

LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE BANDED ON LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

By Leroy Wilcox

On January 12, 1961, I succeeded in trapping and banding a Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Anser erythropus*) from Europe at Islip, L. I., N. Y. I understand this is the first record for this species for North America.

It first appeared on October 2, 1960 on the 500 acre estate of Mr. Charles D. Webster, in company with nine Canada Geese. They came there almost daily, usually in the morning, to graze on the grass along a stream until October 22, when the gunning season opened on wild geese. The Canada Geese did not return after October 22 but the White-fronted Goose came back to feed along this stream. After a couple of days it located a small pond about 1000 feet west of this stream on this same estate where wing-clipped Canada Geese, Toulouse Geese and about 50 free-flying Mallards came in daily to feed on grain. At first it was rather shy on the pond and remained at a distance while the caretaker fed them about 8:00 am. and again in late afternoon. But by the end of the gunning season (Jan. 7, 1961) it had settled down and became quite tame. I had tried to trap it in a trap six feet square and four feet high baited with corn from October 4 to October 22 while it was still grazing along the stream but it would not go into the trap.

The trap was taken over to the pond on November 25 and baited with corn to get the goose accustomed to it. Inasmuch as this pond is only one-half mile north of Great South Bay, where there were gunners, it was thought best to delay the actual trapping until after the close of the gunning season. I started trapping in earnest on January 10 but had no luck from 8:00 am. to noon. Again on January 11 I had no luck from 8:00 to 11:00 but the New York Times reporter secured photographs for a story in case I succeeded in trapping it. On January 12 from 8:00 to 10:00 am. it did not venture into the trap although all the other geese were feeding on the grain in the trap on all three days. Finally at 10:00 am. it went into the trap after the other geese had eaten. After trapping it was photographed, measured, and banded with band no. 637-60681. (- and appears on the cover of this issue. -Ed.)

Spouck, Long Island, N. Y.

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RECOVERIES FROM BURLINGTON, VERMONT

By Normand St. Jacques

(Some of Mr. St. Jacques' recent recoveries were listed in the Jan-Feb 1961 issue; Evening Grosbeak recoveries are listed below. -Ed.)

24-125304 Banded March 17, 1956, found dead September 28, 1957 at Quebec, Canada.