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European Kite European Oystercatcher European Curlew Lesser Black-backed Gull Herring Gull Black-headed Gull Caspian Tern	25 yrs., 28 31 26 31 30 26 27	8 mos., 5 6 1 11 3 0 0	24 days 9 21 0 10 12 21 1
Caspian Tern Arctic Tern	27	0	1

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SOME AGE RECORDS OF AMERICAN BIRDS As They Appear in "The Ring" By Frank P. Frazier

The American records are far from complete, according to Dr. W. Rydzewski, Editor of "The Ring". To supplement Dr. Blake's article above, some of the age records printed in No. 34 (1963) of "The Ring" follow:

Tree Swallow	7 yrs.	11 mos.	26 days
Barn Swallow	6	11	12
Purple Martin	5	10	27
Blue Jay	12	9	21
Black-capped Chickadee	9	1	14
Tufted Titmouse White-breasted Nuthatch House Wren Mockingbird Catbird	6 9 5 5 8	7 5 0 5	20 1 0 21 13
Brown Thrasher	11	10	5
Robin	11	7	23
Wood Thrush	5	10	0
Hermit Thrush	5	3	24
Red-eyed Vireo	5	10	12
Redwinged Blackbird	14	1	26
Baltimore Oriole	6	10	16
Common Grackle	14	2	15
Cowbird	7	9	4
Scarlet Tanager	7	10	11

Cardinal	12 yrs.	9 mos.	8 days	
Evening Grosbeak	8	1	23	
Purple Finch	8	11	0	
House Finch	6	10	24	
Pine Siskin	5	10	21	
Goldfinch	7	0	2	
*Rufous-sided Towhee	8	11	10	
Savannah Sparrow	5	11	8	
Vesper Sparrow	6	11	9	
Slate-colored Junco	9	10	26	
Tree Sparrow	7	1	2	
Chipping Sparrow	7	11	4	
Field Sparrow	5	11	2	
White-throated Sparrow	12	9	25	
Fox Sparrow	9	1	12	
Song Sparrow	7	6	9	

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* Below is a report of a Rufous-sided Towhee considerably older than the above record. EBBA members are urged to search their records and send in to EBBA News evidence of longevity. Such records will be published here and forwarded to "The Ring" for international publication.



AGE RECORD -- RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE Banded by R. E. Ware

Pipilo erythropthalmus A 3. 2.37 V 9. 7.48 11- 6- 5 36-152486 (Band replaced 5. 3.46 by No. 40-273366)

The Rufous-sided Towhee listed above (in the style used by "The Ring") was an adult male banded March 2, 1937 by R. E. Ware, of Clemson, S.C. so must have been hatched at least the previous year. Mr. Ware writes to the Editor as follows:

"#36-152486 banded March 2, 1937. Trapped and released:

February 21, 1938 February 20, 1941 December 16, 1944 1946 -- band worn and replaced by #40-273366 May 3. September 7, 1948

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