

they were all in Central America.

Since the beginning of November, discounting September, the following bandings have resulted:

BANDINGS		NET	TRAP
Juncos	103	72	31
Song Sparrows	2	2	0
White-throats	5	4	1
Purple Grackle	6	1	5
Blue Jay	1	1	0
Goldfinch	3	3	0
Yellow-breasted Chat	1	1	0
TOTALS	121	84	37

Four bird-hungry cats in the next yard do not permit the use of a net except when it can be closely watched, so the periods of time devoted to netting have, of necessity, been very brief. But, taking all things into consideration, I still say, "I'll take a net!" --194
Seventh St., Salem, New Jersey

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TWO UNUSUAL CAPTURES

by George C. Needham

My banding operations have been rather limited because of a lack of time and a sufficient number of traps. Recently, however, I was able to band a Screech Owl and a drake Mallard under most unusual circumstances.

The Screech Owl flew into our bedroom, through an open window, about 6 a.m. After my dear wife had recovered from the initial shock of having an owl swooping around her head, she was able to close the window and lustily summon me from the kitchen where I had gone to prepare some breakfast before going hunting. With the aid of a turkish towel, I soon had the owl in hand, and it submitted quite readily to having a band placed on its leg.

The Mallard walked through an open door into my brother-in-law's office at the Lukens Steel Company in Coatesville. After flying through

a couple of windows inside, it was finally captured, placed in a paste-board carton, and delivered to my home. The bird was examined and found to be in first class condition. It apparently suffered no ill effects of its bout with the windows and office personnel. I banded it, and, at dawn the next morning, it was released at the local reservoir. He took off, voicing his appreciation for his freedom; in fact, he circled that pond for about ten minutes and never stopped quacking until he disappeared in a southerly direction, evidently heading for the Chesapeake Bay area. --West Lincoln Highway, R.D. 2, Coatesville, Pa.

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WANTED --- MATERIAL FOR EBBA NEWS

Thanks to the generous response of many members, it is possible for this issue of EBBA NEWS to be sent to the printer two days ahead of the February 1 deadline set for that purpose. In order that the March-April issue may meet its deadline, the Editor would like to have additional material for that purpose reach him by March 15.

Longer articles and studies are especially desired, although notes and comments are equally welcome. We would also like photos of traps, station surroundings, banding devices, etc. Will you help?

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NOTES AND NEWS ABOUT BIRDS AND BANDERS

The following appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on December 30, 1955:

"SYRACUSE, N.Y., Dec. 29 (UP).-- A lazy loon that waited too late in the season to head south has arrived safely in Nashville, Tenn., in an airliner.

"The 10-pound bird was discovered Monday on frozen Oneida Lake. It faced certain starvation as loons need water for a take-off, and they live on fish.

"Dr. Benjamin Burt (EBBA member--Ed.), a Syracuse University professor, came to the rescue, arranging with an airline to fly the tardy bird south."

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G. Hapgood Parks, 99 Warrenton Ave., Hartford 5, Conn., says, "If