



### THE BAT FOWLING-NET

was our practice to send out our catching boxes after each beat to the banders who would have a van set up for banding and recording. In a good evening we would band over three hundred birds. It was one of them that, banded in February, was recovered in western Russia the following April.

As with so many of one's banding experiences, it was the atmosphere that was not only pungent but also full of excitement. Who can forget the tension on a cold February night, surrounded by chattering birds, with two minutes to go before the first beat? This more than made up for the fact that for several days after, one would be carrying around the aroma of the bat-fowling roost, no matter how many baths one took.

Syracuse, N. Y.

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STRAP OF  
WHITE-CROWN  
SPARROW

Raymond Bubb, 917 Madison Ave., York, Pa., writes: "The White-crowned Sparrow is only a winter visitor to us here in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania so the banding I've done on them has been during the fall. Last year, being a new and inexperienced bander I was only able to net ten birds in three tries at a large multiflora rose hedge at East Prospect in York County, Pa. My first foreign retrap was with this species: an adult carrying band no. 27-122198 from Watertown, N.Y., 280 miles directly north of us, banded by Marie Elitharp on October 13, 1959 and retrapped on November 14, 1959. Now, this year I netted at the same area and banded 23 birds so far in two trips. Also, I retrapped two out of the ten that I had banded last year. I feel this is a most interesting start on a study about this visitor to us. I would like to hear of the experiences other banders have had regarding this species."