

FOREIGN RETRAPS

Winter Banded	Retrapped		
	1955-56	1957-58	1959-60
1951 - 52	0	2	0
1952 - 53	5	2	2
1953 - 54	0	1	1
1954 - 55	5	3	4
1955 - 56	3	23	24
1956 - 57		1	0
1957 - 58		2	33
1958 - 59			59
1959 - 60			17

One of the foreign retraps caught in 1957-58 returned in 1959-60. Although more foreign retraps have come from Ware, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut, than any other locality, no recoveries have been obtained from either place. From a study of the summer recoveries and the direct recoveries taken in May it appears that most of the birds banded in State College are breeding in Eastern Canada and New England.

The percentage of males has varied from 27% to 46% of the total banded in a season. The sex ratio of foreign retraps corresponds to the banding ratio, but the recoveries show a higher proportion of males, about 50-50.

Now we are wondering if the word has been spread among the Evening Grosbeaks that the people in State College run some good hotels. This past winter nine tons of sunflower seeds were fed to the birds in State College.

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Treasurer Elise Dickerson writes, "Have another new sustaining member who wrote: 'Several hours spent recently in reading through back issues of EBBA NEWS showed me what a wealth of useful information I have been missing. I had no idea such valuable material for banders was being published. EBBA NEWS is well worth \$5.00 to me (herewith enclosed) -- Hope that puts a rainbow on your day,'" Elise closes with. It does indeed. But EBBA NEWS will only improve if members write in about the things they think are lacking -- that makes us stir our stumps ***
Writes Fred Gallup of Escondido, Calif. in the WBBA 'News from the Bird Banders': "Received several recoveries on the California gulls. The serial numbers were read with a telescope by Mr. R.F.Oldaker of British Columbia, a new way of reading numbers. The gulls were banded June 23, 1959 at Mono Lake, Calif. and observed by telescope in Vancouver, October 9 ***