

Even for an area as far north as Maine, I would be forced to concur with Mr. Leroy Wilcox when he recommended that more banders net later in October (EBBA NEWS, 22(6):115).

1957 (Average .97 Birds per Net Hour)

<u>August-September</u>			<u>October</u>		
<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>	<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>
214	600	.35	807	450	1.79

1958 (Average .84 Birds per Net Hour)

<u>August-September</u>			<u>October</u>		
<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>	<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>
366	640	.57	475	356	1.33

1959 (Average 1.76 Birds per Net Hour)

<u>August-September</u>			<u>October</u>		
<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>	<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>
381	380	1.00	768	274	2.80

**November

<u>No. of Birds</u>	<u>Net Hours</u>	<u>Birds per Net Hour</u>
162	105	1.54

**not included in O. R. totals.

It should be pointed out that the high bird per net hour ratio is in part due to the large percentage of "favorable net hours" (before 8:00 in the morning). However, up in my neck of the woods, in October you certainly get the "quantity if not the quality".

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HOUSE FINCHES ON LONG ISLAND

Geoffrey Gill of Huntington, L. I., writes: "Anthony Bliss of Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y. reports that he may have House Finches among his Purple Finches. Someone else reports them in Northport, also on the north shore of Long Island. Since there is an established colony around Seaford on the South Shore and another colony at Riverside, near Greenwich, Conn. it would seem possible that there might be some interchange between the two colonies and a spreading out of the individual birds. One House Finch banded by Mrs. Geis at Riverside, Conn. was recaptured with a male Purple Finch last year in Huntington on the north shore of Long Island. The north and south shores of Long Island average 25 miles apart."
