

PURPLE FINCHES and HOUSE FINCHES



House Finch



Cassin's Purple Finch

The photographs, exactly on the same scale, show that the Purple Finch's head is actually larger than the House Finch's (Cassin's Purple Finch is much like our Eastern Purple Finch). Note particularly the much stubbier bill of the House Finch.

Oakleigh Thorne II, of the Thorne Ecological Research Station, Boulder, Colorado, contributor of these pictures, has published a bulletin on the differences between these two finches and will be happy to send copies free of charge to interested persons.

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BRIEF

Mrs. Harvey Brewer, of Closter, N.J. sends us news of a recovery of a "male Maryland Yellow-Throat #21 81558 banded by P. K. Garland in Demarest, N.J. May 12, 1956 and found dead by Miss Jane House in Hanover, N.H. two days later on May 14, 1956. The recovery was reported by Mrs. Sylvia M. Sutton of the Dartmouth College Museum. *** The sketches on the front cover of this issue are by Frank P. Frazier, Jr. (and were printed, with some trepidation on the Editor's part, without the artist's knowledge or permission) *** Many banders reported poor results in October: Raymond Middleton, who usually bands 400 to 600 in the month, banded 59; your Editor, who usually bands 300 to 400, including up to 120 Hermit Thrushes, banded 69 (and not one Hermit); Geoff Gill writes that the Myrtle Warblers seem to have passed him by this year. *** CORRECTION: The Golden-crowned Sparrows reported in the preceding issue, were so reported in error - they were White-crowned Sparrows *** A Western Tanager in immature plumage (third record for New Jersey) was netted and banded in Montclair, N.J. on November 10, 1956 by the Editor *** Many thanks for communications of all sorts from many members - but two things are not sent to EBBA News: votes on time and place of the annual meeting and news of back numbers of EBBA News. Both are needed - so PLEASE ***