

inside a big all-purpose trap, by Cowbird 453, that had been taken off to Kulpville the day before, with the famous 435.

I think that the distance record for "homing" Cowbirds was chalked up in 1939, when a male Cowbird returned 184 airmiles to Park River, No. Dakota, one week after release (Bird-Banding, 1940, vol. 40, p. 23.)

WANTED: more couriers to spirit away more Cowbirds, in May!

Hawk Mt. Sanctuary, Kempton, Penna.

NEWS

IN

BRIEF

People with new net permits may get a reprint of Seth Low's fine article on mist netting by writing Bird-Banding Editor E. Alexander Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Rd., West Hartford 7, Conn. *** Elinor McEntee, of Ridgewood, N.J., writes that of the 560 Redpolls she banded in 1956 only one has been heard from again - an individual found dead in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, April 10, 1958 *** Dorothy Bordner, who with her family will hold Open House to EBBA members the evening before the Annual Meeting, banded 1667 Evening Grosbeaks in 1958. *** Brooke Worth writes from Johannesburg, South Africa, that a Black Skimmer he banded as a nestling at Stone Harbor, N.J., July 13, 1957, was recovered (found dead) at Brigus Junction, Newfoundland, Canada, October 3, 1958, and says, "I didn't know they had Black Skimmers up there. And at that season! Was there a coastal hurricane at that time -- Betsy? Carol? Diana? or some other luscious female?" *** An adult Mockingbird banded by Bennet K. Matlack at Bridgeton, N.J. June 29, 1958, was found dead two months later (Sept. 1, 1958) two miles west of Sidney, Ohio -- 500 miles away. *** Incidentally, Bennett Matlack banded 11,013 birds of 97 species in 1958 *** I hope every member will buttonhole the Editor at the Annual Meeting and tell him how to make EBBA NEWS more useful and interesting ***

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