

NEWS FROM WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA Robert C. Leberman, our new Regional Editor for Western Pennsylvania, writes that at least two Brewster's Warblers have been banded in western Pa. this spring; he banded one at Meadville, and the other by Joseph Grom near Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Jean Stull of Waterford, Pa. banded an albinistic Indigo Bunting on May 21, 1961 - the bird was white except for a bluish gray wash over the rump and wing and tail feathers; the feet and legs were pink, but the eyes were dark.

Bill Highhouse reports that his Operation Bluebird project (see Mr. Leberman's article, March-April 1961 EBBA NEWS, page 50) is doing well; about 40% of his more than 100 nest boxes are being used by Bluebirds.

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#### BANDINGS BY RAYMOND MIDDLETON AND BEECHER BOWDISH

By John J. McDermott

The following is a tabulation of warblers and sparrows banded by Mr. Raymond Middleton of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Beecher Bowdish, of Demarest, New Jersey. Such a tabulation is of interest since both men have been consistent banders over many years in their present locations. Norristown is 95 miles from Demarest in a southwest direction. Mr. Bowdish has been banding at Demarest for 45 years, from December 1913 to December 1958; Mr. Middleton has been banding at Norristown for 39 years, from July 1921 to July 1960 (when this compilation was made). Together they have banded a sum total of over 100,000 birds.

#### SPARROWS

	<u>Bowdish</u>	<u>Middleton</u>
Song Sparrow	4,105	3,867
Chipping Sparrow	62	53
White-throated Sparrow	5,761	8,347
Tree Sparrow	1,097	1,235
Field Sparrow	180	317
Savannah Sparrow	3	0
Vesper Sparrow	2	6
Lincoln's Sparrow	70	22
Swamp Sparrow	65	131
White-crowned Sparrow	133	89
Fox Sparrow	813	544
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	0
T o t a l	12,292	14,601