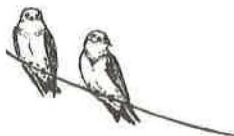


"He was in excellent condition -- hale and hearty. He was seen in the yard several times within the next week after the last capture -- then we moved across town and so this was the last I saw of him. He was 11 years, 6 months and 5 days old for sure. Allowing time for him to reach maturity, this would put him in the 12 year class."



OLDER BIRDS

Older birds, but not quite as old as the published longevity records, have been reported as follows:

Jean Christie, of East Corinth, Maine trapped and released a Purple Finch #54-70178 on March 9, 1963. Bird was banded by Chandler Robbins at Laurel, Maryland on April 1, 1955 -- 7 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days. Also an Evening Grosbeak #522-76301 trapped and released March 1, 1963. This bird was banded by Dr. J. H. Kennard, at Bedford, New Hampshire on April 14, 1955 -- 7 yrs., 10 mos., 17 days.

R. E. Ware, of Clemson, South Carolina, also reports a Cardinal #531-48244 banded by him on December 20, 1953, which flew into the side of a car and was temporarily stunned (but recovered after the band number was noted, and flew off) on April 9, 1963 -- 9 yrs., 8 mos., 11 days.



74 BIRDS

Aged 5 to 12 Years
By Arthur H. Fast

By the end of 1958, I had banded 15,364 birds, nearly all of them on my home acre in Arlington, Virginia; of this number 64 returned, and 8 others were retrapped or recovered in other places -- all after a lapse of 5 or more years. In addition, 2 birds banded by others were retrapped and released by me, after more than 5 years. The greatest elapsed time was that of 2 cardinals, 10 and 12½ years, respectively. These birds are as follows:

RETURNS

	<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Date Banded</u>	<u>BLUE JAY</u>		<u>Time Elapsed</u>
			<u>Last</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	
1.	41-337638	5/7/46		10/21/51	5 yrs. 4 mos.
2.	48-344716	5/22/49		5/22/56	7 yrs.
3.	48-344774	5/2/51		6/4/57	6 yrs. 1 mo.
4.	543-45352	11/15/53		5/11/59	5 yrs. 6 mos.
5.	543-45372	9/9/54		5/15/60	5 yrs. 4 mos.