobia.

"Perhaps you know this disease, but in my long life, I've never met anyone who is deathly afraid of birds - any birds - before.

"One day last August (1953), a young lady who sat with us in the Nature Circle on the porch at Pocono Manor Inn suddenly jumped up and ran away from us. At the time, I supposed she wanted to catch friends whom she saw on the other porch, but later she apologized, saying a bird flew near the porch rail next to where she sat, terrifying her.

"Now, our landlady here (in Moorestown) is another, so I am not banding as I hoped to do last fall. Aviphobia - ever hear of it?

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NEWS FROM BANDERS

Mr. Oliver F. Irwin, 1789 Glenview Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, writes as follows:

"I am assisting Ben B. Coffey, Jr., in banding by ground trapping (with five Glenhaven six-cell traps) Bronzed Grackles and Starlings. At times, I am able to band all day while working in an