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SECOND RECOVERY OF A PURPLE FINCH By Russell J. Rutter

On May 1, 1959, I trapped a Purple Finch wearing band no. 59-36416 at my backyard banding station at Huntsville, Ontario. It was in what appeared to be adult female plumage, and I subsequently learned that it had been banded and recorded as an adult female by Lt. M. C. Morse, at Castine, Maine, on February 14, 1959. This indicated a movement due west of approximately 500 miles from point of banding in eleven weeks. Just over 31 years later, on December 28, 1962, I retrapped this bird at Huntsville, now in full adult male plumage. It was the only Purple Finch caught at this station in 1962.

It is not often that we make a second capture of the same bird from a distant station after such a long interval, and it raises interesting questions. Has this bird been a local resident here since May, 1959, or has it been "commuting" between here and the east coast in the intervening three years? If Lt. Morse is able to report Returns on this bird since 1959, some of the pieces would fall into place.

Huntsville, Ontario, Canada.

What will you share with your fellow members at the Annual Meeting next April? Write now to Rev. Garrett Detwiler. . .

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