

In 1917 he had 31 returns which included 4 Myrtle Warblers, 1 Yellow Palm Warbler and 5 White-throated Sparrows.

Baldwin also banded near Cleveland, Ohio, from June to November. In 1914, his first year, he banded 117 birds. In 1915, 327; In 1916, 280; in 1917, 167, and in 1918, 153 birds.

Numbers on bands recorded in Baldwin's paper all contained five digits with no prefix. Apparently there was no system of numbering by which a band size could be determined.

With records like these obtained with simple wire traps, one wonders what the good old days would have produced with mist nets.

A note in the introduction of the reprint states that for the year ending June 30, 1930, there were 1750 bird banders and they had placed 182,263 bands during the year. The return records of birds banded numbered about 10,000 for that year.

The American Bird Banding Association was the only organization of its kind in the early 1900's and was the parent of the present four U.S. associations.

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My best wishes to all EBBA members for a very merry Christmas and a New Year full of significant and exciting banding records.

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**A CALL FOR P A P E R S** Anyone wishing to take part in the program of the Annual Meeting, April 22-23, 1961, should send (1) the title of the paper, (2) number of minutes required, (3) kind of projector or other equipment required, and (4) any preference for a place on the morning or afternoon session, to Merrill Wood, 811 North Allen Street, State College, Pennsylvania. If you never have been on an Annual Meeting program, this is the time to start!

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**THE COVER PICTURE**  
Photo by Eleanor Dater

The Saw-whet Owl whose picture appears on the front cover was captured by EBBA President Eleanor Dater on the first morning round of her nets on November 15th, 1960.

Before being released, the banded bird visited four classes of 5th and 6th grade students in the Ramsey, N.J. schools.

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